

Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)

Site Report for Magnox Ltd Oldbury

Report for period 1 July – 30 September 2022

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

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Oldbury Site Stakeholder Group meetings where these reports are presented 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 inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 July to 30 September 2022:

- 13 & 20 July 2022
- 13 & 15 September 2022

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 etc Act 1974 (HSWA74); and
- 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 the 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 the conditions attached to the licence in order to ensure legal compliance. Inspections seek to judge both the adequacy of these arrangements and their implementation.

In this period, routine inspections of Magnox Ltd Oldbury covered the following:

- management of operations including control and supervision;
- emergency preparedness;
- incidents on the site;
- security.

Members of the public, who would like further information on ONR's inspection activities during the reporting period, can view site Intervention Reports at www.onr.org.uk/intervention-records on our website www.onr.org.uk. Should you have any queries regarding our inspection activities, please email contact@onr.gov.uk.

2.2. Other Work

The site inspector attended the Magnox Ltd Oldbury and Berkeley Emergency Planning Consultative meeting at Oldbury on the 13 July 2022 to discuss the emergency exercises conducted during the Covid-19 period, future emergency exercises and continued Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2019 compliance.

The site inspector met with the Magnox Ltd Internal Regulators at the Oldbury site on the 20 July to share joint intelligence on safety compliance at the Oldbury site.

An Annual Review of site safety, security, safeguards and environment performance for the calendar year 2021 was held at Oldbury on the 17 August for the Magnox Ltd Southwest sites (Magnox Ltd Oldbury, Berkeley and Hinkley Point A). Magnox Ltd provided evidence of adequate safety performance during the period and there were no matters raised which had a significant impact on nuclear safety.

The site inspector held regular meetings with the Site Director and weekly keep-in-touch meetings with the operational staff on site to discuss regulatory issues, site incidents, future permissioning and progress with significant decommissioning milestone delivery.

The site inspector held a periodic meeting with safety representatives, to support their function of representing employees and receiving information on matters affecting their health, safety and welfare at work.

3. Non-Routine Matters

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

There were no such matters or events of significance during the period.

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' (LIs) but can take other forms. In addition, inspectors may take a range of enforcement actions, to include issuing an Enforcement Notice.

- No LIs, Enforcement Notices or Enforcement letters were issued during this period.

5. News from ONR

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