

Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)

Site Report for Dungeness A

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 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 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

No inspections were carried out during the report period 1 July – 30 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.

No inspections were carried out in this period.

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

During the period the site inspector visited the site on two occasions to discuss progress with decommissioning projects, asset management and safety improvement programmes.

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:

A radiological incident was reported to ONR involving a minor spill of active resin in the Active Effluent Water Treatment Plant. This incident is being investigated by the licensee in accordance with its arrangements.

Also, an accident was reported to ONR involving a RIDDOR reportable injury. The licensee is investigating the incident in accordance with its arrangements. ONR has initiated preliminary enquiries. The accident occurred in a waste handling facility and resulted in a hand injury to a member of staff.

A RIDDOR report was also received due to a possible workplace transmission of Covid.

One minor security incident was also reported to ONR during the period. A loss of CCTV functionality was rectified by the contracted security engineer in accordance with Site Security Plan requirements.

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.

However, ONR has received information from the licensee claiming completion of a decommissioning milestone for the cooling ponds which will now be assessed for adequacy in accordance with ONR's arrangements.

5. News from ONR

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