

Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)

Site Report for Capenhurst Works

Report for period 1 January – 31 March 2022

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 Urenco UK Limited Local Liaison Committee and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llic/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Urenco UK Limited Local Liaison Committee 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

ONR Inspectors made inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 January to 31 March 2022:

- 8, 9 & 23 February 2022
- 9, 14-16, 21, 22, 29 & 31 March 2022

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).

The inspections entail monitoring the 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 Capenhurst Works covered the following:

- examination, maintenance, inspection and testing;
- management of operations including control and supervision;
- staff training, qualifications and experience;
- conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety;
- safeguards;
- security.

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

Regulation of on-site operations continue despite increasing Covid-19 numbers effecting ONR inspector availability. Contingency arrangements continue to be in place at the Capenhurst Works to ensure continued operational safety and emergency response capability.

Significant progress with the through-life management of risk for the legacy cylinders on site during this period and work has completed to ensure the site reduces risks to as low as reasonably practicable. The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority is working with Urenco UK Ltd and Urenco Nuclear Stewardship to secure the long-term funding required to manage the risks to as low as reasonably practicable for the legacy cylinders.

Routine regulatory engagement continues with Urenco ChemPlants (UCP), the operators of the Tails Management Facility (TMF), which continues with its active commissioning. Previous operational issues seem to have been resolved and the plant is entering into a more operational phase.

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 matters or events of 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.

5. News from ONR

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