



Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Devonshire Dock Complex, Barrow

Report for period 1 October - 31 December 2016

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 for the BAE Systems Marine Limited Local Liaison Committee (LLC) and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/lhc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend BAE Systems Marine Limited LLC 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

The ONR nominated site nuclear safety inspector and other specialist inspectors made inspections on the following dates during the quarter:

10 -13 October

14 -17 November

12 – 15 December

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 etc. 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 Licence Conditions (LCs) attached to the licence in order to ensure legal compliance. Inspections seek to judge both the adequacy of these arrangements and their implementation. The Licensee is assigned a rating in accordance with the Red Amber Green rating system, which commenced on 1 April 2016.

In this period, routine inspections of Devonshire Dock Complex covered the following:

- Inspection of the Criticality Control System;
- Inspection of Conditions and Limits necessary in the interests of safety;
- Inspection of Compliance with the Ionising Radiation Regulations 1999

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

2.2 Other work

The ONR Deputy Chief Inspector, the Superintending Inspector and the Nominated Site Inspector met with the BAESML Managing Director, other members of the BAESML management team and representatives from the Environment Agency, the Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator and other Stakeholders in Major Projects for an annual interface meeting to discuss issues of Nuclear Safety, conventional Health and Safety and Environment where applicable to the Nuclear Site License, Authorisations and Environmental Permits.

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. There were no LIs or Enforcement Notices issued during the period.

5 NEWS FROM ONR

Regulation Matters magazine

Insight into ONR's work as an independent regulator of the nuclear industry can be found in Regulation Matters. This quarterly online publication (<http://www.onr.org.uk/regulation-matters.htm>) reports on the key themes and developments in each of ONR's regulatory programmes and provides an update about the on-going changes at ONR. For the latest news and updates from ONR, you can also visit the website and sign up for our e-bulletin: <http://www.onr.org.uk/index.htm>.

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