



Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Studsvik UK Limited Metal Recycling Facility

Report for period 1 January – 31 March 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 of the Studsvik UK Limited Local Liaison Panel and are available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/lc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend the Studsvik UK Limited Local Liaison Panel 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 inspections

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

January	None
February	16
March	1 & 2

As part of the planned periodic rotation of ONR Nominated Site Inspectors, the Nominated Site inspector for this site changed on 1 March.

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 (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 conditions attached to the licence in order to ensure legal compliance. Inspections seek to judge both the adequacy of these arrangements and their implementation.

In this period, routine inspections of Springfields Fuels Limited covered the following:

Licence condition 7, incidents on the site.

On 16 February, a compliance inspection was made of the licensee's implementation of licence condition 7 ('incidents on the site') arrangements. The inspection was focussed on the reporting of incidents on the site and on the sharing of operating experience with other licensees. Overall, I considered the arrangements were adequate and no significant issues arose from the inspection, although some minor areas for improvement were agreed with the licensee.

Handover of ONR Nominated Site Inspector.

On 16 February, a site familiarisation visit was made by the incoming ONR Nominated Site Inspector, accompanied by two ONR Nuclear Graduates, (for training). On 2 March, a meeting was held with key licensee staff, to complete the handover of ONR nominated site inspector responsibilities. The intervention did not raise any significant new issues or concerns. A number of minor actions were placed on the licensee to progress and several topics will be followed up at future site interventions.

Licence condition 11, emergency arrangements.

On 1 March, ONR inspectors observed a joint Level One ('on site') emergency arrangements and security exercise. The exercise was deemed to be an adequate demonstration of the licensee's arrangements. The licensee had arranged the participation of the Cumbria Fire & Rescue Service, which was a positive aspect. Some regulatory advice was provided after the exercise, regarding some minor opportunities to enhance the licensee's arrangements, as is normal for such observed exercises.

Annual Review of Safety meeting.

On 1 March, three ONR inspectors participated in the licensee's Annual Review of Safety meeting, which also reviewed security and environmental performance. The meeting comprehensively reviewed the licensee's performance over the preceding twelve months, in appropriate depth. The licensee had conducted a thorough Annual Review and the documentation had been duly considered by the licensee's nuclear safety committee. A broad range of metrics had been used to measure the licensee's performance in 2015 and opportunities to improve safety in 2016 had also been identified as part of the review process.

General comment.

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

2.2 Other work

Meetings with the safety representatives.

Meetings continue to be routinely held with the licensee's safety representatives and during plant inspections by ONR inspectors, to support their function of representing employees and receiving information on matters affecting their health, safety and welfare at work.

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. Given the minor nature of the events reported to ONR during this quarter, they did not warrant further investigation by ONR.

4 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 were issued in this period. No Licence Instruments 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

Chief Nuclear Inspector appointment.

ONR announced the appointment of Dr Richard Savage as its new Chief Nuclear Inspector (CNI) to lead our regulatory activity. Richard is a Chartered Engineer with an extensive background in nuclear safety and regulation. He served as Head of the Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator, Ministry of Defence, before being appointed to ONR as a Deputy Chief Nuclear Inspector in 2013. He was Acting CNI since Dr Andy Hall's retirement in November 2015. <http://news.onr.org.uk/2016/03/nuclear-regulator-appoints-new-chief-nuclear-inspector/>.

ONR Strategic Plan 2016-2020.

In March, ONR published its Strategic Plan covering 2016-2020. The plan sets out the factors that will influence our work and the assumptions we have made about regulating the nuclear sector in the next few years, as well as how we deliver the commitments we have made to the public, ministers and government, licensees, duty holders and our staff. The plan was laid in Parliament on 22 March and can be viewed on the ONR website at <http://news.onr.org.uk/2016/03/onr-publishes-strategic-plan/>.

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