



Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Devonshire Dock Complex, Barrow

Report for period 1 April - 30 June 2017

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 for the BAE Systems Marine Limited Local Liaison Committee (LLC) and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/lc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend BAE Systems Marine Limited LLC 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 inspection

The ONR nominated site nuclear safety inspector and other specialist inspectors made inspections on the following dates during the quarter:

19th April
 24th – 27th April
 28th April
 23rd – 25th May
 19th – 22nd June

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 etc. 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 Licence Conditions (LCs) attached to the licence in order to ensure legal compliance. Inspections seek to judge both the adequacy of these arrangements and their implementation. The Licensee is assigned a rating in accordance with the Red Amber Green rating system, which commenced on 1 April 2016.

In this period, routine inspections of Devonshire Dock Complex covered the following:

- Inspection of property transactions which may affect safety;
- Inspection of warning notices which may affect safety;
- Inspection of operational records which may affect safety,
- Inspection of arrangements for decommissioning of any plant or process which may affect safety,
- Inspection of arrangements for the notification, recording, investigation and reporting of safety incidents on site,
- Inspection of the management system to ensure it gives due priority to safety,

In general, 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 visits. If necessary, ONR will take formal regulatory enforcement action to ensure that appropriate remedial measures are implemented to reasonably practicable timescales.

2.2 Other work

The Superintending Inspector, the Nominated Site Inspector and the incoming site inspectors have met with the BAESML members of the BAESML management team and representatives

from the Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator and other Stakeholders in Major Projects for the hand over during July.

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.

ONR was promptly informed of one relevant minor event on the licensed site during this period, related to boat evacuation due to a suspected carbon monoxide reading from an air monitor. Copies of the licensee's investigation reports are currently awaited and will be followed up during future site inspections.

4 REGULATORY ACTIVITY

ONR 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. ONR has issued no LIs or Enforcement Notices this quarter to the Licensee.

5 NEWS FROM ONR

Regulation Matters magazine

Insight into ONR's work as an independent regulator of the nuclear industry can be found in Regulation Matters. This quarterly online publication (<http://www.onr.org.uk/regulation-matters.htm>) reports on the key themes and developments in each of ONR's regulatory programmes and provides an update about the on-going changes at ONR. For the latest news and updates from ONR, you can also visit the website and sign up for our e-bulletin: <http://www.onr.org.uk/index.htm>.

ONR Chair awarded CBE

- In the Queen's Birthday Honours announced in June, Chair of the Office for Nuclear Regulation, Nick Baldwin, was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to nuclear safety and security in Britain and to the charitable sector.

Regulatory Research Report published

- ONR has published its annual regulatory research report which describes the research activities we have conducted in the past year.
- The report includes case studies showing how our research strategy has helped support our regulatory approach, and helps to inform the development of best practice. It can be viewed at www.onr.org.uk/research

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