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Foreword

This report is issued as part of our 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 Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on our website: [www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/llcssg-reports](http://www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/llcssg-reports).

Our site inspectors 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 us via email at [contact@onr.gov.uk](mailto:contact@onr.gov.uk).

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# Inspections

## Date(s) of inspection

Our site inspector made inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 January to 31 March 2025:

* 4 – 5 March 2025

# 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:

* A joint Nuclear Security and Safety inspection on organisational capability staff training, qualifications and experience.

Members of the public who would like further information on our inspection activities during the reporting period can view site inspection records on our website: [www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/inspection-records](http://www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/inspection-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, our 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:

* Storm Eowyn damage:
* Progress on restoring laboratory capability at Hunterston A; and
* Hunterston A’s decommissioning programme.

# Non-routine matters

Licensees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. Our 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

We may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Under nuclear site licence conditions, we issue 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.

The following licence instruments, enforcement notices and enforcement letters have been issued during the period:

We have withdrawn several legacy specifications from Hunterston A, to reduce regulatory burden on the licensee. The legacy specifications are from when the plant was operational and provide no additional safety benefit for Hunterston A which is well advanced into their decommissioning life cycle phase. This is captured in Table 1.

**Table 1: Licence instruments and enforcement notices issued by ONR during this period**

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| Date | Type | Reference | Description |
| 09/01/25 | Letter | ONR-SDFW-NRS-90065N | Withdrawal of nuclear maintenance schedule preface approvals & legacy licence condition specifications |

Reports detailing the above regulatory decisions can be found on our website: [www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/project-assessment-reports](http://www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/project-assessment-reports).

# News from ONR

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