

Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)

Site Report for Dungeness A

Report for period 1 October – 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 of the Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually 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 inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 October – 31 December 2021:

Licence Conditions 11 and 36 on 9 November.

Additionally, two ONR nuclear safety inspectors carried out an inspection of the site's transport management system under the Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2009 on 3 & 4 November.

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, inspections of Dungeness A covered the following:

Licence Condition (LC) 11 – Emergency arrangements. This planned inspection targeted the training of personnel on site who are expected to implement the emergency arrangements. The site inspector examined the arrangements for the training and witnessed the delivery of a training session. It was concluded that the arrangements were adequate and that, despite Covid-19 interruptions to the training programme, training was up to date such that the emergency arrangements could be

implemented if required. The site inspector was satisfied with the content and quality of the training witnessed.

Licence Condition (LC) 36- Organisational capability. This unplanned inspection was carried out to assess the impact of recent resignations and retirements on the site's capability and capacity to safely deliver decommissioning at the site. The inspection found that the site has adequate arrangements in place to maintain the nuclear baseline, and a number of good practices were identified.

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 on our website www.onr.org.uk. Should you have any queries regarding our inspection activities, please email contact@onr.gov.uk.

The site inspector also received an update on decommissioning projects at the site, including the latest information on pond skip sampling. Generally satisfactory progress is being made with risk and hazard reduction, and it was noted that the programme of preparatory work for boiler annexe demolition is progressing to plan.

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:

The site reported a probable workplace transmission of Covid affecting three workers on 15 November under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR) 2013.

The site also reported a minor failure of security equipment which was repaired within an hour.

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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