



# Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Winfrith

Report for period 1 January 2017 – 31 March 2017

## 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 quarterly to members for the Winfrith Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Winfrith 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 against the licensee, Magnox Ltd on the following dates during the quarter:

- 27 – 28 February 2017

The ONR site inspector was accompanied by a Leadership and Management for Safety Specialist Inspector and a liabilities specialist inspector

The ONR site inspector and a liabilities specialist inspector also attended the following meeting during this quarter:

- 22 February 2017 - Steam Generating Heavy Water Reactor End State Workshop to seek stakeholder Views and Values

The ONR site inspector undertook pre-licensing inspections against Tradebe-Inutec Ltd and attended meetings concerning Tradebe-Inutec Ltd's application for a nuclear site licence on the following dates:

- 24 January 2017 (Meeting held at Harwell)
- 1 March 2017

A licensing specialist and a liabilities specialist inspector also attended these interventions as required.

## 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 1999 (IRR99) 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, routine inspections of Winfrith covered the following Licence Conditions (LC):

- LC2 Marking of the Site Boundary
- LC17 Management Systems
- LC36 Organisational Capability

In general, ONR judged the arrangements made and implemented by the site in response to safety requirements to be adequate in the areas inspected. However, where improvements were considered necessary, the licensee made satisfactory commitments to address the

issues, and the site inspector will monitor progress during future visits. Where necessary, ONR will take formal regulatory enforcement action to ensure that appropriate remedial measures are implemented to reasonably practicable timescales.

## **2.2 Other work**

The site inspector and a liabilities specialist inspector attended the Steam Generating Heavy Water Reactor End State Workshop that was held at Springfield Country Hotel, Wareham on 22 February 2017. The purpose of this meeting was to seek stakeholders' views concerning this matter.

Tradebe-Inutec Ltd has formally applied for a nuclear site licence for its operations on the Winfrith Site and has supplied an application dossier to ONR. ONR continues to assess this application in order to determine Tradebe-Inutec Ltd's suitability to hold a nuclear site licence for its undertakings at Winfrith.

## **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.

There were no such matters or events of significance during the period

## **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 issue Enforcement Notices to secure improvements to safety.

No Licence Instruments or Enforcement Notices have been issued during the period.

Reports detailing the above regulatory decisions can be found on the ONR website at <http://www.onr.org.uk/pars/>.

## 5 NEWS FROM ONR

### New reactors update:

- ONR received a request from Government to begin the Generic Design Assessment process for the UK HPR1000 in January. The reactor is now in Step 1 of the GDA process.
- On 30 March, ONR issued Design Acceptance Confirmation for the AP1000® nuclear reactor, designed by Westinghouse. The regulators required 51 GDA issues to be resolved before confirming suitability of the design.
- ONR granted its first consent for the start of construction at Hinkley Point C licensed site. The consent covers the placement of the structural concrete for the first nuclear safety-related structure at the site.
- On 31 March, Horizon Nuclear Power submitted its application for a nuclear site licence to build and operate two UK Advanced Boiling Water Reactors at Wylfa Newydd on Anglesey.

### Quarterly statement of civil incidents

ONR published its quarterly statement of civil incidents reporting on the period October-December 2016. There was one incident which met ministerial reportable criteria at Dounreay involving contamination of workers' clothing. There was no detectable intake of radioactive material by any of the people involved in the incident.

Insight into ONR's work as an independent regulator of the nuclear industry can be found in ONR's Regulation Matters. The online publication (<http://www.onr.org.uk/regulation-matters.htm>) reports on the key themes and developments in each of ONR's regulatory programmes and provides an update about the ongoing changes at ONR. <http://www.onr.org.uk/index.htm>. For the latest news and updates from ONR visit the website and sign up for our ebulletin (<http://www.onr.org.uk/ebulletin/index.htm>).

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