

Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)

Site Report for

Vulcan Naval Reactor Test Establishment (NRTE)

Report for period 1 January – 30 June 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 Dounreay Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Dounreay Site Stakeholder Group 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 January – 30 June 2022.

No inspections took place during the reporting period.

2. Routine Matters

2.1. Inspections

The majority of sites inspected by ONR are licensed under the nuclear installations act 1965. Vulcan NRTE is not a licensed site, although it operates under authorisation from the Ministry of Defence (MoD) Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator (DNSR). Inspections are undertaken as part of the process for monitoring compliance with:

- the Health and Safety at Work etc 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).

In this period, no routine inspections were undertaken.

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

I have attended, virtually, the Dounreay Stakeholder Group site restoration sub-group meetings on the 26 January 2022 and 23 March 2022, to represent ONR and the regulation of the site.

3. Non-Routine Matters

Duty holders are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the duty holders 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. ONR inspectors may take a range of enforcement actions, to include issuing an Enforcement Notice.

- No 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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