

Dounreay Site Stakeholder Group

Site Restoration Sub-Group



Organisational Update

SEPA are currently recruiting for a number of posts across all areas of the Radioactive Substances Unit with applications set to close on 5th May. During March a member of the Dounreay regulatory team moved to a new opportunity outwith the organisation therefore work is being prioritised while recruitment is ongoing.

Site Inspection Work & EASR Compliance

During the reporting period SEPA has engaged regularly with Dounreay on matters relating to ongoing projects including FCA decommissioning, Reactor Decommissioning, Fuels, Shaft & Silo, Low Level Waste Pits. SEPA remains content that work is progressing in a manner compliant with the requirements of EASR.

In April SEPA undertook a compliance inspection of the site statutory gaseous samplers including arrangements for acceptance into service, maintenance and checking of systems. SEPA is considering the findings of the inspection and will be communicating the outcome to NRS in due course.

SEPA met with the newly appointed Balance of Site Director, Naomi Mawby during the April site visit.

Variation Application

SEPA has determined the variation application to add an additional gaseous discharge stack to support decommissioning of the PFR facility. The variation does not make any change to current discharge limits and is intended to be issued imminently.

Low Level Radioactive Waste Facility

SEPA continue to engage with the LLWF team on a regular basis and are content that the facility continues to operate in a compliant manner.

Progress continues with the determination of the permit application for variation with peer review expected to take place towards the middle of 2024.

Non-Nuclear Site Regulation

In March SEPA undertook an inspection of the Waste Management Licence WML/L/1095876 and found the site to be operating in compliance with the licence.

SEPA continues to engage with Dounreay in relation to the new Non-Active Drainage System.

Vulcan

Nothing to report.

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