



Dounreay Stakeholder Group
Site Restoration Sub Group Update Report
July 2018



Site Inspection Work & RSA Compliance

During June SEPA received an update from DSRL on current and future projects being undertaken in the Fuel Cycle Area, the Shaft and Silo retrieval project development and from DSRL's Waste function on its consideration of future opportunities to apply BPM to its management of DSRL's waste along with an update on the Higher Activity Waste strategy and plans for long term storage onsite. SEPA also met with DSRL to discuss progress in relation to the shaft monitoring boreholes improvement works.

SEPA undertook a compliance inspection within the FCA looking at DSRL management arrangements and implementation of BPM along with improvements to DSRL arrangements for the consignment of Low Level Waste.

SEPA has received a request from DSRL to begin transferring environmental records currently stored in the Dounreay Archive to the Nucleus Archive in Wick.

SEPA is currently determining an application from DSRL to vary the site RSA authorisation. DSRL's application requested the addition of one new stack associated with the decommissioning of the Dounreay Materials Test Reactor (DMTR) facility to the list of authorised gaseous discharge outlets and the reallocation of some gaseous discharge subsidiary-limits. The variation application does not include any request to change the overall gaseous site discharge limits, which limit the gaseous discharges from the site as a whole.

Low Level Radioactive Waste Facility

Nothing to report.

Site End State

Technical meeting was held with DSRL to discuss Environmental Reference Concentrations for soil and groundwater (i.e. natural background levels). DSRL have undertaken to revisit the report prepared in relation to Groundwater and to providing further information to SEPA in relation to soils.

Non-Nuclear Site Regulation

Damage to outfall 2 had caused a blockage of gravel and rock in the pipe which resulted in sewage effluent being discharged via the emergency overflow, repairs are now taking place and the effluent is now being discharged via the licensed discharge point again.

Planning

In June planning application 17/04919/FUL covering Dounreay Phase 3 was approved by The Highland Council, subject to planning conditions.

Vulcan

Nothing to report.

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