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Quarterly site report for Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment (NRTE) Dounreay

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Foreword

This report is issued as part of the Office for Nuclear Regulation's (ONR) commitment to make information about inspection and regulatory activities relating to Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment available to the public. Reports are distributed quarterly to members of the Dounreay Stakeholders Group and are also available on the ONR website (www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/llc).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend the Dounreay Stakeholders Group and will respond to any questions raised there by the members of the group. Any other person wishing to inquire about matters covered by this report should contact ONR.

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Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment (NRTE), Dounreay

The majority of sites inspected by ONR are licensed by HSE under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 (as amended). The Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment (NRTE) in Dounreay is not a licensed site although it operates under Authorisation from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator (DNSR). The site is adjacent to the Dounreay licensed site and is regulated by ONR through other legislation as noted below. This report summarises the inspection and regulatory activities associated with the Vulcan NRTE which are co-ordinated with inspections by DNSR.

ONR Site Inspectors did not make any inspection visits to the Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment (NRTE) during this quarter.

Routine matters

Inspections on site are undertaken as part of monitoring compliance with:

1. The Health and Safety at Work etc Act (HSWA) 1974 and
2. Regulations made under the HSWA for example the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (IRR99), the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001 (REPIR) and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSW99)

There were no routine inspections undertaken this quarter.

Non-routine matters

Operators are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the operator's response including actions taken to implement any necessary improvements.

There were no items of particular note during the current reporting period.

Regulatory activity

Under health and safety legislation ONR site inspectors, and other HSE inspectors, may issue enforcement (Crown) notices to secure improvements to safety.

No enforcement (Crown) notices were issued during the quarter.

News from ONR

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