



# Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Dungeness A

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## 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 for the Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR may attend Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group meetings and will respond to any questions raised there. Any person wishing to inquire about matters covered by this report should contact ONR.

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## 1 INSPECTIONS

### 1.1 Dates of inspection

The ONR site inspector made planned inspections on the following dates during the quarter:

- 19 - 20 February 2019

### 1.2 ONR held meetings with Dungeness on the following dates during the quarter:

None

## 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 Energy Act 2013;
- the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA74);
- regulations made under HSWA74, for example the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (IRR17) 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 licensee is required to make and implement adequate arrangements under conditions attached to the licence in order to ensure legal compliance. Inspections seek to judge both the adequacy of these arrangements and their implementation.

The aims of the inspection in February were to:

- Assess the adequacy of the arrangements for Licence Conditions 7, 17 and 26 following some negative trends arising from recent incident analysis.
- Review progress with the site decommissioning strategy.
- Agree the responses to the ONR findings on the Dungeness A Periodic Safety Review (PSR) submission
- Assess the adequacy of Magnox Ltd's arrangements for working at height and a general review of the Conventional Health and Safety (CHS) culture.

## 3 NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

Licensees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events and report significant events to ONR. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the licensee's response, including actions taken to implement any necessary improvements.

During this period, there have been no significant nuclear safety related incidents. However, analysis of recent incidents on the site did point to issues with the fire alarm system, procedural compliance in the Radiation Controlled Area and change rooms. ONR raised these matters with the site's Closure Director, and he initiated a number of actions to address them. ONR will check progress with the initiatives as part of the continuing regulatory activity for the site.

Following ONR's assessment of the Dungeness A decennial PSR, Magnox Ltd responded to ONR's findings and to their own commitments, regarding the planning and programming of improvement work in several areas, including actions to deal with the accelerated degradation of systems and components due to the harsh environment prevalent at the site. ONR issued a PSR decision letter supporting continued decommissioning for a further period of ten years.

#### 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 LI or notices were issued during the period.

Reports detailing ONR's regulatory decisions can be found on the ONR website at <http://www.onr.org.uk/pars/>.

#### 5 NEWS FROM ONR

##### Enforcement Action

A summary of enforcement action is provided below. Further detail is available on [our website](#).

- Improvement notice issued to Sellafield Ltd on 4 January 2019 – requires improvements to be made in its principal contractor arrangements for construction, design and management.
- On 1 February, following ONR's prosecution, EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Ltd and Doosan Babcock Ltd were fined £200,000 and £150,000 respectively following an incident where a worker fell from height at Hinkley Point B power station in 2017.
- Two improvement notices issued to two transport logistics companies on 4 February following breaches in regulations for the safe transport of radioactive materials.
- Two improvement notices issued to EDF Energy on 20 February following an incident on 19 November 2018 at Heysham 1, which resulted in injury to three EDF Employees.

*\*Although outside the current reporting period, we can confirm that on 2 April 2019, Sellafield Ltd were fined £380,000 following ONR's prosecution for safety breaches relating to equipment used for the processing of plutonium.*

##### Regulatory updates

Following the introduction of new integrated [Environmental Authorisations Regulations in Scotland](#), the [MOU between ONR and the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency](#) has been updated. The MOU ensures effective cooperation and collaboration in the regulation of nuclear safety, security, radioactive materials transport, nuclear safeguards and environmental protection on nuclear licensed sites and at other sites where both ONR and SEPA have regulatory functions.

In February, [a new nuclear site licence was granted to Tradebe Inutec](#) for their Winfrith site in Dorset. A new site licence was required following Tradebe Inutec's acquisition of buildings and land at the Winfrith site from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) in February 2019.

In March 2019 we published a report detailing safety "events" that took place in the UK between 2015-2017. The report details the 56 safety significant events that took place between April 2015 and December 2017 – describing each event, the duty-holder's response, and the actions taken by the ONR. The full report is available on our [website](#).

## **Stakeholder Engagement**

In February, our Chief Nuclear Inspector, Mark Foy and Technical Director, Anthony Hart hosted a webinar which focused on the first Topical Peer Review of 'Ageing management of nuclear power plants and research reactors.' Further details about the webinar are available on our [website](#).

We published our [2018 Stakeholder Survey report](#), in February following the survey in October/November last year. Stakeholders from across the sector were invited to take part in the survey with 329 responses received, providing valuable insight into how we are viewed by our stakeholders. The full report is available on our [website](#).

On 28 March, we held our NGO Forum in Manchester and were delighted to welcome 15 NGO representatives from 12 organisations. We'll be making the minutes, agenda, presentations and pre-event briefing papers available on our website over the coming weeks.

## **Corporate news**

In February we announced the appointment of Mark McAllister as the new Chair of ONR. Mark will join ONR from 1 April, succeeding Nick Baldwin CBE.

We were delighted that our Chief Executive was recognised as Transformational Leader at the Northern Power Women Awards 2019, an event that celebrates the women and men working towards accelerating gender diversity across the Northern Powerhouse. Adrienne won the award in recognition of her work in leading ONR through significant change while, in parallel, driving gender balance.

ONR has been recognised for its commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion by gaining accreditation to the National Equality Standards (NES).

We are embarking on the final year of our ONR Strategic Plan 2016-2020. So we are now starting to look ahead to what the next five years will bring and beginning to develop our new strategy for 2020-25. We're not doing this alone; we've already started talking to our staff and we are asking our stakeholders for their views to shape our plans. We are really keen to hear from SSG and LLC members and attendees to help us develop our strategic aims and objectives. We'd like to know:

- What is working well that we should keep doing and/or do more of?
- What do you think our top regulatory priorities should be in the 2020s?
- What do you think is missing from our current Strategic Plan that needs to feature in the next one?

We intend to consult on our draft strategy in the autumn, but in the meantime, if you'd like to share your comments and suggestions please email us at: [contact@onr.gov.uk](mailto:contact@onr.gov.uk) . We look forward to hearing from you.

For the latest news and updates from ONR, you can visit our website and sign up for our e-bulletin: <http://www.onr.org.uk/index.htm>.

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