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# Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group – EDF report



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## 1. Station Director's Message – February 2021

At the last SSG meeting in November, we all discussed how covid had changed what we all do.

This is certainly the case for us at Dungeness B. We have been determined to continue with our work onsite so have taken great care to design ways of working that allow us to keep going.

We have completed in-depth reviews of all of our working practices right across the site and done what we can to reduce the number of people on station. Further, everyone who wants to come to Dungeness B has to test negative for covid, before they are even allowed onsite.

And then those who make it through that step have to observe strict social distancing, wear masks and, as we all do, watch what they're doing with their hands.

As you know nuclear safety is at the heart of all that we do – as a company, and as a site, we have done all that we can to ensure that same rigour is applied to keeping our station, and staff, as safe as we possibly can.

Work also continues on the plant. As you know we took the two reactors offline in 2018 for a planned outage. At that time we quickly identified issues with our main steam line and also issues to do with environmental corrosion across the site, and as I reported at the last meeting we'd had positive feedback on this work from the ONR. Since then we have continued with our maintenance programme, and onsite training, to ensure our staff and plant are ready to restart generation once we get approval from our regulator.

As part of our works to return to service in December and January we warmed up our two reactors and took the boilers into steaming states. This was a huge milestone for us, and all those who have worked so hard and for so long as this point is the furthest we can take the plant prior to full return to service.

The warm up allowed us to stress test the plant and identify any defects that need to be resolved prior to coming back to power and for a number of our reactor desk engineers and operating technicians to put into practice their match fit training.

As we prepared the plant for return to service in late 2020 we identified a potential issue with original construction welds on a reactor internal component. As part of our safety case we have reviewed the operating history and created new procedures to control the mechanical stress on this component. As a consequence of this we have pushed back our restart dates to May 17 for Reactor 22 and May 27 for Reactor 21 to allow the Office Nuclear Regulation to complete its assessment of these new procedures.



## 2. Environmental events

Since the last report to the SSG in November 2020 there have been no environmental events to report.

## 3. Safety

We measure our safety performance against Industry top tier indicators, including nuclear reportable events, environmental events and staff and contract-partner recordable injuries. There have been no significant lost time events recorded at Dungeness B since our report in November.

## 4. Apprentices

In late 2020 the station celebrated as five of our apprentices graduated after completing their four year apprenticeship.

Usually our apprentices attend a special event in the midlands, this year's circumstances meant that the station had to mark the achievements in Dungeness. Each of the five, Charles Allen, Ross Francis, Harry Goodman, Daniel Groves and Jaye Williamson, was presented with a framed certificate marking all their hard work.

Maintenance team member Jaye was also named Dungeness B's Apprentice of the Year.

## 5. Community relations

Throughout December staff from Dungeness B really dug deep to help the Big Community Christmas fundraiser, an initiative which drew together Age UK, the Salvation Army and Romney Marsh Community Support Hub. The scheme was put together to co-ordinate food and Christmas gift donations so that people right across Romney Marsh could be given a helping hand over the festive period. During December it was promoted onsite and staff were reminded what they could do to help.

Jenn Tibbenham from our fuel route team and Liz Roache from Engie helped co-ordinate the push and in the run up to the big day collected 30 boxes of donated toys.



(From L-R) Liz Roache of Engie, EDF's Jenn Tibbenham and Erica Evans, Kent Community Warden with some of the toys donated by staff from Dungeness B.

Dungeness B donated £500 to the Big Community Christmas through our sponsorships and donations fund.



**John Benn**  
Station Director  
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