



Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Dungeness A

Report for period 1 October 2015 – 31 Dec 2015

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 for the Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/lrc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Dungeness 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.

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1 INSPECTIONS

1.1 Dates of inspection

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

19 – 20 October 2015

In addition to the planned safety inspections, the nominated site inspector also conducted an unannounced inspection on 21 October 2015.

1.2 ONR held meetings with Dungeness A on the following dates during the quarter:

8 Oct 2015 – Discussion on revisions to key Magnox arrangements

19 October 2015 – Site separation meeting and revised security plans (ONR CNS)

21 October 2015 - Update on outstanding actions and meeting with safety representatives

27-28 October 2015 – Review of proposals and project arrangements for the use of divers to decommission ponds. Meeting included HSE diving specialists and ONR radiation protection specialists.

30 November 2015 – Security Exercise planning meeting (ONR CNS)

2 ROUTINE MATTERS

2.1 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 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);
- The Nuclear Industry Security Regulations (NISR) 2003.

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 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, the inspections covered compliance with the following License Condition (LC):

- LC11 – Emergency Arrangements

During this quarter, Dungeness A carried out an emergency demonstration exercise as required by LC 11. An ONR inspection team observed this exercise and considered the exercise to be a satisfactory demonstration of arrangements, meeting the required safety standards.

An unannounced inspection was also carried out during silent hours to inspect emergency response on site during silent hours.

In general, ONR judged the arrangements made and implemented by the site to meet the intent of the safety case and the required safety standards. No significant issues were raised.

2.2 Other work

The site inspector attended the Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group meeting held on 22 October 2015 and presented a summary of ONR's inspection activities carried out in the previous quarter.

The site inspector also held a meeting with safety representatives, to support their function of representing employees and receiving information on matters affecting their health, safety and welfare at work.

3 NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

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.

In this period the following incidents on the site were reported to ONR:

- On 18 Dec ONR was notified that an employee had tripped over a piece of sheet metal on the site. This was a minor conventional safety incident with no nuclear or radiological consequence. Actions taken by Magnox Ltd following the incident was appropriate.
- On 8 December emergency medical treatment was called for an employee for a non-work related incident.

I am satisfied that the licensee responded to this incident appropriately for both events, and no enforcement is considered necessary.

4 REGULATORY ACTIVITY

ONR 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.

- No Enforcement Notices were issued during the period.
- No Licence Instruments were issued during the period

5 NEWS FROM ONR

5.1 Chief Executive

Adrienne Kelbie has been appointed Chief Executive of ONR and will take up the appointment on 18 January 2016. Adrienne is currently the Chief Executive of the Disclosure and Barring Service, and prior to this has had a varied career including periods as Deputy Chief Executive in a local authority and as Director of Operations responsible for national and international funding at the Big Lottery Fund.

5.2 Chief Nuclear Inspector

ONR is currently recruiting for its Chief Nuclear Inspector. The Chief Nuclear Inspector has the key role in providing assurance on the effectiveness of the UK's nuclear regulatory system to the ONR Board, ministers, licensees and the British public and will represent ONR

nationally and internationally. The closing date for applications was Sunday 17 January 2016 and the recruitment campaign has now progressed to the next stage. Further updates on the recruitment campaign will be published on our website www.onr.org.uk.

5.3 Regulation Matters magazine

Insight into ONR's work as an independent regulator of the nuclear industry can be found in Regulation Matters. This quarterly online publication (<http://www.onr.org.uk/regulation-matters.htm>) reports on the key themes and developments in each of ONR's regulatory programmes and provides an update about the on-going changes at ONR. For the latest news and updates from ONR, you can also visit the website and sign up for our e-bulletin: <http://www.onr.org.uk/index.htm>.

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