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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 of the Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website ([www.onr.org.uk/llc](http://www.onr.org.uk/llc/)).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Hunterston 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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# Inspections

## Date(s) of inspection

The ONR site inspector made inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 October – 31 December 2024:

* 4 – 5 December 2024

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# 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 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).

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 Hunterston A covered the following:

* Examination, maintenance, inspection and testing; and
* Security (reliabiity, resilience and sustainability).

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).

Should you have any queries regarding our inspection activities, please email [contact@onr.gov.uk](mailto:contact@onr.gov.uk).

## Other work

Throughout this reporting period, ONR’s nominated site safety inspector has held regular telephone meetings with Hunterston A leadership team representatives to maintain situational awareness of matters related to nuclear safety.

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

During this period, they also held in person and virtual meetings with site representatives to discuss:

* Progress on ongoing site investigations;
* Progress on resolving laboratory capability; and
* Hunterston A’s decommissioning programme.

# 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.

Matters and events of note during the period were as follows.

* A regulatory notice has been received from the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) requiring Nuclear Restoration Services to undertake measures to ensure compliance with the Site’s EASR (Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Regulations) Permit, with respect to the Hunterston A site laboratory. ONR remains informed on the site’s investigation into this matter and is working with SEPA to bring the site back into compliance.

# 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, but can take other forms. In addition, inspectors may take a range of enforcement actions, to include issuing an enforcement notice.

No licence instruments, enforcement notices or enforcement letters were issued during this period.

# News from ONR

For the latest news and information from ONR, please read and subscribe to our regular email newsletter, ‘ONR News’, at [www.onr.org.uk/news/newsletter](http://www.onr.org.uk/news/newsletter).

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