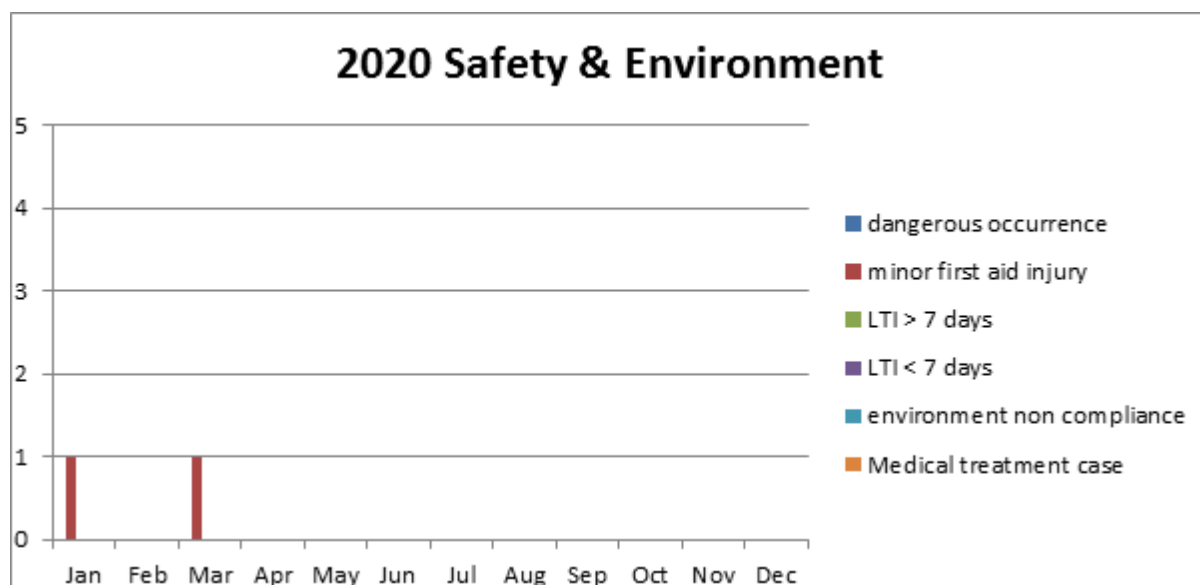


**VULCAN NRTE Report to the DSG – April 2020****Health and Safety**

In January a contractor received a minor first aid injury when he grazed his wrist whilst accessing the soap dispenser in the kitchen.

In March an employee suffered a minor first aid injury when he tripped on the lip of a floor plate.

**Environment**

There were no environmental non-compliance incidents during the reporting period.

**Radioactive Waste Disposal**

At the end of March 2020, the annual rolling discharge (expressed as a percentage against the maximum detailed in the SEPA letter of agreement) was:

	Type	Percentage
<b>Gaseous</b>	Noble Gases	0%
	Other radionuclides not specifically listed, taken together.	22.2%
<b>Liquid</b>	All other radionuclides not specifically listed, taken together.	0.1%
	Tritium	0.4%
<b>Solid</b>	Other Radionuclides	0%

## COVID-19

In line with UK Government policy, appropriate steps have been taken to ensure the safety and security of Vulcan NRTE and its staff in response to the current COVID-19 Pandemic. Site staff are being directed to work from home wherever practical with arrangements being optimised to support remote working.

## Shore Test Facility Programme

Preparations are being progressed to complete defuel.

## Events

An incorrectly administered package containing a small radioactive source was received on site on 20 Feb. The package met the conditions for an excepted package and will, therefore, have presented no impact to public safety. ONR were notified. The consignor of the package is conducting an investigation.

## Inspection / Audit Programme

The DNSR inspection programme is under review in view of COVID-19 constraints. The Lonestar emergency exercise has been deferred from June and is currently envisaged to be rescheduled for later this year. The Annual Review of Safety has not been deferred at this time:

Year	Month	Auditor	Audit/Subject
2020	Aug	DNSR Hd	Annual Review of Safety

The formal report has now been received on the outcome of the Systems Based Inspection of the STF Active Ventilation System conducted in January. No Corrective Actions or Recommendations were made.

## Vulcan Defuel and Decommissioning Programme

The Vulcan Defuel and Decommissioning (VDAD) Project remains focussed on detailed planning and the approvals required for defuel and fuel management activities that will continue on the site until 2022. The VDAD Project team have issued the Prior Information Note for the site decommissioning competition; this constitutes the first stage of the commercial process.

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