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Foreword

This report is issued as part of our 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 Torness Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on the our website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llc/>).

Our site inspectors usually attend Torness site stakeholder 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 us via email at [contact@onr.gov.uk](mailto:contact@onr.gov.uk)

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# Inspections

## Date(s) of Inspection

Our site inspector made visits and inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 January – 31 March 2025:

15 - 16 January

3 – 6 February

19 – 20 February

11 – 13 March

25 – 26 March

# Routine Matters

## Inspections

Inspections are undertaken as part of the process for monitoring compliance with:

* The Energy Act 2013 and its applicable provisions; for example Licence Conditions under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 (NIA65).
* The Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 (HSWA74); and regulations made under HSWA74, for example, 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 Torness power station covered the following:

* Incidents on the site
* Emergency arrangements
* Examination, inspection, maintenance and testing
* Annual review of safety and security

Overall the findings from the compliance inspections were positive with no significant shortfalls. A number of observations were made during the inspections. Any observations that had the potential to degrdade safety or challenge regulatory compliance were captured as a regulatory issue.

There were no findings from the inspections that could significantly undermine nuclear safety.

Members of the public, who would like further information about our 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)](http://www.onr.org.uk./intervention-records).

Should you have any queries regarding our inspection activities, please email [contact@onr.gov.uk](mailto:contact@onr.gov.uk).

## Other Work

The Torness annual review was held in March 2025. This is an event where station management meet safety, security and environmental regulators to present a self-critical analysis of the performance of the site over the past twelve months and identify priorities for improvement.

The review included a plant walk down, and a series of presentations where regulators have the opportunity to ask questions and respond to the material presented. We were content that a true reflection of site was presented and there was open and honest discussion between regulators and Torness management.

In February 2025 we continued to track progress of the fire safety improvements being implemented in the Torness administration, stores and workshop areas. This work is being undertaken in response to a non-compliances issue identified during one of our inspections in May 2023 and a subsequent enforcement letter we issued to station. During recent engagements, we have been presented with the work of the project team, which was established at Torness to carry out the fire safety improvements, utilising specialist external resources to carry out fire safety surveys and undertake the physical improvement works.

We noted the progress which is being made regarding the fire safety improvement work, with clear commitments to deliver the improvement work. We continue to track the progress of the fire safety improvements and will to monitor improvement being implemented through site interventions.

# Non-Routine Matters

Licensees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. Our inspectors judge the adequacy of the licensee’s response, including actions taken to implement any necessary improvements.

There are no matters and events of note during the period.

# Regulatory Activity

We may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Under nuclear site licence conditions, we issue 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.

* The following LIs, enforcement notices and enforcement letters have been issued during the period:

None issued in this reporting period.

Reports detailing the above regulatory decisions can be found on our website at <http://www.onr.org.uk/pars/>.

# News from ONR

For the latest news and information from us, 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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