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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 Local Liaison Committee and are also available on our website: [www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/llcssg-reports](http://www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/llcssg-reports).

Our site inspectors usually attend Local Liaison Committee 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

The ONR site inspector made inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 January to 30 June 2025:

* 3 - 5 February 2025
* 13 February 2025
* 18 - 28 March 2025
* 27 March 2025
* 1 and 17 April 2025
* 29 April 2025
* 13 May 2025

# 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 etc 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 Springfields Fuels Ltd covered the following:

* transport compliance
* control and supervision of operations
* demolition operations
* leadership and culture
* safeguards
* security

Members of the public who would like further information on our inspection activities during the reporting period can view site inspection records on our website: [www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/inspection-records](http://www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/inspection-records).

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

## Other work

ONR had positive engagements with the licensee during the reporting period to support planning for the inspection programme.

On the 19 March 2025 the ONR site inspector attended and presented at the Springfields Site Stakeholder Meeting.

On the 8 May 2025 ONR attended the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2019 (REPPIR) Combined emergency planning consultative committee (EPCC). The meeting promotes co-operation between stakeholders and dutyholders about the organisation and implementation of offsite emergency plans.

The site annual review covering safety, safeguards, security and environmental matters was held on 22 May 2025. Themes discussed included strengthening organisational capability, delivering against regulatory commitments and improving risk based decisions making. Updates were also provided on the progress of major projects currently in concept at the site. The annual review acknowledged the continuing improvements regarding cyber security.

Early engagement meetings have been held to discuss potential growth projects for the site. The meetings provide an opportunity for the site to discuss commercial opportunities which may inform our regulatory engagement strategy.

# 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.

Matters and events of particular note during the period were:

There have been no significant events (INES 1 or above) reported during the period, but eight minor safety significant events were reported to us in accordance with our guidelines. The ONR site inspector is content with the level of attention that the dutyholder has given to investigate these minor events and the corrective actions taken.

One of the above events was reported under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013. The event relates to a fire from a mobile air handling unit which caused localised damage due to the smoke and heat from the fire. No persons were injured or harmed and the fire was dealt with rapidly by the onsite fire brigade. The dutyholder is still conducting enquires into the root cause and to identify learning opportunities. We will monitor the site's progress through our ongoing regulatory oversight and scheduled engagements.

# 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 but can take other forms. In addition, inspectors may take a range of enforcement actions, to include issuing an enforcement notice.

The following licence instruments, enforcement notices and enforcement letters have been issued during the period:

**Table 1: Licence instruments and enforcement notices issued by ONR during this period**

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| Date | Type | Reference | Description |
| 22/05/25 | Enforcement letter | ONR-EL-25-06 | Shortfalls in control of work activities at the OFC. |
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The above enforcement letter was raised as a result of the findings from the ONR inspection on the controls and supervision of work activities on site. Shortfalls were noted in the hazard perception, risk assessments and housekeeping for a routine maintenance task at the Oxide Fuel Complex (OFC). Other work areas of the site were inspected at the same time with no further significant shortfalls identified.

Reports detailing the above regulatory decisions can be found on our website: [www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/project-assessment-reports](http://www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/project-assessment-reports).

# News from ONR

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