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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 Stakeholders Group and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Oldbury Site Stakeholders 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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# Inspections

## Date(s) of inspection

ONR inspectors carried out inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 January to 30 June 2024:

* 24 January 2024
* 8 February 2024
* 27 March 2024
* 30 May 2024
* 19 June 2024

# Routine matters

## 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)
* 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 NRS Ltd Oldbury covered the following:

* examination, maintenance, inspection and testing
* management of operations including control and supervision
* staff training, qualifications and experience
* modifications to plant, equipment and safety cases
* plant construction and/or commissioning
* incidents on the site
* radiological protection
* radioactive waste management
* decommissioning
* conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety
* 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](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).

## Other work

The site inspector attended the Magnox Ltd Oldbury, Berkeley and Hinkley Point A Quarterly Regulator Interface Meeting on the 9 January and the 9 April 2024 to discuss issues, events and project milestone updates at the sites. The second meeting included an annual review of safety, security and environmental performance. The overall site performance across the NRS Ltd southwest region remains adequate and no new issues which would significantly impact ONR’s purposes were identified.

The site inspector held regular meetings with the Site Director and weekly keep-in-touch meetings with the operational staff on site. During these meetings they discussed 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.

The site inspector and electrical engineering specialist inspector worked with NRS Ltd Oldbury staff using ONR’s enabling regulation practices to enable the first stage of a bulk isolation of its turbine hall as a pre-cursor to strip out and demolition. The novel approach of electrically isolating the whole site before bulk cutting is a significantly safer approach than ‘traditional’ techniques and was completed over a single weekend. Using of ‘traditional’ cable-by-cable identification and cutting would have taken 30 weeks. All cable cuts were made successfully, with no issues found on site re-energisation. This approach may be of wider benefit to the entire UK nuclear decommissioning programme and the cost savings were significant.

# 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 slips, trips and falls on 8 February resulted in a RIDDOR notification to ONR due to an over-7-day incapacitation of a worker. The site responded appropriately with actions to increase workers’ situational awareness.
* A hand injury on 2 April resulted in a RIDDOR notification to ONR due to an over-7-day incapacitation of a worker. The site responded appropriately with actions to increase workers’ situation awareness and psychological safety training.

# 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.

# 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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