



Magnox



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Report on Oldbury Activities to SSG October 2012

Safety and Compliance

I am pleased to announce that the Site reached a significant milestone in the last month with over 1000 days since the last lost time accident. This was recognised throughout the company and externally by the British Safety Council who awarded the Site 5 stars in a recent week long review; their highest award possible.

Throughout the period the Site has maintained compliance with all operating rule limits and conditions. A revised emergency scheme has been introduced following consultation with the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR), reflecting the reduced hazards from our activities since the end of generation (e.g. the shutdown of the Reactors, removal of carbon dioxide and other bulk chemicals as mentioned in my last report). These arrangements were satisfactorily demonstrated to ONR on 3rd October.

Defuelling

Since my last report little progress has been made with removing fuel from Oldbury and dispatching it for reprocessing at Sellafield. This has been due to various restart problems with the complex Cumbrian plant since its return from a shutdown in August. Maintenance work on key plant items on the Oldbury fuel route has been completed in readiness for start of bulk defuelling. Our defuelling end date remains June 2015.

Transition

The first phase of transition works at Site has been completed in a very timely manner. Key elements of this were:

- To introduce a revised post generation staff structure and agree this with the regulators via the management of change process.

- To simplify Site documents as a number of plant items are no longer required. This includes a significant change to the Site operating rules and maintenance schedules following agreement from ONR.
- To remove hazards from the Site, including carbon dioxide, hydrogen, boron dust and bulk oil.
- To introduce a process for removal of redundant plant from the Magnox safety rules.

Good progress has been made on the introduction of a new heating system for the Site. Previously waste steam from generation was used; this has been converted to electric heating, supplemented by a small steam raising boiler for plant preservation during very cold spells. Additionally, simple solutions such as secondary glazing have been used to reduce energy costs.

Community Involvement

Oldbury 10 Mile Race Another Success



200 runners took part in the annual Oldbury Site 10 mile race. The fast, flat, figure-of-eight course starts and finishes at the site, taking the runners along the country roads that skirt the Severn Estuary.

Organised by Thornbury Running Club, the race was first held in 1989. This year's winner was Michael Johnson from Bristol and West AC with a time of 53 minutes and three seconds.

Thornbury Area Music Trust

As reported in the local Gazette, the newly created Thornbury Area Music Trust received £1,000 from Magnox Socio Economic fund.

The group was set up in July in response to South Gloucestershire Council's decision to centralise all its music groups and move Thornbury's youth orchestra, from its base at Marlwood School in Alveston, to Little Stoke Primary School.

Charfield Primary School

Friends of Charfield Primary School benefited from a £1,500 cash boost from the Magnox Socio Economic fund, which enabled them to have a new adventure playground.



The new playground gives the children a physical and mental challenge which they can use throughout the year, including the winter months, when their playing field cannot be used.