

Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group

SEPA Update on Hunterston B

HUNTERSTON SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING,
7th December 2017 at the Waterside Hotel, Seamill

Regulation

Radioactive Substances Act 1993 (RSA)

SEPA staff have formally inspected the station in relation to its RSA Authorisation twice since the last SSG report. On 18 October 2017, SEPA staff carried out an inspection focusing on radioactive waste transfers. No contraventions were noted but a number of recommendations for improvement were made to the station's documentation. On 21 November 2017, a joint SEPA/ONR inspection will be carried out to look at Licence Conditions 32 and 34 of the station's licence and the overlap with the RSA authorisation.

SEPA staff participated in a Level 3 Regulatory Interface Meeting with EDF's internal regulator, INA, and the EA on 3 October 2017 in Barnwood, and on the following day, participated in a Level 4 Radioactive Waste meeting along with EDF, EA and ONR in order to receive an update on fleet performance and initiatives. SEPA staff also participated in a teleconference with EDF, EA and ONR on 27 October 2017 to discuss the on-going EDF fleet Failed Fuel project. On 14 November, SEPA staff participated in an EDF Regulators' teleconference with the EA to discuss common issues across the EDF fleet.

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 known to have occurred since the last meeting of the SSG at the time of writing this report.

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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