



# Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Biannual Site Report for Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR) Limited

Report for period 1 April – 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.

The ONR Site inspector usually attends one of the LLWR Site Support Group meetings every year and will respond to any questions raised there. Any person wishing to inquire about matters covered by this report should contact ONR.

This is the first biannual report for 2018.

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## 1 INSPECTIONS

### 1.1 Dates of inspections

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

April	n/a
May	15
June	n/a
July	n/a
August	n/a
September	20

## 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 2017 (IRR 17) 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 May ONR carried out planned inspections of the licensee's arrangements for handling and consigning nuclear material. ONR judged that the arrangements were adequate.

In September ONR carried out planned inspections of the licensee's arrangements for providing sufficient instructions to people working on the site and for its Nuclear Safety Committee, which is convened to advise the licensee on safety matters. Again ONR judged that the arrangements were adequate.

## 3 NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

Licensees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and incidents. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the licensee's response, including actions taken to implement any necessary improvements. The licensee records a range of incidents which are discussed during monthly regulatory meetings with ONR. No significant safety matters were identified during the reporting period.

## 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

### 5.1 Stakeholder Engagement

- As part of our continued stakeholder engagement work, in June we welcomed finance professionals from a number of nuclear site licensees and dutyholders to seminars in London and Birmingham. Led by our Finance Director, Sarah High, we hosted the seminars to provide the industry with a better understanding of our charging methodology, the principles we apply, and how the charging process works. To accompany the seminars we have also published a new booklet – [How we charge for Nuclear Regulation](#) – which is available on our [website](#).
- 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 ([contact@onr.gov.uk](mailto:contact@onr.gov.uk))
- The next ONR/NGO engagement forum will take 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](mailto:contact@onr.gov.uk)

### 5.2 Regulatory News

- On 25 July we announced our decision to prosecute the Atomic Weapons E for offences under Section 2 (1)<sup>\*</sup> 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. Sentencing has been adjourned until 9 November 2018.

### 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.

- 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](#).
- 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 31.3.19.

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