



Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for HM Naval Base Clyde

Report for period 01 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 Clyde Local Liaison Committee and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llic/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Clyde Local Liaison Committee 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

The majority of sites inspected by ONR are licensed under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965. HM Naval Base Clyde is not a licensed site, although it operates under authorisation from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator (DNSR). The site comprises the Faslane and Coulport facilities and is regulated by ONR through other legislation as noted below. This report summarises the inspection and regulatory activities associated with HM Naval Base Clyde which are co-ordinated with inspections by DNSR.

1.1 Dates of inspection

The ONR Site Inspector made visits to the site on the following dates during the quarter:

9 November 2016
22-23 November 2016
6 December 2016

An ONR Radiological Protection specialist inspector visited the site on the following dates during the quarter:

22-23 November 2016

The ONR Operating Facilities Divisional Director visited the site on the following date during the quarter:

9 November 2016

2 ROUTINE MATTERS

2.1 Inspections

Inspections are undertaken as part of the process for monitoring compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA74); and regulations made under HSWA74, for example the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (IRR99), the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001 (REPPPIR), and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR99).

Compliance Inspection for Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999

In accordance with ONR's planned inspections to examine Control of Occupational Radiation Exposure (CORE) across a number of nuclear sites (under Regulation 8 of the Ionising Radiations Regulations, IRRs 1999), an ONR specialist radiological protection inspector conducted an inspection of control of radiation doses on the Clyde Naval Base sites supported by the ONR nominated site inspector. To ensure consistency with previous ONR CORE inspections, the inspection was conducted using a standard ONR questionnaire and follow-up question and answer sessions with the duty holder. The arrangements inspected were deemed overall to be adequate.

2.2 Other work

The ONR Site Inspector and the Operating Facilities Divisional Director attended the annual senior level regulatory interface meeting. The meeting is an opportunity for senior regulatory staff to engage directly with the senior management team of the naval base to review performance and provide any advice. The meeting was considered to be well structured, to

accurately represent the duty holder's current performance, and dialogue had been at a level reflecting the maturity of HM Naval Base Clyde as an authorisee.

Following the meeting the ONR Operating Facilities Programme Director, accompanied by the ONR site inspector and HMNB Clyde Captain Base Safety undertook a walk-down of the main Faslane Authorised Site facilities. No issues arose during the site familiarisation walk-down.

3 NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

Authorisees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the authorisee'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 inspectors may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. No such documents were issued during this period

5 NEWS FROM ONR

External Stakeholder events

On 1 November 2016, ONR held its Industry Conference in London, which brought together senior leaders from across the nuclear sector. We were pleased to welcome Baroness Neville-Rolfe DBE CMG, Minister of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to this year's conference who delivered the keynote speech. A special edition of Regulation matters has been published following the conference, which provides a summary of how the day unfolded.

As part of our commitment to engage regularly with all our stakeholder groups, we were pleased to welcome 17 representatives from a number of organisations to our ONR / NGO forum on 30 November in London. The event provided an opportunity for NGO representatives to meet with a number of senior ONR leaders, including our Chief Executive and Chief Nuclear Inspector, to discuss a number of priority issues.

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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