

HINKLEY POINT SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING 26th OCTOBER 2018
REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE
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The EPCC provides a regular forum for all organisations with responsibilities for preparing emergency plans in response to an event at Hinkley Point Power Stations to review the adequacy of the emergency arrangements to enable the Hinkley Point Emergency Plans and Off Site Emergency Plans to be put into operation effectively should a situation arise which requires this. The committee members met on the 12 September 2018.

Emergency exercise programme

Hinkley Point A submitted a written report of their exercise for the period, having undertaken 19 exercises (7 security events and 12 others including both radiological and conventional scenarios).

Hinkley Point B have completed a total of 3 emergency exercises in the period from March to September including a 'Level 2 Exercise Nighthawk' which tested the off-site emergency plans involving a large number of local authorities response to a site event. Russell Davies from Somerset County Council stated that many of the key learning points were around the inter-operation of the various stakeholders, and also a specific follow up action was identified around improving the media briefing within the off site plan for vulnerable groups within the DEPZ community who are likely to be evacuated. The SSG will be kept informed of any changes to the local plans

In addition Hinkley Point B has completed a successful demonstration of Licence Condition 11 emergency arrangements during a 'Level 1' exercise which was independently witnessed by the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR). One further exercise is planned in 2018 which aims to test the counter terrorist response in November.

Hinkley Point C reported having completed several emergency exercises, and also explained the graded approach being taken from desktop run through to a full site exercise.

It has been suggested that a 3-station emergency exercise be developed for implementation next year, to test cross functional working arrangements and emergency services involvement.

Activation of Emergency Arrangements

There have been no requirements for any activation of emergency arrangements at the Hinkley sites in the period.

- Hinkley Point A has 1 occasion of emergency services response in response to a heart attack.
- Hinkley Point B has had 5 occasions for ambulances to site for personnel who were taken unwell.
- Hinkley Point C has had a number of responses to medical needs and minor fires.

National Issues

Updates were provided on the current national review of Radiation Emergency Preparedness and Public Information Regulations (REPPPIR) which are due to conclude early 2019. Once these are complete ONR will resume review of emergency planning area redeterminations.

Changes to the Regulations governing the distribution of stable iodine have been approved which now allows stable iodine tablets to be issued by a greater range of people under the jurisdiction of local authorities and responders.

A review of the Manchester Arena attack report findings is being undertaken by the EDF Energy Emergency Planning Group to see if there are any relevant learning points.

Date of next meeting

The next EPCC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 6th March 2019.