



Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Hinkley Point A

Report for period 1 July – 30 September 2018

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 normally distributed quarterly to members for the Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/lrc/>).

A site inspector from ONR usually attends Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group 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

ONR's site inspector undertook inspections on the following dates during the quarter:

- 11-13 September 2018

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 Hinkley Point A covered the following legal requirements:

- Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005;
- LC10 – Training;
- LC12 – Duly authorised and other suitably qualified persons;
- LC24 – Operating instructions;
- LC26 – Control and supervision of operations; and
- LC36 – Organisational capability.

ONR's inspector sampled evidence from a recent organisational change and a key waste retrieval project and found that the licensee had adequate arrangements in place for managing and controlling change its organisational capability, and had implemented a systematic approach to training. ONR's inspector also examined how the licensee ensures that all operations which may affect safety are only carried out under the control and supervision of trained persons appointed for that purpose. The licensee has adequate arrangements for ensuring operations are controlled and supervised, and that the level of control and supervision required is commensurate with the hazard. Operations are carried out in accordance with written instructions which ensure that any operating rules are implemented. ONR's inspector identified a shortfall in the arrangements for the review and amendment of operating instructions that has led to a number of infrequently used operating instructions not being reviewed in accordance with the review period established in the licensee's arrangements however there was no evidence to indicate that safety was compromised as a result of this minor compliance shortfall.

An ONR fire safety inspector examined fire safety arrangements across a number of facilities and found that staff members have a positive appreciation of the importance of effective fire safety measures within the facilities inspected and that they demonstrate a positive approach to achieving compliance with the relevant legislation. A number of minor compliance shortfalls were identified which are being addressed by the licensee.

It was the ONR inspectors' judgement that overall the licensee is complying with the requirements of the legal requirements inspected. 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

ONR's site inspector met with the Trade Union safety representatives in September 2018; no safety matters were brought to the attention of ONR's inspector.

ONR inspectors attended Hinkley Point A's Annual Review of Safety in September. ONR judged that the licensee had undertaken a thorough and self-critical review of the site's nuclear safety performance over the last 12 months.

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 matters of significance to report during this 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.

No licence instruments or enforcement notices were issued during this period.

5 NEWS FROM ONR

5.1 Stakeholder Engagement

In August our Chief Nuclear Inspector Mark Foy and Deputy Chief Inspector Mina Golshan, hosted a webinar for stakeholders on the outcomes of the UK report to the Joint Convention. This is a new channel of communication which we have introduced, and further webinars are planned for November and February 2019. If you would like to find out more, please contact the ONR Communications team at contact@onr.gov.uk

The ONR/NGO engagement forum took place on 11 October in London. This is a forum to discuss strategic, cross-cutting regulatory matters. Site specific matters are normally addressed via Site Stakeholder Groups. We are always keen to engage with a range of stakeholders and groups on nuclear safety and security issues, so if you do represent a nuclear-interest Non-Governmental Organisation, and are not already involved through our forum or via a Site Stakeholder Group, then please get in touch with the ONR Communications team for further details, via contact@onr.gov.uk

5.2 Regulatory News

On 25 July we announced our decision to prosecute the Atomic Weapons Establishment for offences under Section 2 (1)* of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act (1974). This charge related to an electrical incident on 27 June 2017, which resulted in injury to an AWE employee. The incident was a conventional health and safety matter and there was no radiological risk to workers or the public. At a court hearing on 18 September, AWE pleaded guilty to the charge and sentencing was adjourned until 9 November 2018.

In a separate case brought by ONR, EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Ltd and Doosan Babcock Ltd pleaded guilty on 10 October 2018 to offences under the Health & Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, section 3(1) and the Work at Height Regulations 2005, Regulation 4(1) respectively. The charges relate to an incident on 12 April 2017 at the Hinkley Point B nuclear power station, which resulted in a serious injury to a Doosan Babcock Ltd employee. Following a hearing at Taunton Magistrates Court, the case was committed for sentencing at Taunton Crown Court with an initial hearing date set for 16 November 2018, although this date is subject to change.

Both of these cases related to conventional, industrial-type incidents that would have been subject to regulation by the Health and Safety executive prior to ONR's creation four years ago, when we gained responsibility for such matters on licensed sites. There was no radiological risk to workers or the public.

Updates on each case will be published on our website www.onr.org.uk

We have recently published our [Statement of civil incidents](#) meeting the Ministerial Reportable Criteria (MRC) reported to ONR - Q2 2018 (1 April 2018 to 30 June 2018). Full details are available on our [website](#).

5.3 Corporate News

In July we published our second gender pay report. The organisation-wide results show that ONR has a mean gender pay gap of 35.2%, which is wider than last year, although it is broadly similar to the rest of the UK nuclear industry and anticipated given our workforce profile, and that of the industries from which we have historically recruited. ONR is committed to addressing this issue and continues to focus on improving diversity and inclusion.

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Our Chief Executive, Adrienne Kelbie, has agreed a three-year contract extension, taking her term of employment to January 2022.

The Department for Work and Pensions has started the process for recruiting a new ONR Chair (further details can be found on the public appointments website). The current Chair, Nick Baldwin CBE, will remain in office until 31 March 2019.

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