



HM NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS INSPECTORATE

MAGNOX SOUTH LTD - BERKELEY SITE

SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP REPORT

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR 1st OCTOBER to 31st DECEMBER 2009

FOREWORD

This report is issued as part of the Health and Safety Executive's commitment to make information about inspection and regulatory activities relating to the above site available to the public. It is for distribution to members of the Berkeley Site's Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) and covers activities associated with the regulation of safety at Berkeley Site. These reports are distributed quarterly and are also available on the HSE's web site¹. Site Inspectors of HM Nuclear Installations Inspectorate attend SSG meetings and will respond to questions raised there by members of the SSG. Any other person wishing to inquire about matters covered by this report should contact the HSE's Nuclear Directorate on 0151-951-3484/3290.

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¹ <http://www.hse.gov.uk/nuclear/lhc/index.htm>

INSPECTIONS

The Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII) Site Inspector visited Berkeley Site during the quarter. Inspections were made on the following days:

21st – 22nd October 2009
4th – 5th November 2009
9th – 12th November 2009

ROUTINE MATTERS

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

- (i) the conditions attached by HSE/NII to the nuclear site licence;
- (ii) the Health and Safety at Work etc Act (HSWA) 1974 and
- (iii) regulations made under the HSWA for example the Ionising Radiations Regulations 1999 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999.

This entails monitoring licensee's actions on the site in relation to incidents, operations, maintenance, projects, modifications, safety case changes and any other matters which may affect safety. The licensees/operators are required to make and implement adequate arrangements under the conditions attached to the licence in order to ensure legal compliance. Inspections seek to judge both the adequacy of these arrangements and their implementation. In this period the following inspections were undertaken:

The progress of the sites implementation of the recommendations of their periodic review of safety (PSR) was inspected.

Under Licence Condition 36 attached to Berkeley Site's Nuclear Licence, the Licensee is required to have adequate arrangements to control organisational change. Management of change document (MoC 70) which proposes significant reduction in staffing levels at Berkeley Site has been inspected and agreed.

In addition an NII team witnessed the site's demonstration of its emergency preparedness and found this to be adequate.

The Annual Review of Safety was conducted and useful discussion took place concerning:

Changes in staff structure

Emergency Arrangements

Periodic Safety Review and Site Safety Case

Decommissioning Strategy

NON-ROUTINE MATTERS

HMNII have requested that work on removing the argon fire suppression system to be paused whilst the justification is assessed.

REGULATORY ACTIVITIES

Licence Instruments: As part of its regulation under nuclear site licences, NII issues regulatory documents, collectively termed Licence Instruments.

Licence Instrument No Agreement 506 was issued to allow Berkeley Site to commence changes to the site staff structure under a management of change document (MoC 70) and to control the manner in which these changes occur.

Under Health and Safety legislation the Site Inspector, or other HSE Inspectors, may issue formal notices to secure improvements to safety. No such notices were issued during the reporting period.

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