



Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) Quarterly Site Report for Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment

Report for period 01 October to 31 December 2016

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 Dounreay Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/lrc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Dounreay 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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Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment (NRTE)

The majority of sites inspected by ONR are licensed under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 (as amended). Vulcan NRTE 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 ONR inspection and other regulatory activities associated with Vulcan NRTE which are co-ordinated with inspections by DNSR.

1 INSPECTIONS

1.1 Dates of inspection

During this period no on-site inspections were undertaken by ONR. However, ONR inspectors attended meetings to discuss arrangements for future emergency exercise demonstrations and to provide advice in relation to application of the Nuclear Reactors (Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning) Regulations 1999 (EIADR) to NRTE Vulcan.

2 ROUTINE MATTERS

2.1 Inspections

Inspections are undertaken as part of the process for monitoring compliance with the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA74); and regulations made under HSWA74, for example the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 (IRR99), the Radiation (Emergency Preparedness and Public Information) Regulations 2001 (REPPPIR), and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR99).

No on-site inspections were undertaken this quarter.

2.2 Other work

The ONR Site Inspector participated in a meeting with Vulcan NRTE, Highland Council and Dounreay Sites Restoration Limited to provide input to planning for future emergency exercise demonstrations.

A meeting was held between the NRTE Vulcan Decommissioning Project Manager, the ONR Site Inspector and ONR specialists to enable the Project Manager to gain an overview and understanding of the Nuclear Reactors (Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning) Regulations 1999 (EIADR) requirements and the working interface between ONR and the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA).

3 NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

Authorisees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the authorisee'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 inspectors may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. No such documents were issued during this period.

5 NEWS FROM ONR

External Stakeholder events

On 1 November 2016, ONR held its Industry Conference in London, which brought together senior leaders from across the nuclear sector. We were pleased to welcome Baroness Neville-Rolfe DBE CMG, Minister of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to this year's conference who delivered the keynote speech. A special edition of Regulation matters has been published following the conference, which provides a summary of how the day unfolded.

As part of our commitment to engage regularly with all our stakeholder groups, we were pleased to welcome 17 representatives from a number of organisations to our ONR / NGO forum on 30 November in London. The event provided an opportunity for NGO representatives to meet with a number of senior ONR leaders, including our Chief Executive and Chief Nuclear Inspector, to discuss a number of priority issues.

Regulation Matters magazine

Insight into ONR's work as an independent regulator of the nuclear industry can be found in Regulation Matters. This quarterly 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 on-going changes at ONR. For the latest news and updates from ONR, you can also visit the website and sign up for our e-bulletin: <http://www.onr.org.uk/index.htm>.

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