



# Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Low Level Waste Repository

Report for period 1 January – 31 March 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 distributed quarterly to members of the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholders Group Low Level Waste Repository Working Group and are available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llc/>).

The site inspector from ONR usually attends, biannually, the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholders Group Low Level Waste Repository Working Group meetings and will respond to any questions raised there. Any person wishing to inquire about matters covered by this report should contact ONR.

Please note that with effect from April 2018, ONR will issue site reports every six months, during October to cover quarters one and two, and April to cover quarters three and four.

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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:

|          |     |
|----------|-----|
| January  | n/a |
| February | 20  |
| March    | n/a |

## 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 (HASWA 74); and
- Regulations made under HASWA 74, for example The Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (IRR 99) and The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR 99).
- Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

The inspections monitor the licensee's actions on the site in relation to all nuclear operations covering; 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 February ONR carried out planned inspections of the licensee's arrangements for licence conditions (LC)s; 21 (Commissioning) and 22 (Modification or experiment on existing plant).

In general, ONR judged the arrangements made and implemented by the site in response to safety requirements to be adequate in proportion to LLWR's low nuclear hazard operations.

## 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. The licensee records a range of minor incidents which are presented during routine regulatory meetings with ONR. None of these incidents reached the threshold that made them reportable formally to ONR.

## 4 GENERAL 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 or LIs 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

For the latest news and updates from ONR, please visit the ONR website and sign up for our ebulletin (<http://www.onr.org.uk/ebulletin/index.htm>).

In January 2018, ONR received the results of its first external stakeholder survey which was undertaken by YouGov on behalf of ONR. A broad range of stakeholders were invited to participate in an online survey, with 351 responses received. In addition to the online survey, a number of in depth interviews were also completed with stakeholders. While overall the results demonstrate ONR is seen as a high performing organisation with good levels of stakeholder confidence, there are areas where improvements can be made and we will be working with our divisions on those in the coming months. Further details about the survey results can be found in our March 2018 newsletter which is available on ONR's website.

In February 2018, ONR held its first webinar following the publication of the 'Guide to enabling regulation in practice.' Chief Nuclear Inspector, Mark Foy and Deputy Chief Inspector, Mike Finnerty, were on hand to answer questions about the guide which has been designed to illustrate working examples of enabling regulation in practice. This is a new channel of communication for ONR and we'll be holding further webinars on different topics over the coming months. If you would like to join future webinars then please get in touch with the ONR Communications team via [contact@onr.gov.uk](mailto:contact@onr.gov.uk)

In March 2018, ONR held the first of two meetings this year with representatives from across the NGO community. Held in Birmingham, the meeting was attended by 15 NGO representatives from 11 different organisations. Topics discussed included: Domestic Safeguards pending the withdrawal of the UK from Euratom; Emergency Planning Arrangements; and the ONR Stakeholder Survey results. The next meeting is scheduled to take place in October 2018. We are keen to increase the number of people engaging with ONR on nuclear safety and security issues and would like to invite members of SSGs, and LCCs to join our engagement programme. For more details please get in touch via [contact@onr.gov.uk](mailto:contact@onr.gov.uk)

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