

Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)
Quarterly Site Report for
Oldbury nuclear licensed site

Report for period 1 October – 31 December 2013

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 Oldbury Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website (www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/ilc).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend the Oldbury Site Stakeholder Group meetings and will respond to any questions raised there. Any person wishing to inquire about matters covered by this report should contact ONR.

1 INSPECTIONS

1.1 Dates of inspection

1 The ONR site inspector made inspections on the following dates during the quarter:

- 14-15 October 2013 with one of ONR's conventional safety inspectors
- 12, 14-15 November 2013
- 16-17 December 2013

2 ROUTINE MATTERS

2.1 Inspections

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

- the conditions attached by HSE / ONR to the nuclear site licence granted under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 (NIA65) (as amended);
- 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).

3 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 Oldbury covered the following:

- examination, maintenance, inspection and testing
- leakage and escape of radioactive matter
- emergency preparedness
- incidents on the site
- industrial safety

4 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

- 5 The site inspector held a periodic meeting with safety representatives, to support their function of representing employees and receiving information on matters affecting their health, safety and welfare at work. He also attended the joint Berkeley and Oldbury stakeholder group meeting. There has also been some follow-up work on a conventional safety matter and some actions the inspector placed on himself from previous inspections were closed out.

3 NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

- 6 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.
- 7 There were no such matters or events of significance during the period.

4 REGULATORY ACTIVITY

- 8 Under health and safety legislation, ONR site inspectors, specialist inspectors and other HSE 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.
- 9 Oldbury requested agreement to a change to the decommissioning programme. The programme had been agreed under Licence Condition 35 on decommissioning. Oldbury wished to change the date by which the site is expected to be free of all fuel. This needed to be altered because the reactors had been in operation for longer than envisaged when the fuel free date had been set and also it was taking longer to reprocess fuel at Sellafield than had been planned. Taking these things into account and noting that the fuel would be safely controlled in the meantime ONR agreed to the change proposed. If the date needs to be changed in the future Oldbury will have to present an adequate safety case for ONR to consider before agreeing or otherwise to the request.
- 10 The following LI was issued during the period:

Table 1
Licence Instrument Issued by ONR during this period

Date	Type	Ref No	Description
December 2013	Agreement	544	Category A change to the decommissioning programme

11 Reports detailing the above regulatory decisions can be found on the ONR website at www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/pars.

5 NEWS FROM ONR

12 Insight into ONR's work as an independent regulator of the nuclear industry can be found in ONR's Quarterly News. The online publication (www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/onr-quarterly-report.htm) reports on the key themes and developments in each of ONR's regulatory programmes and provides an update about the ongoing changes at ONR, as it progresses toward becoming an independent statutory corporation. www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/index.htm. For the latest news and updates from ONR visit the website and sign up for our ebulletin (www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/ebulletin/index.htm).

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