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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 for the West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group (WCSSG) Nuclear Waste Services[[1]](#footnote-2) (NWS) and are also available on the ONR website (<https://www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/llcssg-reports/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend WCSSG NWS 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 April 2024 – 31 December 2024:

* 22 and 23 May 2024
* 15 and 16 October 2024
* 20 November 2024

# 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 NWS – Low Level Waste Repository covered the following:

* radiation protection
* security

Members of the public, who would like further information on ONR’s inspection activities during the reporting period, can view site Inspection Records on our website: [www.onr.org.uk](http://www.onr.org.uk).

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 NWS Ltd leadership team representatives to maintain situational awareness of matters related to nuclear safety. No significant issues were highlighted to ONR.

In August 2024 ONR attended the NWS-focussed West Cumbria Sites Stakeholder Group (WCSSG) meeting. In October 2024, ONR also attended the WCSSG NWS Working Group meeting.

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.

# 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.

# 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.

# News from ONR

For the latest news and information from ONR, please read and subscribe to our regular email newsletter ‘ONR News’ at <https://www.onr.org.uk/news/newsletter/>.

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# References

**There are no sources in the current document.**

1. On 1 April 2024, Low Level Waste Repository changed its name to Nuclear Waste Services Limited [↑](#footnote-ref-2)