



# Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Site Report for The Grove Centre, Amersham

Report for period October 2016 to September 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 to members of the Grove Centre Local Liaison Committee and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/lc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend the Grove Centre Local Liaison Committee meetings where these reports are presented 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 Inspector and other ONR Inspectors conducted inspections on the following dates during the reporting period:

December 2016	1 & 2
February 2017	16
June 2017	22
July 2017	4
September	20 & 21

## 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 their implementation.

In this period, routine inspections of the site covered the following:

#### **Management of operations including control and supervision**

In accordance with ONR strategy, a planned Operational Standards Inspection (OSI) was undertaken at the Grove Centre, Amersham. This inspection provided ONR with a comprehensive view of the operational standards and the supporting management arrangements of site. Overall ONR was satisfied that the evidence provided during the inspection demonstrated good alignment with these arrangements and a positive safety culture. A small number of minor observations were made, and regulatory advice was given to the licensee to address these.

#### **Staff training, qualifications and experience**

Two inspections were carried out on staff training, qualifications and experience. The first was a planned inspection of the whole site the second was a reactive unplanned inspection of the on-site laboratories that will be used to assess samples taken during the delicensing project. ONR were satisfied with the licensee's arrangements and the application of these arrangements during both inspections.

## Delicensing

The licensee is carrying out a project which will remove approximately half of the site from regulatory control. This is known by ONR as delicensing. The project is supported by ONR as it reduces the radiological hazard at the site by removing residual radioactive contamination from the part of the site to be delicensed such that no danger from radioactivity exists. Regulatory advice has been given to ensure the licensee follows due process throughout the project.

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

## Security

The Grove Centre has undergone security related compliance inspections in accordance with the agreed Civil Nuclear Security (CNS) sub-division intervention strategy during the period and on each occasion has received a Green (adequate) rating from the CNS Inspector. On the basis of this past performance and in the Inspector's judgement, the Grove Centre site should be subject to routine regulatory attention in the forthcoming financial year.

## 2.2 Other work

The site inspector held a periodic meeting with safety representatives, to support their function of representing employees and receiving information 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. There were no such matters or events of significance during the period.

## 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.

**Table 1**  
**Licence Instruments and Enforcement Notices Issued by ONR during this period**

Date	Type	Ref No	Description
12/09/2017	Approval	LI 507	Approval of revised site emergency plan.

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

## 5 NEWS FROM ONR

ONR has appointed Mark Foy as its new Chief Nuclear Inspector (CNI). Mark's 30year career has been spent working across the civil and defence nuclear sectors; half of it as a nuclear regulator. For the last four years he has been a Deputy CNI working on some of ONR's most significant programmes of work including Sellafield decommissioning, Defence sites and operating reactors.

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