

Dounreay Site Stakeholder Group

Site Restoration Sub-Group



SEPA organisational update

With effect from 1st April 2026 a new structure in relation to SEPA's Radioactive Substances function came into effect. The Regulation and Science teams now sit within the Specialist Regulation function under Gary Walker and the Policy and Guidance team sits within the Office of the Chief Regulator under Paul Dale.

Site Inspection Work & EASR Compliance

During the reporting period SEPA has engaged regularly with Dounreay at a programme level or directly with project teams or facilities on matters including permit compliance, waste management, FCA decommissioning, Reactor decommissioning, Balance of Site projects including Shaft & Silo, laboratory activities and beach monitoring.

In March SEPA undertook a compliance inspection at the Dounreay site of NRS' arrangements in relation to the assessment of permit compliance following identification of issues and the provision of notification to SEPA of actual or potential permit contraventions.

In its inspection findings SEPA made a number of recommendations in relation to NRS' investigation arrangements. SEPA recorded NRS as compliant with the following standard conditions:

- A.9.1, relating to the requirement to inform SEPA where a requirement of your authorisation is being, has been, or might be contravened
- A.9.2, relating to the requirements to confirm the information in the notification in writing, carry out an investigation, record the investigation results, ensure corrective measures are carried out and send a summary of your investigation to SEPA
- A.1.1, relating to the requirement to have adequate financial and human resources
- A.3.1, relating to the requirement to have, implement and maintain written procedures

As previously reported, in July 2025 SEPA issued a Regulatory Notice to NRS in relation to the leak of radioactively contaminated water from the D2001 Carbon Bed Filter (CBF) to ground on the Dounreay site. The Regulatory Notice included steps requiring NRS to: review the groundwater monitoring arrangements; produce a programme for the implementation of recommendations from the review of groundwater monitoring arrangements and assess ongoing

compliance with standard condition G.1.2 in relation to discharges from the CBF. NRS has provided SEPA with its responses to these three steps, which SEPA has reviewed. SEPA's compliance assessment concluded that NRS has addressed the requirements of Steps 1, 2 and 3 of the Regulatory Notice and has returned to compliance with standard condition G.1.2.

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.

Non-Nuclear Site Regulation

Nothing to note.

Vulcan

Nothing to note.

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