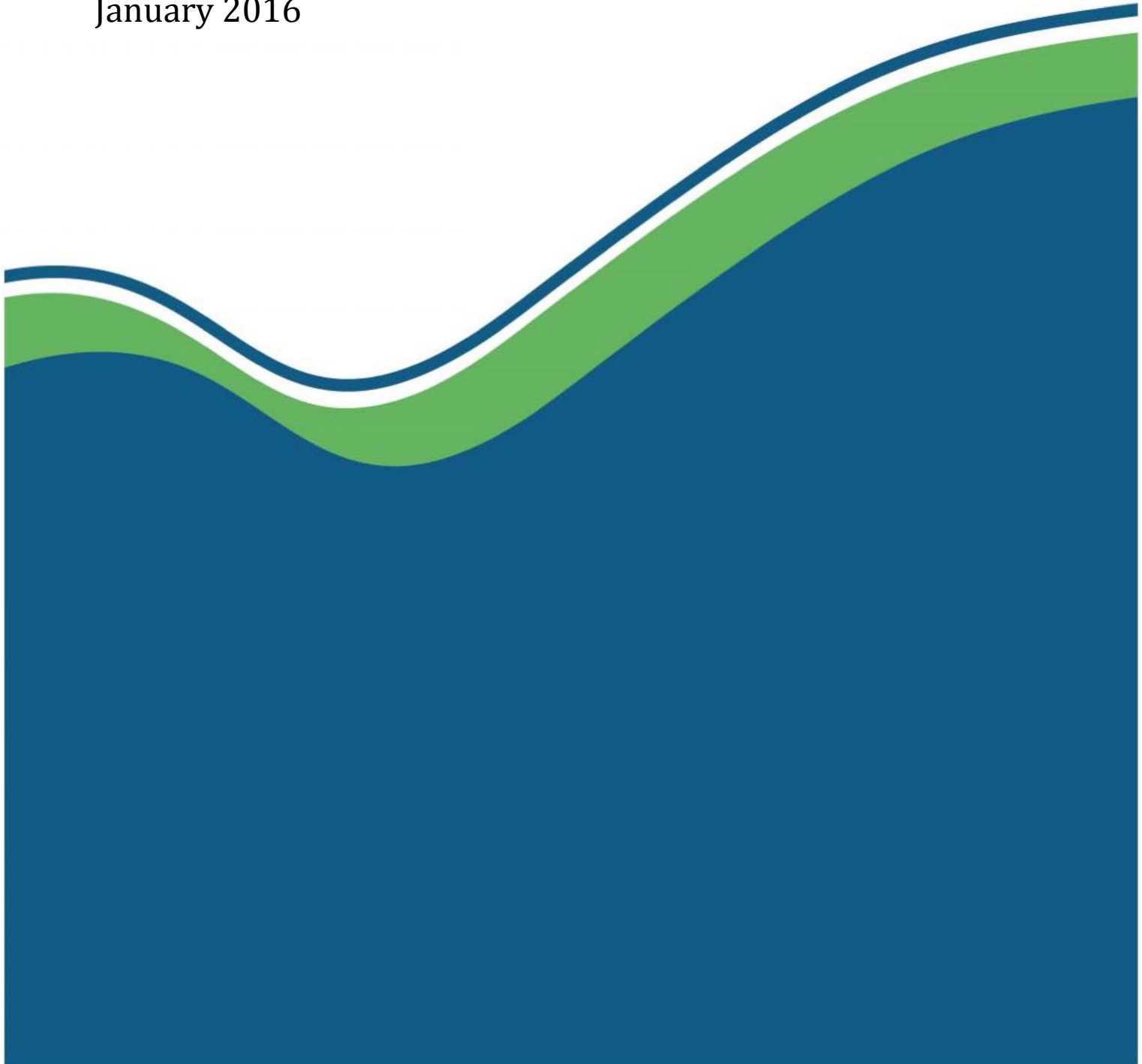




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Site Restoration Sub Group Update Report
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Site Inspection Work & RSA Compliance

In November SEPA undertook an inspection of DSRL's implementation of management arrangements across the Reactors and FCA as a follow on from the October inspection. A number of non-compliances were identified which related to the failure to implement BPM requirements by facilities; maintenance and inspection requirements; documentation storage and the implementation of Environmental Operating Rules. A number of actions were left with DSRL in relation to these.

Other Site Work

In November SEPA participated in meetings relating to the Unirradiated Exotics fuels programme of work.

Low Level Radioactive Waste Facility

SEPA undertook a further inspection of waste disposed of to the facility, along with DSRL's disposal records in relation to sample of waste packages. SEPA found the same issues relating to the consideration of alternatives to disposal of LLW as had previously been identified. DSRL have shared draft documents, which have been commented on by SEPA, setting out how this issue will be addressed. DSRL have advised the final documents will be submitted to SEPA by the end of January.

Site End State

SEPA and DSRL held a technical meeting in November where DSRL provided an overview of their current Interim End State (IES) and the process to achieve IES as specified in their contract with the NDA.

In addition, DSRL provided an overview of their proposed programme for assessing the Dounreay site's impact on groundwater in the context of the Groundwater Daughter Directive (GWDD).

SEPA confirmed that interim guidance relating to the potential application of a number of exemptions under the GWDD will be made available to DSRL in early 2016. This precedes the release of the revised version of SEPA's extant WAT-PS-10-01 guidance. SEPA will also be releasing for consultation guidance on the revocation of Authorisations made under the Radioactive Substances Act (1993) in early 2016.

The next technical meeting will be held in February 2016

PRAG(D) Report

The PRAG(D) report is currently under development, the bulk of the Chapters for the report have now been completed and these have been compiled. A first full draft has been sent to authors for review by end January 2016. If no significant changes are required to the document a second draft will be sent to members by end February 2016 with request for responses by end March 2016. Assuming no significant issues arise during the development of the report it is currently planned that the finalised report should be availability at end April / early May 2016. However this date may be advanced or pushed back depending on the responses (both in terms of timescale and extent of comments) from the PRAG(D) members.

Non-Nuclear Site Regulation

DSRL reported elevated pH result from a sample taken from Outfall 1 on Monday 21 December. A repeat sample was taken the following day, which showed pH levels had returned to normal. DSRL undertook an investigation, but no cause for the elevated sample result was identified.

Planning

Nil to Report

Vulcan

Nil to Report

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