

## Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group

### SEPA Update on Hunterston A

#### HUNTERSTON SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING,

7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at the Waterside Hotel, Seamill

#### Regulation

##### Radioactive Substances Act 1993 (RSA)

SEPA has formally inspected the Hunterston A in relation to its RSA Authorisation once since the last SSG report. On 24 May 2018, SEPA inspected the site's procedures for managing and maintaining their active ventilation systems.

The inspection served to follow up on discussions held with the site resulting from a minor Environmental Maintenance Schedule event which the site reported to SEPA February 2018. This related to the failure to undertake a routine monthly check of the differential pressure across an operating filter system. This occurred as it was assumed erroneously that the filter had been turned off for routine maintenance.

No contraventions were found during the inspection, and it was noted that procedures in the site's management system had been used to capture the learning arising from the event.

SEPA also had a number of technical meetings with the site. These meetings have focussed on ongoing projects intended to support the decommissioning of the site. Recent meetings focused on Best Practicable Means and the development of the Solid Intermediate Level Waste Encapsulation plant and the site's ongoing work to manage the redundant Miscellaneous Sludge Retention tanks.

No major issues have been raised with respect to the following regulatory regimes:

1. Pollution Prevention & Control (PPC)
2. Control of Major Accidents Hazards (COMAH)
3. Controlled Activities Regulations (CAR)
4. European Union Emission Trading Scheme (EUETS)

#### Events

There were no reportable incidents, complaints or non-compliance events affecting SEPA's interests at the station known to have occurred since the last meeting of the SSG at the time of writing this report.

#### Radioactivity in Food & the Environment (RIFE)

SEPA works together with the Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales, Northern Ireland Environment Agency, Food Standards Scotland and Food Standards Agency on the radiological monitoring of food and the environment, and in publishing the results. The reports aim to provide an in-depth assessment of radioactivity in food and the environment in the UK and the public's exposure to radiation. The reports focus on key information that demonstrates both that food remains safe and that the public's exposure to ionising radiation is within legal limits.

The latest edition (RIFE 22) covering 2016 has been published and electronic copies can be obtained from SEPA's website: [www.sepa.org.uk](http://www.sepa.org.uk) under "*Environment/Radioactive Substances/Environmental monitoring and assessment/Reports*".

### **Scottish Pollutant Release Inventory (SPRI)**

The Scottish Pollutant Release Inventory (SPRI) is a publicly accessible electronic database of releases of pollutants to all environmental media and transfers of non-radioactive waste. SEPA intends that, as far as practicable, SPRI be the principle means by which information on Scottish pollutant releases and non-radioactive waste transfers is collected and made public. Wherever possible, such information will be collected and presented by this one system.

The data for 2016, including that from Hunterston A, have been published and are available on SEPA's website: [www.sepa.org.uk](http://www.sepa.org.uk) under "*Environment/Environmental data/SPRI*".

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