

Sizewell A Report – March 2015

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Safety

The site's safety record has been good for this period.

Compliance

As reported at the previous SSG meeting, some heat exchangers were sent to Siempelkamp in Germany containing lightly contaminated liquid. As a result of this, we have received a warning letter from the Environment Agency. Tighter controls had already been put in place before the letter from the EA was received, no issues have been reported since.

People and Transition

The first major part of transition into a decommissioning structure takes place on Monday 2 March resulting in the reduction of personnel by approximately 80 FTEs.

As part of the company drive for efficiency, we can expect further transitions in the future.

Fuel-free verification

The ONR have accepted that Sizewell A is now fuel free. This is a major enabler for transition into the decommissioning phase and means that the site can progress further towards demolition.

Pile cap deplant

The dismantling of the pile cap defuelling equipment is progressing well, with both fuelling machines and hoist units now fully stripped. Work has begun stripping the reactor servicing machine which is the last of the equipment to be dismantled and is the most complicated to manage and deal with. A large proportion of the components from these machines have been disposed of as free release items. The remaining components are classified as Low Level Waste (LLW) and are either being sent for metal melt or disposal at the LLW facility in Cumbria. The project is nearing completion and we are on track to complete the dismantling of the equipment by the end of March 2015.





Turbine hall asbestos removal

The project now has a Performance Based Incentive for completion in June this year and is on target to achieve this. Overall the project is 65% complete and continues to make good progress.

Photo left: Contractors safely remove scaffolding from the turbine hall following asbestos stripping

Planning for the future

Electrical overlay

The switchover of electrical supplies has been successful and the site is now powered by Sizewell B. There are only a few activities and the project close-out to be completed before the project comes to an end.

Waste strategy

Magnox and the NDA engaged on a range of options for the interim storage of Intermediate Level Waste and treatment of Fuel Element Debris during 2012-2013, which resulted in the publication of a set of preliminary preferred options which were published for comment.

Following the receipt of public comments, a final decision about implementation was put on hold until the new Parent Body Organisation took over responsibility for Magnox.

Since then, the Magnox team has been reviewing the proposals and developing the next steps. A presentation will be made at the SSG meeting which outlines how this work is likely to be taken forward.

Socio-economic scheme

Magnox is committed to providing socio-economic support and enabling sustainability in our local communities. Our work is supported by the NDA and Cavendish Fluor Partnership.

We have helped a number of organisations and charities to achieve their goals by providing finances and support for improving local employment, education and skills, social infrastructure and economic diversification.

Applications from local groups are encouraged. Please visit: www.magnoxsocioeconomic.com.

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