

VULCAN NAVAL REACTOR TEST ESTABLISHMENT**DNSR QUARTERLY REPORT****1 July to 30 September 2013****FOREWORD**

This report is issued as part of the Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator's (DNSR's) commitment to make information about inspection and regulatory activities relating to the Defence Nuclear Programme¹ available to the workforce and the public. The Secretary of State for Defence is answerable to Parliament for the safety of all defence activities; he has issued a Health, Safety and Environmental Protection Policy Statement requiring the Ministry of Defence (MoD) to comply with legislation, and where there are exemptions relating to defence activities, to make, so far as is practicable, arrangements at least as good as those required by legislation. DNSR is empowered to regulate nuclear and radiological safety in the Defence Nuclear Programme. This is achieved in a manner that complements and joins up with the work of statutory regulators².

Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment (NRTE) is an Authorised Site under MoD regulation; Authorisation is a process akin to licensing under the Nuclear Installations Act. Statutory regulators have roles under general health, safety and environmental legislation, and DNSR Inspectors work closely with them; this report should be read in conjunction with theirs. The report is made available to members of the Dounreay Stakeholder Group. Where possible, a DNSR Inspector will attend Stakeholder Group meetings and will respond to any questions raised. Additionally, DNSR Inspectors may be contacted at their offices at Abbey Wood, Bristol.

PERIOD OF THIS REPORT

1. This report covers the quarterly reporting period from 1 July to 30 September 2013.

ROUTINE MATTERS

2. Routine visits to the site are made for the purpose of undertaking pre-planned examinations of the adequacy of safety management, examinations of Authorisation Condition (AC) compliance or compliance with other regulations or attending formal meetings with site management or their representatives.
3. During this period, three Routine visits were made to Vulcan NRTE by DNSR:
 - a. **25 July 2013.** To inspect arrangements relating to the accumulation and storage of radioactive material. The arrangements were found to be adequate.
 - b. **1 - 2 August 2013.** DNSR observed the Vulcan Site Safety Committee's process in providing independent safety advice to the Naval Superintendent.
 - c. **25 - 26 September 2013.** DNSR inspected arrangements for the transport and consignment of nuclear matter. The arrangements were found to be adequate. DNSR also attended the Dounreay Stakeholder Group.

¹ Comprising the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Programme (NNPP) and the Nuclear Weapon Programme (NWP).

² The Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR), the Environment Agency (EA) and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA).

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PERMISSION AND ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

4. DNSR has not granted permission for any new activities during this quarter. DNSR has not placed any regulatory enforcement actions on the Naval Superintendent in this quarter.

NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

5. Non-routine matters may be incidents or situations revealed during routine inspections or visits; they may require special action by DNSR. No non-routine matters arose during this period.

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