

Site Stakeholder Group

Sizewell B report – January 2020

Station Director's report – January 2020

1. Safety performance and staffing

Station Safety Performance

We measure our safety performance against top tier indicators, including nuclear reportable events, environmental events, and staff and contract partner recordable injuries. During the period of the report there has been:

- No injuries to staff
- No nuclear reportable incidents
- No environmental incidents

Staffing at Sizewell B

We currently have **531** members of EDF Energy staff this includes **13** Apprentices, **5** Technical Trainees, **1** Graduate and **1** Industrial Placement, **11** Visitor Centre staff and 250 year round contracting partners.

2. Generation

Station performance

Please click on the link below for a daily update of the status of our eight nuclear power stations. The link will show which nuclear reactors are in service and what they were generating at the time the information was updated. You can also see which reactors are out of service, what the reasons are and when we expect them to return to service. In addition, we have included the expected timing of the next statutory outage of each nuclear reactor.

<http://www.edfenergy.com/energy/power-station/daily-statuses>

3. Sizewell B and community news

Leadership changes at Sizewell B

Paul Morton, currently Station Director at Sizewell B, will become acting Chief Nuclear Officer within the Generation business.

Jon Yates, currently Plant Manager at Sizewell B, will take on the role of acting Sizewell B Station Director. Jon has extensive management experience at Sizewell B and will provide continuity of leadership and looks forward to meeting with the SSG in due course.

Relocated Facilities at Sizewell B

Following a period of consultation with the local community, EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Limited submitted a planning application to East Suffolk Council, for the relocation of some of Sizewell B facilities.

The main buildings we are proposing to move during this phase are related to administration, education and training, along with supporting car parking as these buildings are located on land we would like to use for Sizewell C. EDF Energy will submit a Development Consent Order to Government separately to ask for permission to build Sizewell C.

The Sizewell B Relocated Facilities (SZBRF) planning application was considered by the Strategic Planning Board on 9th September 2019 where planning permission was granted, subject to signing the S106 (Section 106 agreement). Since that date the S106 agreement has now been signed (13th November) and formal planning permission issued.

EDF are now preparing to commence works on the SZBRF proposals in 2020.

Sizewell looks for new apprentices

Sizewell is looking for four more apprentices to join the company in 2020.

The station held an open day at the Sizewell visitor centre on 7 December where over 50 potential new starters came to meet existing apprentices and find out more about the four-year training programme. Sizewell will be visiting a number of careers fairs in the coming months.

Roger Barge, Sizewell Apprentice Coordinator, said: “We are getting out to more schools and colleges than ever and talking to pupils, there is renewed interest in joining the industry as Sizewell C progresses and young people want to learn about jobs in the industry.”

The latest group of engineering apprentices were appointed during the summer and kicked off their new careers with EDF Energy with a team building week in the Lake District. With the outward bound course complete, the apprentices are now studying at Bridgwater and Taunton College, home to the National College for Nuclear, where they will spend the next two years.

Away from the classroom the apprentices will enjoy excellent sports and leisure facilities under the watchful eye of the centre’s own team.

EDF Energy’s apprentices also undertake an extensive life skills package along with some cultural visits to European cities. After two years, the apprentices return to their home sites to complete their apprenticeship on site.

The apprentice programme is now open, all details are on the EDF Energy careers website where you can also apply for a role. <http://www.edfenergy.com/careers>

4. Company News

Cottam Power Station powers down after half a century

A beacon on North Nottinghamshire’s skyline for the past 50 years, Cottam power station has switched off its massive generating plant the final time.

Since it started generating in 1968 the station has produced nearly 500 terawatt hours of electricity – enough to single-handedly power the UK for around 18 months. It was originally planned to operate for 30 years.

The station’s staff have been preparing for the eventual closure of the site for almost two years. And Cottam’s management team have also worked closely with the site’s unions to ensure the minimum disruption for staff.

Taking control of their futures, the Cottam team set up their own People Hub to work with staff to explore new opportunities within EDF Energy and a number have joined the team building and eventually operating the country’s first new nuclear power station in a generation at Hinkley Point in Somerset.

Some have stayed closer to home and moved across to West Burton A coal station which currently has capacity market contracts to operate until September 2021 or to the West Burton B Combined Cycle Gas Turbine station which started operating in 2013. And some have moved to Sizewell B.

All the apprentices have also secured roles at EDF Energy sites, including one at Sizewell B, continuing to build exciting futures with the UK’s largest low carbon generator.

EDF Group has bought a British start-up ‘Pivot Power’

Pivot Power, which specialises in battery storage and infrastructure for electric vehicle charging. This move will allow EDF, already the largest low carbon electricity producer in the UK, to become a leader in battery storage.

Now a wholly owned subsidiary of EDF Renewables, Pivot Power has an extensive portfolio of projects across more than 40 locations throughout the country. There are plans to install batteries connected directly to the high-voltage transmission system - with a total capacity of up to 2 GW.

Each of Pivot Power's projects has the potential to host a battery capable of exporting 50 MW of power and to provide support for hundreds of rapid EV chargers, potentially suitable for large retail sites, logistics centres, bus depots and park and rides.

Battery storage and EV rapid charging infrastructure are two significant enablers for the UK's goals to reach net zero by 2050.

Battery storage integration in the electricity transmission grid will also provide flexible capacity which will enhance the reliability of the network and boost the integration of renewable electricity.

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