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Foreword

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Site inspectors from ONR usually attend 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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# Inspections

## Date(s) of inspection

The ONR site inspector made inspections and engagements on the following dates during the report period 1 April to 30 June 2024:

* 30 April 2024
* 15 – 16 May 2024
* 3 – 4 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); 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 site covered the following:

* 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

ONR has had positive engagements during the reporting period with the licensee to accommodate a change of ONR site safety inspector.

The site annual review covering safety, safeguards, security and environmental matters was held on 4 June 2024. The review acknowledged improvements regarding cyber security but also recognised challenges that potential growth projects could place on organisational capability. There were six reportable conventional health and safety events in the last calendar year which is a notable increase compared to previous years. The licensee is taking measures to reverse this trend which will be monitored by ONR as part of future routine regulatory interactions.

Meetings have been held with the licensee in preparation for a demonstration of the site’s emergency arrangements, scheduled later in the year.

The site inspector held a routine meeting with safety representatives on the 4 June 2024 to support their function of representing employees and receiving information on matters affecting their health, safety and welfare at work.

# 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 has been one safety-related event relating to initiation of a pressure test on an incorrect system. This led to minor levels of contamination outside of the containment area, which meant two operatives received a small additional radiological dose uptake. The dose received was significantly below annual limits and formal dose assessment requirements as required by the Ionising Radiation Regulations 2017.

The site is currently investigating the circumstances around the event. ONR will review the results for any further regulatory action.

# 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

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