

Dounreay Site Stakeholder Group

Site Restoration Sub-Group



Site Inspection Work & EASR Compliance

During the reporting period SEPA has engaged regularly with Dounreay at a programme level or directly with project teams on matters relating to ongoing projects including Waste Management, FCA decommissioning, Reactor decommissioning and the Shaft & Silo Waste Retrieval Project.

SEPA visited site in April to undertake a compliance inspection of arrangements for the transfer of radioactive waste and arrangements for assessment of public exposure and the environment. SEPA found the site arrangements to be in accordance with the requirements of EASR. During the visit SEPA was briefed on the Near Term Work Plan for the Reactors and Balance of Site programmes.

In April SEPA undertook a compliance inspection via MS Teams of work orders for external gaseous discharge systems and found the arrangements to be in accordance with EASR. SEPA will be engaging with NRS on its arrangements for the management of corrective work orders which are not completed by the specified due date.

SEPA visited site in July to undertake a compliance inspection of solid waste management arrangements and found the site arrangements to be in accordance with the requirements of EASR. During the visit SEPA was briefed on the Near Term Work Plan for the FCA programme and the planned work activities for General Site Areas.

SEPA has engaged with Dounreay to be updated on progress to address occurrences of discharges of very small amounts of radioactivity via the non-active drainage system and will be undertaking further work to monitor the site's progress on this matter in the coming months.

Variation Application

SEPA determination of the EASR permit variation application from NRS-Dounreay to make changes to the list of authorised gaseous outlets and remove a specified waste transfer route remains ongoing. The application does not request any change to current discharge limits.

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.

SEPA undertook a compliance inspection of the LLWF in late June looking at conditions related to the waste compliance test plan. Findings of the inspection are under consideration at the time of writing.

Progress continues with the determination of the application to vary the site permit.

Dounreay Non-Nuclear Site Regulation

SEPA continue to engage with Dounreay in relation to the new Non-Active Drain System.

Vulcan

In July SEPA visited Vulcan to be provided an update on the new reporting tool for the gaseous, liquid and solid waste discharges/ transfers and discussed the work being undertaken to determine the stack sampling ratios for the three gaseous discharge stacks on site.

Vulcan Non-Nuclear Site Regulation

Vulcan has made application for MCP (Medium Combustion Plant) permit.

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