

**Scottish Environment Protection Agency  
Report to the Chapelcross Stakeholders' Group  
December 2016**

**Radioactive Substances Act 1993**

**Inspection**

SEPA undertook an inspection of the site's procedures for the characterisation of solid waste arising from the ongoing heat exchanger decommissioning project. The inspection was part of a programme of themed inspections undertaken across the UK in conjunction with the Environment Agency. The inspection focussed on the Magnox Corporate and the site's management arrangements as well as the site's strategies and plans, staff competencies and resources, characterisation techniques, record keeping and their approach to the review of data and quality assurance.

The outcome of the inspection is subject to a formalised reporting structure intended to facilitate comparison with other inspections carried out across the UK. Once this has been completed the results will be shared with site and Magnox Limited.

SEPA also intends to write to the site with specific comments relating to the inspection at Chapelcross. The initial findings were shared verbally with the site during following the inspection. There were no compliance issues identified during the inspection. There was a number of minor observations which were shared and discussed with the site.

**Information Requirement**

SEPA included an information requirement in the recent variation to the site's Authorisation. This required that the site provided SEPA with a programme for the substantial and progressive reduction of gaseous discharges from the Chapelcross Processing Plant within a 6 month timescale. The site has provided SEPA with the required programme which has been reviewed. The site will now be expected to implement the programme in the near future and SEPA will be liaising closely with the site as they implement their plan.