

# Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)

## Site Report for

### Devonshire Dock Complex, Barrow

Report for period 1 July - 31 December 2021

#### 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 BAE Systems Local Liaison Committee and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llic/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend BAE Systems Local Liaison Committee 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 - 31 December 2021:

- 28 & 29 September
- 14 October
- 2 & 3 November
- 15 December

## 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); 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 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 Devonshire Dock Complex, Barrow covered the following:

- plant construction and/or commissioning;
- emergency preparedness;
- quality assurance and records;
- conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety;

During the reporting period, ONR judged the arrangements made and implemented by the site in response to safety requirements to be satisfactory in the areas inspected. Where improvements have been identified, the licensee has made a commitment to address those issues, and ONR inspectors will closely monitor progress during future site inspections.

Where necessary, ONR will take formal regulatory enforcement action to ensure that appropriate remedial measures are implemented to reasonably practicable timescales.

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](http://www.onr.org.uk/intervention-records) on our website [www.onr.org.uk](http://www.onr.org.uk).

Should you have any queries regarding our inspection activities, please email [contact@onr.gov.uk](mailto:contact@onr.gov.uk).

During this period the following routine activities took place:

- the site annual review of safety; and
- emergency exercises and review meetings.

## 2.2. Other Work

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.

Barrow schedule regular regulatory interface meetings (RIF's) covering overview of the build programmes, improvements to the site safety cases and their implementation. They also covered regulatory Issues progress and oversight of the site redevelopment project (SRP) work. This included regulatory oversight of the construction of the new facilities on the licensed site. The ONR Site and Project Inspectors both attended these meeting (usually virtually) during the period.

At the quarterly regulatory interface meetings (known as the level 3 RIF) ONR were, along with DNSR, the Environment Agency and BAESML, able to agree the Hold Point Control Plan and SRP Overarching strategy documents. These documents set out an agreed position between regulators and the dutyholder as to when ONR will engage with projects, where BAESML will seek specific permissions to proceed and what engagement will take place to support these permissions.

### 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.

Matters and events of particular note during the period were:

- An incident report was generated by BAE in relation to Astute Boat 5 launch. BAESML followed their arrangements and investigated this incident providing ONR with a follow-up report. The Site Inspector was content with the outcome of this investigation and the actions being implemented and no further regulatory follow-up was identified.

## 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.

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

## 5. News from ONR

For the latest news and information from ONR, please read and subscribe to our regular email newsletter 'ONR News' at [www.onr.org.uk/onrnews](http://www.onr.org.uk/onrnews)

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