

**HINKLEY POINT SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING 28 OCTOBER 2016**  
**REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE EMERGENCY PLANNING**  
**CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE HELD 8 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Emergency exercise programme**

Hinkley Point A (HPA), Hinkley Point B (HPB) and Hinkley Point C (HPC) highlighted the dates on which they held emergency exercises since the last meeting, providing confidence in the overall readiness of emergency response arrangements at the three sites.

HPA reported that since the last meeting the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) issued a letter for the site to move to approved contingency arrangements based on the current hazard on site. HPA now undertake two contingency exercises a month with a demonstration to ONR on 12 November 2016. The next counter terrorism (CT) exercise, observed by ONR Civil Nuclear Security, will be 20 February 2017.

HPB reported that a Level 1 exercise, observed by ONR, was successfully demonstrated on 14 June 2016; and a counter terrorism exercise, observed by ONR Civil Nuclear Security, was successfully demonstrated on 13 July 2016. The programme of shift exercises is continuing. The next Level 1 exercise will take place on 14 June 2017, and the date of the next CT exercise is being discussed.

HPC reported on the site operations exercises and emergency exercises that had taken place or were planned throughout 2016.

Avon and Somerset Constabulary (ASC) reported that a Local Resilience Forum exercise took place at Oldbury in May 2016, and included a test of the Portishead Strategic Coordination Centre, Media Briefing Centre and the Science and Technical Advice Cell. A report on the exercise will be issued by South Gloucestershire Council and Magnox Limited.

The Environment Agency advised a full national flood demonstration exercise is planned for 11/12 October 2016.

**National issues**

The Assistant Chief Constable of ASC has recently taken over the chair of the National Police Nuclear Group and the next meeting is to be held in November or December 2016.

There are forthcoming changes to the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001 and the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999, arising from adoption of the Basic Safety Standards Directive. Consultation will be taking place next year.

**Activation of emergency arrangements**

There has been no activation of emergency arrangements on any of the three sites.

Since the last EPCC in March 2016 ambulances have been called to site as follows: HPB on four occasions for persons feeling unwell; and HPC on four occasions for persons feeling unwell. Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service attended Combwich District Survey Laboratory following the activation of the fire detection and suppression system caused by a fault IT equipment. There was no fire and the visit was to confirm personnel could safely enter the building.

ASC reported in May 2016 they, and other emergency services, responded to a World War II bomb in Bath which highlighted learning opportunities in dealing with public response to evacuation requests. A report will be issued.

### **Review of changes affecting emergency plans**

HPA reported that following agreement with ONR their Emergency Plan and Handbook has now been replaced with the Hinkley Approved Accident and Emergency Arrangements.

HPB reported their Emergency Handbook has been updated and reissued to include additional equipment and processes post Fukushima, and to bring together emergency and security responses.

HPC confirmed their Emergency Plan is awaiting final sign off for issue, and the Emergency Handbook is under review.

EDF Energy Emergency Planning Group noted the Central Emergency Support Centre, Barnwood is to be refurbished and during this period alternative arrangements will be put in place.

### **Calendar and stable iodine tablet distribution**

The meeting was informed that the 2017 public information calendars are being put through final review and will be distributed within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ) in December 2016.

The current stock of stable iodine tablets within the DEPZ is due for replacement in 2017 and the process for procurement and distribution is currently progressing. Somerset Local Authorities Civil Contingencies Unit and EDF Energy are reviewing the six year period between distributions for residents to reflect concerns about the potential for lost/misplaced tablets.

As mentioned in the last EPCC report, in conjunction with the marketing consultancy agency, N-Vision, EDF Energy is commissioning a residents survey within the DEPZ. This was scheduled for June/July 2016 but is taking place at the end of this month. This will gain confirmation that residents have supplies of stable iodine tablets last received in 2013, as well as a copy of the public information calendar, and will also be used as an opportunity to ensure the company has up to date telephone contacts for the emergency contact database. Residents will be reassured the telephone numbers will only be used to receive warnings and information messages from the HPB off-site nuclear emergency information system, in line with the Data Protection Act.

### **Date of next meeting**

The date of the next EPCC meeting is scheduled for 8 March 2017.