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## **1 INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 Many of the licence conditions attached to the standard nuclear site licence require, or imply, that licensees should make arrangements to comply with regulatory obligations under the conditions. ONR inspects compliance with licence conditions, and also with the arrangements made under them, to judge the suitability of the arrangements made and the adequacy of their implementation. To support inspectors undertaking compliance inspection, ONR produces a suite of guides to assist inspectors to make regulatory judgements and decisions in relation to the adequacy of compliance, and the safety of activities on the site. This inspection guide is one of the suite of documents provided by ONR for this purpose.

## **2 PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

- 2.1 The purpose of this guide is to facilitate a consistent approach to LC29 inspection and both clarify and provide advice to inspectors while carrying out their duties in this area.
- 2.2 The guidance is in two parts:
- 1) Purpose of the Licence Condition
  - 2) Guidance on LC29 inspection.

## **3 LICENCE CONDITION 29 - DUTY TO CARRY OUT TESTS, INSPECTIONS AND EXAMINATIONS**

(1) The licensee shall carry out such tests, inspections and examinations in connection with any plant (in addition to any carried out under condition 28 above) as ONR may, after consultation with the licensee, specify.

(2) The licensee shall furnish the results of any tests, inspections and examinations carried out in accordance with paragraph 1 of this condition to ONR as soon as practicable.

## **4 PURPOSE OF LICENCE CONDITION 29**

- 4.1 The purpose of this licence condition is to enable ONR to require the licensee, by means of a formal specification, to perform tests, inspections and/or examinations of plant in addition to those required by LC 28 (Examination, inspection, maintenance and testing), and to be provided with the results.
- 4.2 The issue of such a specification is subject to ONR's enforcement management guidance and procedures. LC29 also requires ONR to consult the licensee before issuing such a specification.

## **5 GUIDANCE ON LC29 INSPECTION**

- 5.1 LC29 does not place any duty on the licensee other than to comply with the terms of any specification issued by ONR. Moreover, it does not require the licensee to make or implement arrangements. Therefore, there is nothing concrete to inspect and inspection for the purposes set out in paragraph 1.1 would create unnecessary work for both inspectors and licensees.
- 5.2 This does not apply to inspections necessary to secure compliance with any specification made under LC29. Also, where ONR or licensee records indicate that such a specification is extant, compliance should be inspected as set out in the relevant Regulatory Issue Action Plan (e.g. either in a specific inspection or through routine inspection under LC28<sup>2</sup>).

- 5.3 ONR inspection planning guidance is that, where appropriate, Division and Sub-Division Boards should exempt licence conditions from the general expectation of inspecting each licence condition every five years. LC29 should be such an exception unless paragraph 5.2 is applicable.

## **6 REFERENCES**

1. ONR Guide, Guidance for Intervention Planning and Reporting, ONR-INSP-GD-059 Revision 6, May 2018
2. ONR Guide, LC28 EXAMINATION, INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND TESTING (EIMT), NS-INSP-GD-028.