

# **Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)**

## **Site Report for**

### **Nuclear Waste Services / Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR) Ltd**

**Report for period 1 October 2021 – 31 March 2022**

#### **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 West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group (WCSSG) LLWR Working Group meeting and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend WCSSG LLWR Working 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

## 1.1. Dates of Inspection

ONR's inspectors made inspections on the following dates during the period 1 October 2021 – 31 March 2022:

- 3 November 2021
- 7 December 2021
- 9 December 2021
- 6 January 2022
- 9 February 2022

## 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 2017 (IRR17) and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR99).

The inspections entail monitoring the 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 LLWR covered the following:

- management of operations including control and supervision staff
- training, qualifications and experience
- emergency preparedness
- quality assurance and records
- organisational changes Conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety;

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.

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](http://www.onr.org.uk/intervention-records) on our website [www.onr.org.uk](http://www.onr.org.uk). Should you have any queries regarding our inspection activities, please email [contact@onr.gov.uk](mailto:contact@onr.gov.uk).

## 2.2. Other Work

Throughout this reporting period, ONR's nominated site safety inspector has held regular telephone meetings with LLWR Ltd leadership team representatives to maintain situational awareness of matters related to nuclear safety. No significant issues were highlighted to ONR.

Through a series of working level meetings between August 2021 and January 2022 ONR undertook assessment and readiness review of LLWR's transition into Nuclear Waste Services. The assessments sought to gain confidence that the change was adequately conceived and that there was appropriate delineation and control of resources such that LLWR Ltd's obligations under its site licence were preserved. On 24 January 2022, ONR wrote to LLWR Ltd confirming no objection to its proposal.

In February 2022, LLWR Ltd undertook a successful demonstration of its emergency arrangements to ONR.

### 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.

No LIs, Enforcement Notices or Enforcement letters were issued during this period.

As reported above in section 2.2, ONR wrote to LLWR Ltd confirming no objections to its proposal for LLWR Ltd to transition into Nuclear Waste Services.

## 5. News from ONR

For the latest news and information from the Office for Nuclear Regulation, please read and subscribe to our regular email newsletter 'ONR News' at [www.onr.org.uk/onrnews](http://www.onr.org.uk/onrnews)

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