

**HINKLEY POINT SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING 29 JUNE 2018
REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTATIVE
COMMITTEE HELD 14 MARCH 2018**

Emergency Exercise Programme

Hinkley Point A (HPA) and Hinkley Point B (HPB) provided an overview of dates on which emergency exercises were held since the last meeting on 14th September 2017. The reports provided confidence in the overall readiness of the emergency response arrangements at both sites.

HPA reported that they have continued with their ongoing general testing of contingency arrangements commensurate with the remaining hazards. These are performed and assessed on a monthly basis.

HPB reported that the programme of 2018 shift training exercises had recently been completed and the site was beginning preparation for the Level 1 demonstration exercise to ONR for compliance with Licence Condition 11 which is to be held on 5th September.

HPB are keen to involve and engage with Emergency Services as much as possible and familiarisation visits have continued to be arranged when requested.

A test of the Off-Site Emergency Plan was to take place in early June and it was reported that planning for this exercise was well advanced. HPB will be involved in the exercise and will set up the Emergency Control Centre to drive activity at the off-site centres. This includes Emergency Services, Local Authorities and is centred on Police Headquarters at Portishead. There is also involvement from the EDF Energy Central Emergency Support Centre at Barnwood. The Off-Site plan test is a 3-yearly requirement mandated by REPPiR.

National Issues

There were over 70 responses to the consultation that took place on the transposition of the Basic Safety Standards directive for radiological protection emergency preparedness which are now being reviewed by BEIS in drafting the new Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations. It is intended that the new draft Regulations will be published in the late Spring.

Activation of Emergency Arrangements

Since the last EPCC on 14 September 2017, the fire service had attended HPB in response to an overheated fan motor setting off fire alarms in the RCA. Ambulances had been called on 4 occasions; all in response to personnel who became unwell. Operation Alert was declared on 2 occasions by HPB in response to adverse weather conditions. The first on 8 December was as a result of damage to the Charge Hall roof during poor weather and high winds and the second event on 1-2 March was in response to the Red weather warning, issued by the Met Office, for heavy snow over Somerset.

Review of changes affecting Emergency Plans

No changes to either HPA or HPB Emergency Plans have been made since the last EPCC. Somerset County Council stated that there will be revisions to the off-site plan by November 2018 regardless of whether any changes have occurred as a result of implementing the new REPPiR regulations.

Calendar and stable iodine distribution

The 2018 calendars were successfully distributed to DEPZ residents prior to Christmas 2017. Consultation for the 2019 calendar opens in April.

Date of next meeting

The date of the next EPCC meeting is scheduled for 12th September 2018