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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 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 where these reports are presented 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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1. Inspections

1.1. Date(s) of Inspection

The ONR site inspector made inspections on the following dates during the report period April – September 2023:

- Ionising Radiation Regulation 2017 Compliance Inspection – 19 September 2023

2. Routine Matters

2.1. Inspections

Inspections are undertaken as part of the process for monitoring compliance with:

- the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 (HSWA74); and
- regulations made under HSWA74, for example the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (IRR17) and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR99).

The inspections entail monitoring the dutyholders actions on the site in relation to incidents, operations, maintenance, modifications, and any other matters that may affect safety. The dutyholder is required to make and implement adequate arrangements in line with regulations in order to ensure legal compliance. Inspections seek to judge both the adequacy of these arrangements and their implementation.

In this period, routine inspections of site covered the following:

- management of operations including control and supervision;
- staff training, qualifications and experience;
- radiological protection;
- conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety;

Members of the public, who would like further information on ONR's inspection activities during the reporting period, can view site Intervention Reports at www.onr.org.uk/intervention-records on our website www.onr.org.uk.

Should you have any queries regarding our inspection activities, please email contact@onr.gov.uk.

2.2. Other Work

The site inspector and a radiological protection specialist inspector held a meeting with the site to discuss progress in updating the sites radiation risk assessments to address the regulatory issue raised in the 2022 IRR inspection.

The site inspector attended the Dounreay stakeholder group to provide an update on regulatory activities undertaken at NRTE Vulcan.

The site inspector held a periodic meeting with safety representatives, to support their function of representing employees and receiving information on matters affecting their health, safety and welfare at work.

3. Non-Routine Matters

Dutyholders are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the dutyholder'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 may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Inspectors may take a range of enforcement actions, to include issuing an Enforcement Notice.

No Enforcement Notices or Enforcement letters were issued during this period.

5. News from ONR

For the latest news and information from ONR, please read and subscribe to our regular email newsletter 'ONR News' at www.onr.org.uk/onrnews.

6. Contacts

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