



HM NUCLEAR INSTALLATIONS INSPECTORATE

DUNGENESS A SITE

SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP

QUARTERLY REPORT FOR

01 JANUARY to 31 MARCH 2010

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 Dungeness A Power Station Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) and covers activities associated with the regulation of safety at Dungeness A Power Station. These reports are distributed quarterly. Site Inspectors of HM Nuclear Installations Inspectorate (NII) usually attend SSG meetings and will respond to any questions raised there or subsequently by members of the SSG. Any other person wishing to inquire about matters covered by this report should contact the HSE Knowledge Centre on 0151 951 4382.

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Formation of the Office for Nuclear regulation – An Update

- Given the proximity to a general election, Ministers have decided not to lay the Legislation (known as The LRO), required to establish the Office for Nuclear Regulation, in this Parliamentary session. This decision has been made to ensure that full and effective parliamentary scrutiny can take place.
- Government has recently published for information the legislative documents and the results of the consultation undertaken by the Department for Work and Pensions and the Department of Energy and Climate Change in Summer 2009. The consultation showed broad support from a wide range of organisations. The documents can be accessed at:

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what_we_do/uk_supply/energy_mix/nuclear/new/reg_reform/reg_reform.aspx

http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/news/pn10_048/pn10_048.aspx

- The Transition Programme (the work to establish the new organisation) is largely complete and will be placed 'on hold' until the point at which the LRO is approved
- The planning assumption for vesting date of the new organisation remains 1 April 2011 subject to the LRO passing through the parliamentary process
- The next steps and revised timetable relating to the LRO will in due course be further developed.
- In the meantime the work to transform ND into the world leading nuclear regulator fit for future challenges, that we aspire to be, continues with the same drive and determination.

Inspections

Dungeness A was visited for inspections and meetings on the following dates during this quarter:

2nd – 5th March 2010

Compliance Inspections

A reactive compliance inspection was undertaken and discussions held regarding the following areas:

- Used fuel transport flask operations on site.

The inspection identified a number of areas for improvement regarding management arrangements and operating procedures. Actions were defined and agreed and these are captured in an action plan. Progress against these actions will be followed up on future visits.

Non-Routine Matters

Non-Routine Inspections

No non-routine inspections were undertaken this quarter.

Regulatory Activity

As part of its regulation under nuclear site licenses, NII issues regulatory documents, collectively termed Licence Instruments. No instruments were issued this quarter.

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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