



Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Cyclife UK Limited Metal Recycling Facility

Report for period 1 July – 30 September 2016

Foreword

This report is issued as part of ONR's commitment to make information about inspection and regulatory activities relating to the above site available to the public. Reports are distributed quarterly to members of the Cyclife UK Limited Local Liaison Panel and are available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llic/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend the Cyclife UK Limited Local Liaison Panel meetings and will respond to any questions raised there. Any person wishing to inquire about matters covered by this report should contact ONR.

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1 INSPECTIONS

1.1 Dates of inspections

The ONR Nominated Site Inspector and other ONR Inspectors conducted interventions on the following dates during the quarter:

July	20
August	None
September	None

For the months when no site interventions are made, then a teleconference is held between the licensee and ONR, to review safety performance metrics and other matters of regulatory interest.

2 ROUTINE MATTERS

2.1 Inspections

Inspections are undertaken as part of the process for monitoring compliance with:

- the conditions attached by ONR to the nuclear site licence granted under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 (NIA65) (as amended);
- the Energy Act 2013
- the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA74); and
- regulations made under HSWA74, for example The Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (IRR99) and The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR99).

The inspections entail monitoring licensee's actions on the site in relation to incidents, operations, maintenance, projects, modifications, safety case changes and any other matters that may affect safety. The licensee is required to make and implement adequate arrangements under the conditions attached to the licence in order to ensure legal compliance. Inspections seek to judge both the adequacy of these arrangements and implementation.

In this period, a planned site intervention at Cyclife UK Limited covered the following:

On 20 July, I participated in this planned periodic Information exchange meeting with the licensee and the Environment Agency, to review recent safety performance, to discuss 'parent body organisation' and licensee management changes and to provide regulatory advice on the proposed revised emergency plan and nuclear safety committee terms of reference. These periodic interactions are generally conducted by teleconference, but on this occasion, given the additional regulatory advice sought by the licensee, the meeting was conducted at the site. A constructive meeting was held to provide regulatory advice on aspects of the proposed revised site emergency plan, which would need to be formally approved by ONR. This was likely to be sent to ONR after due consideration by the nuclear safety committee in October. Viewed overall, I concluded that this was a useful meeting and the licensee was receptive to the regulatory advice provided. Similar periodic safety performance review meetings will generally be conducted by teleconference, although occasional 'face to face' meetings such as this were acknowledged to be helpful by the licensee, particularly when licence compliance regulatory advice on the licensee's arrangements was sought by the licensee

ONR Radioactive Materials Transport.

No interventions during this quarter.

General comment.

ONR judged the arrangements made and implemented by the site in response to safety requirements to be adequate in the areas inspected. However, where improvements were considered necessary, the licensee made satisfactory commitments to address the issues, and the site inspector will monitor progress during future interventions. Where necessary, ONR will take formal regulatory enforcement action to ensure that appropriate remedial measures are implemented to reasonably practicable timescales.

2.2 Other work

Meetings with the safety representatives.

Meetings will continue to be held with the licensee's safety representatives during inspections by ONR, to support their function of representing employees by giving advice on matters affecting their health, safety and welfare at work.

3 NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

Licensees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the licensee's response, including actions taken to implement any necessary improvements. Given the minor nature of the events reported to ONR during this quarter, they did not warrant further investigation by ONR.

The name of the licensee company changed from Studsvik UK Limited to Cyclife UK Limited on 28 July Limited. On this date, the 'parent body organisation' for the licensee changed from Studsvik in Sweden to EdF in France. These organisational changes had been discussed with ONR beforehand.

4 REGULATORY ACTIVITY

ONR inspectors may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Under nuclear site licence conditions, ONR issues regulatory documents, which either permit an activity or require some form of action to be taken; these are usually collectively termed 'Licence Instruments' (LIs), but can take other forms. In addition, inspectors may issue Enforcement Notices to secure improvements to safety.

No enforcement notices were issued in this period. No Licence Instruments were issued in this period.

Reports detailing regulatory decisions can be found on the ONR website at <http://www.onr.org.uk/pars/>.

5 NEWS FROM ONR

ONR Response to BBC Panorama Documentary.

In early September 2016, the BBC's Panorama programme broadcast a 30-minute documentary titled 'Sellafield's Nuclear Safety Failings.' As an open and transparent regulator, ONR responded to requests from the documentary makers over many months and sought to offer context and balance to the issues wherever possible. From a regulatory perspective, the documentary raised a number of issues that are either already resolved, or

are currently being addressed by Sellafield Limited, with ONR's regulatory oversight. Our position is clear: Sellafield is safe but presents many unique challenges due to the age and history of the site. A considerable amount of work is still required to clean up out of date facilities at Sellafield and decommission their older plants, but this does not mean they pose an immediate safety risk to workers or the public. Sellafield is the most intensely regulated nuclear site in the UK. We have more than 50 highly qualified and experienced inspectors in our Sellafield team scrutinising the site, to ensure it operates as safely and securely as possible. As the UK nuclear safety regulator, we set very high standards throughout the industry and we have seen Sellafield make significant progress in recent years. If we considered any plant to be unsafe we would shut it down or demand action to reduce that risk and return it to safety. Hazard and risk reduction at Sellafield remains ONR's number one regulatory priority and we will continue to play a key role in encouraging progress at the site and driving the pace of future hazard and risk reduction projects. There is still considerable work to be done at Sellafield over many years, but there is now a real momentum of progress which is already making the site safer for future generations.

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