

Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)

Site Report for Wylfa

Report for period 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021

Foreword

This report is issued as part of ONR's commitment to make information about inspection and regulatory activities relating to the above site available to the public. Reports are distributed to members for the Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Wylfa SSG meetings where these reports are presented and will respond to any questions raised there. Any person wishing to inquire about matters covered by this report should contact ONR.

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1. Inspections

1.1. Dates of Inspection

The ONR site inspector made inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021:

- 27 to 29 July 2021
- 4 August 2021
- 26 August 2021
- 5 to 7 October 2021

2. Routine Matters

2.1. Inspections

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

- the conditions attached by ONR to the nuclear site licence granted under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 (NIA65) (as amended);
- the Energy Act 2013
- the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 (HSWA74); and
- regulations made under HSWA74, for example the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (IRR17) and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR99).
- nuclear Industries Security Regulations (NISR) 2003 (as amended); and
- regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

The inspections entail monitoring licensee's actions on the site in relation to incidents, operations, maintenance, projects, modifications, safety case changes and any other matters that may affect safety and security. The licensee is 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, routine inspections of Wylfa covered the following:

- LC16 - Site plans, designs and specifications
- LC23 - Operating rules
- LC24 - Operating instructions
- LC25 - Operational records
- LC32 - Accumulation of radioactive waste
- LC33 - Disposal of radioactive waste
- LC34 - Leakage and escape of radioactive material and radioactive waste
- LC35 - Decommissioning
- Fire safety
- Security arrangements

During the reporting period, ONR judged the arrangements made and implemented by the site in response to safety and security requirements to be satisfactory in the areas inspected. Where necessary, ONR will take formal regulatory enforcement action to ensure that appropriate remedial measures are implemented to reasonably practicable timescales. Members of the public, who would like further information on ONR's inspection activities during the reporting period, can view site Intervention Reports at www.onr.org.uk/intervention-records on our website www.onr.org.uk. Should you have any queries regarding our inspection activities, please email contact@onr.gov.uk.

2.2. Other Work

Throughout this reporting period, ONR's nominated site safety inspector has held fortnightly telephone meetings with a Wylfa leadership team representative to maintain situational awareness of matters related to nuclear safety, security, safeguards, transport, and conventional health and safety, including: workforce resilience, emergency arrangements resilience, supply chain resilience, fire safety, events on the site and activities taking place on the site. No significant issues were highlighted to ONR.

We are keeping our engagements with Wylfa under review and are alert to the need to balance completion of planned inspections with Welsh Government and local area COVID-19 rules. This includes undertaking some interactions by videoconference, email, and telephone (as appropriate) to optimise physical presence on the site.

Our nominated site safety inspector held two meetings in this reporting period with safety representatives at Wylfa (one of which included a planned joint walkdown of the reactor building basement areas), to support their function of representing employees and receiving information on matters affecting their health, safety, and welfare at work. No concerns were raised, and the safety representatives noted a positive working relationship with the site leadership team.

3. Non-Routine Matters

Licensees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the licensee's response, including actions taken to implement any necessary improvements.

There were no such safety matters or events of safety significance during the period.

4. Regulatory Activity

ONR may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Under nuclear site licence conditions, ONR issues regulatory documents, which either permit an activity or require some form of action to be taken; these are usually collectively termed 'Licence Instruments' (LIs) but can take other forms. In addition, inspectors may take a range of enforcement actions, to include issuing an Enforcement Notice.

No LIs, Enforcement Notices or Enforcement letters were issued during this period.

Reports detailing the above regulatory decisions can be found on the ONR website at <http://www.onr.org.uk/pars/>.

5. News from ONR

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