

# **Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)**

## **Site Report for The Grove Centre, Amersham**

**Report for period 1 October 2020 – 31 September 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 Grove Centre Local Liaison Committee and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/lc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend 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

## Dates of inspection

The ONR site inspector made inspections on the following dates during the report period:

March 2021	3
June 2021	25 & 30
September 2021	13

ONR civil nuclear security inspectors also carried out inspections during the period.

# 2 Routine Matters

## 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).

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. 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 (site/station) covered the following:

### **Licence Condition 4 – Restriction on nuclear matter on the site**

This licence condition is primarily aimed at licensed sites that carry out operations with nuclear fuel. However, all licensees are expected to have adequate arrangements in place to ensure compliance with the licence condition. I inspected the licensee's arrangements prior to the on-site inspection and found them to be generally adequate. However, there was a minor anomaly, which has now been rectified. I found the implementation of the arrangements on site to be adequate.

### **Licence Condition 6 – Documents, records, authorities and certificates**

I inspected the licensee's arrangements for LC6 and found them to adequately meet the requirements of the licence condition and the associated guidance. I targeted plant drawings as an example to inspect the implementation of the arrangements and found no issues.

#### **Licence Condition 11 – Emergency arrangements**

This was an unplanned inspection and was carried out to target emergency arrangements training during and post the Covid-19 pause in on-site operations. This inspection was rated as Green in accordance with the ONR inspection rating guide, with no adverse findings. I also attended a combined safety and security exercise which was rated as adequate.

#### **Licence Condition 13 – Nuclear safety committee**

This inspection covered the site's arrangements for its nuclear safety committee. Having reviewed the arrangements, I had a concern with respect to the independence of some of the members of the committee. However, having observed a committee meeting on site, and a pre-meeting site visit to view the plant item that was to be discussed during the meeting, I am satisfied that the arrangements as implemented during the meeting do ensure sufficient independence. I noted that my concern had also been noticed by the licensee and that they had made recent improvements to the committee's governance which were evident during the meeting that I observed.

During the reporting period, ONR judged the arrangements made and implemented by the site in response to safety requirements to be satisfactory in the areas inspected. Where improvements have been identified, the licensee has made a commitment to address those issues, and ONR inspectors will closely monitor progress during future site inspections. 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](http://www.onr.org.uk/intervention-records) on our [website](#). Should you have any queries regarding our inspection activities, please email [contact@onr.gov.uk](mailto:contact@onr.gov.uk).

## **Other work**

The site inspector held a periodic meeting with safety representatives, to support their function of representing employees and receiving information on matters affecting their health, safety and welfare at work.

## **3 Non-Routine Matters**

Licencees 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.

GEHC reported an injury due to a slip on some ice under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations. I carried out follow up enquiries, however no enforcement action was taken.

A small number of false fire alarms have been reported to ONR during the period. I have reviewed fire alarm systems on the site and I am satisfied that they are adequate.

## 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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