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Report on Oldbury Activities to SSG

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Safety and Compliance

Throughout the period the site has maintained compliance with all operating rule limits and conditions and all maintenance schedule requirements. There have been no significant conventional safety events.

The site hosted a visit by the ONR Chairman, Nick Baldwin, during this period who was impressed with the progress made on site with defuelling the Reactors and the hazard reduction achieved as a result of this.



Defuelling

Both Reactors are now completely defuelled. Reactor 1 defuelling was completed on August 8th and Reactor 2 completed on October 4th. There are 38 fuel shipments still to ship from the site fuel pond to Sellafield with the anticipated completion date remaining as January 2016.

Fuel free verification of the site, a requirement prior to moving into the decommissioning phase, has commenced with good progress being made on the 'dry' fuel route (Reactors and storage areas). The verification of the fuel pond will take place after the last flask is shipped and is anticipated to be completed by April 2016.

Waste consolidation

In line with the company waste strategy, Oldbury will be receiving a small number of Ionsiv filters and cartridges for consolidation and temporary storage in the Oldbury pond. These filters and cartridges were used during fuel operations at Oldbury, Dungeness and Sizewell in the early 2000s to control fuel pond chemistry conditions.

Shipments of these items, in a standard fuel transport flask, are expected to be received in December. Transport of these items is covered under a safety case and potential impacts on pond condition at Oldbury have been fully assessed.

Consolidation of these items will have the benefit of reducing costs and time at the dispatching sites, saving a significant amount of taxpayer's money. Processing these items at Oldbury should not add time onto our Care and Maintenance entry date which remains as 2027.

Projects

The bulk asbestos strip of the De-aerator vessels situated on the Turbine Hall roof has been completed as part of site hazard reduction work. 20m³ of asbestos has been removed and disposed of safely and compliantly.

Transition to Decommissioning

Plans to move the site to a decommissioning organisation in March 2016 are well advanced. Working in partnership with the trade unions, the decommissioning structure for site has been agreed and individual consultations to fully understand the aspirations of the workforce have been completed.

Other decommissioning enabling works, including a revised safety case and simplified emergency arrangements are also progressing to plan and will be in place prior to the completion of fuel free verification.

Discussions continue with the Ponds Programme about the scope of work to be delivered at site next year. Clearing the fuel ponds of fuel handling equipment and empty fuel skips is the first step in the decommissioning phase at Oldbury and is the critical path project to site closure.

Socio-economic Scheme

A reminder that our socio-economic fund is available to help support local projects and charities.

There is a funding pot of up to £1million each financial year across 12 sites

Funding is available on a rolling programme to support our aims on three levels:

1. Up to £1,000 for small projects neighbouring Magnox sites
2. Up to £10,000 capital expenditure towards a sustainable project
3. Over £10,000 to support large projects that make a significant contribution towards mitigating the impact of decommissioning

In 2014/15 over £11,000 was awarded to communities near Oldbury.

Recently we supported Thornbury Town Football Club to help them buy a new kit.



Applications should be submitted via the web portal:

<https://magnoxsocioeconomic.com/>