

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

Report for period 1 April 2017 to 30 June 2017

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

Site inspectors from ONR attend Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group meetings according to the Intervention Plan (normally annually) and can respond to any questions when there. Otherwise, any person wishing to enquire about matters covered by this report should contact ONR (<http://www.onr.org.uk/feedback.htm>)

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1 INSPECTIONS

1.1 Dates of inspection

The ONR site inspector attended site on the following dates during the quarter:

18 – 20 April 2017

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 Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA74);
- The Energy Act 2013; 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 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 Licence Conditions require the Licensee to make and implement adequate arrangements under the 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, routine inspections of Hunterston A covered the following Licence Conditions (LC):

- LC4 Emergency Arrangements
- LC5 Modification or Experiment on Existing Plant
- LC19 Control & Supervision of Operations
- LC20 Accumulation of Radioactive Waste
- LC21 Decommissioning

In general, ONR judged the arrangements made and implemented by the site in response to safety requirements to be adequate in the areas inspected. However, where improvements were considered necessary, the licensee made satisfactory commitments to address the issues, and the site inspector will monitor progress during future visits. Where necessary, ONR will take formal regulatory enforcement action to ensure that appropriate remedial measures are implemented to reasonably practicable timescales.

2.2 Other work

The site inspector 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 incidents. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the licensee's response, including actions taken to

implement any necessary improvements. There were no items of significance to report during the period.

4 REGULATORY ACTIVITY

ONR 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' (LI), but can take other forms. In addition, inspectors may issue enforcement notices to secure improvements to safety.

No LIs or Enforcement Notices were issued to Hunterston A within the reporting period.

Reports detailing regulatory decisions are available on the ONR website at <http://www.onr.org.uk/pars/>.

5 NEWS FROM ONR

5.1 ONR Chair awarded CBE

In the Queen's Birthday Honours announced in June, Chair of the Office for Nuclear Regulation, [Nick Baldwin](#), was appointed a Commander of the Order of the British Empire for services to nuclear safety and security in Britain and to the charitable sector.

5.2 Regulatory Research Report published

ONR has published its [annual regulatory research report](#) which describes the [research activities](#) we have conducted in the past year.

The report includes case studies showing how our research strategy has helped support our regulatory approach, and helps to inform the development of best practice. It can be viewed at www.onr.org.uk/research

5.3 Regulation Matters

For the latest news and updates from ONR visit the website and sign up for our ebulletin (<http://www.onr.org.uk/ebulletin/index.htm>).

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