

Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Site Report for Hinkley Point A

Report for period 1 July–30 September 2021

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 to members for the Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group meetings where these reports are presented 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

Dates of inspection

ONR inspectors made inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 July–30 September 2021:

- 6 & 7 July 2021
- 4 August 2021
- 16 September 2021

2 Routine Matters

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 2017 (IRR17) 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 the site covered the following:

- site plans, designs & specifications
- management systems
- security

During the reporting period, ONR judged the arrangements made and implemented by the site in response to safety requirements to be satisfactory in the areas inspected. Where improvements have been identified, the licensee has made a commitment to address those issues, and ONR inspectors will closely monitor progress during future site inspections. Where necessary, ONR will take formal regulatory enforcement action to ensure that appropriate remedial measures are implemented to reasonably practicable timescales. Members of the public, who would like further information on

ONR's inspection activities during the reporting period, can view site Intervention Reports at www.onr.org.uk/intervention-records on our website www.onr.org.uk. Should you have any queries regarding our inspection activities, please email contact@onr.gov.uk.

On 6 July 2021 the licensee held the 5th Annual Regional Review of Safety, Security and Environment (ARRoSSE) Meeting for Magnox Southwest (SW) Region licensed sites, which ONR inspectors attended.

On 21 July 2021 and 18 August 2021 ONR inspectors met with the licensee and the Environment Agency to discuss progress on decommissioning programmes and other matters related to nuclear safety and the environment.

Other work

An ONR inspector met with the site safety representatives on 19 August and 16 September 2021, 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.

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 take a range of enforcement actions, to include issuing an Enforcement Notice.

- As previously reported to the SSG, on 17 May 2021 a worker at Hinkley Point A fell from a height of approximately 2 metres through a fragile surface. ONR inspectors identified non-compliances with legislation including the Health and Safety at Work, etc. Act 1974, the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015, the Work at Height Regulations 2005, the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 and the Health and Safety (Safety Signs and Labels) Regulations 1996. ONR inspectors had assessed the non-compliances



against ONR's Enforcement Management Model, and enforcement letters to the licensee and one of its contractors were issued on 5 July 2021 with actions for completion by 31 July 2021. ONR assessed the responses from the licensee and its contractor to the enforcement letters and considered that satisfactory improvements had been implemented to rectify the non-compliances.

5 News from ONR

Enforcement action

- In July, we served an improvement notice on Devonport Royal Dockyard Ltd (DRDL) for shortfalls in its health and safety arrangements. The notice was served after DRDL failed to demonstrate consistent and effective arrangements to control and monitor the risks associated with working at height at its Devonport site. DRDL must comply with the requirements of the improvement notice by 31 March 2022.
- In August, we announced that Morgan Sindall Infrastructure Ltd had complied with an improvement notice served in January 2021 after workers came close to striking a live high voltage electric cable during excavation work at the Sellafield site.

COVID-19: ONR Position

- We are continuing to obtain assurance that nuclear site licensees and other dutyholders are adequately resourced to continue to safely and securely carry out their activities. We remain satisfied with industry's response at this time; there has been no significant change to dutyholders' safety and security resilience.
- We have measures in place to try and prevent asymptomatic ONR staff unwittingly conveying the virus onto a regulated site. We require all staff to take a circular 1 health (C1H) antigen test in advance of them visiting a site. In addition to the C1H test, we also require them to take a lateral flow test on the morning of their planned site visit. We are keeping our COVID-19 testing guidance under regular review, in-line with the changing national context and any further developments in industry approaches to testing arrangements.

Other

- In July, our project to become the UK's domestic safeguards regulator was named the public sector's [Project of the Year at the National Project Awards](#).
- In September we invited stakeholders to submit comments on our updated reference papers for [Coastal Flood Hazards and Meteorological Hazards for Nuclear Sites](#). Although supplementary to our normal governance process, we are doing this due to stakeholder interest in these topics and our commitment to being an open and transparent regulator.

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