

Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group

SEPA Update on Hunterston A

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7 December 2017 at the Waterside Hotel, Seamill

Regulation

Radioactive Substances Act 1993 (RSA)

SEPA has formally inspected the Hunterston A station in relation to its RSA Authorisation twice since May 2017:

- On 10th May 2017 SEPA inspected the site's arrangements for the management of liquid radioactive waste to ensure compliance with the conditions of their Authorisation.
- On 7th November 2017 SEPA inspected the site's arrangements to ensure they had implemented the approved Magnox Corporate Radioactive Waste Adviser (RWA) arrangements as required by their Authorisation.

No contraventions or non-compliances were noted but a number of recommendations are being made to site regarding their RWA arrangements

At the time of writing a third inspection is planned for the 28th November. This will look at the site's arrangements for the management of portable liquid containers.

Pollution Prevention & Control (PPC)

There have been no issues relating to the station's PPC permit for its non-radioactive emissions from the emergency diesel generators, auxiliary boilers and waste oil burner since the last scheduled SSG meeting.

Control of Major Accidents Hazards (COMAH)

There have been no issues relating to COMAH since the last scheduled SSG meeting.

Controlled Activities Regulations (CAR)

There have been no issues relating to the station's CAR licences for non-radioactive liquid discharges to the water environment since the last scheduled SSG meeting.

European Union Emission Trading Scheme (EUETS)

There were no issues relating to the station's EUETS permit since the last scheduled SSG meeting.

Events

There were no reportable incidents, complaints or non-compliance events affecting SEPA's interests at the station that are known to have occurred since the last meeting of the SSG at the time of writing.

SEPA Consultations

SEPA is currently undertaking a public consultation on the proposed public participation statement, guidance on who can hold an authorisation and the authorisation guide for radioactive substances, which forms the supporting guidance to the draft Environmental Authorisation (Scotland) Regulations. The consultation is posted on SEPA's Consultation Hub which is available via SEPA's website: www.sepa.org.uk. The closing date for the consultation is 22 December 2017.

Radioactivity in Food & the Environment (RIFE)

SEPA works together with the Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales, Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Food Standards Scotland and Food Standards Agency on the radiological monitoring of food and the environment, and in publishing the results. The reports aim to provide an in-depth assessment of radioactivity in food and the environment in the UK and the public's exposure to radiation. The reports focus on key information that demonstrates both that food remains safe and that the public's exposure to ionising radiation is within legal limits.

The latest edition (RIFE 22) covering 2016 has been published and electronic copies can be obtained from SEPA's website: www.sepa.org.uk under "*Environment/Radioactive Substances/Environmental monitoring and assessment/Reports*".

Scottish Pollutant Release Inventory (SPRI)

The Scottish Pollutant Release Inventory (SPRI) is a publicly accessible electronic database of releases of pollutants to all environmental media and transfers of non-radioactive waste. SEPA intends that, as far as practicable, SPRI be the principle means by which information on Scottish pollutant releases and non-radioactive waste transfers is collected and made public. Wherever possible, such information will be collected and presented by this one system.

The data for 2016, including that from Hunterston B, have been published and are available on SEPA's website: www.sepa.org.uk under "*Environment/Environmental data/SPRI*".

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