

Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)
Site Report for
Devonport Royal Dockyard Ltd and
HM Naval Base Devonport
Report for period 1 July – 31 December 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 Devonport Local Liaison Committee and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/lc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Devonport 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

The ONR site inspectors made inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 July – 31 December 2022:

- 10 August
- 31 August
- 26 – 27 October

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 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 site covered the following:

- management of operations including control and supervision;
- plant construction and/or commissioning;
- emergency preparedness;
- incidents on the site;
- radiological protection;
- conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety;

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.

As part of our regular routine interventions with the site during the period, this covered:

- familiarisation activities for ONR inspectors new to the site
- updates associated with extant enforcement action
- updates associated extant regulatory issues
- introduction and attendance of regulatory interface meeting structure

2.2. Other Work

During the period the site inspector attended the Local Liaison Committee.

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.

- The following LIs, enforcement notices and enforcement letters have been issued during the period:

Table 1: Licence Instruments and Enforcement Notices Issued by ONR during this period

Date	Type	Ref. No.	Description
28/07/22	Enforcement Letter	ONR-EL-22-012	Licence Condition (LC) 7 – Site Incidents: An inspection in September 2021 identified shortfalls related to the arrangements and implementation of LC7 which resulted in this enforcement letter. The site has an improvement plan in place to address and ONR monitors delivery against this routinely.
28/09/22	Notice of extension to ONR Improvement Notice ONR-IN-21-003 – Control of Work on Electrical Systems	ONR-IN-21-003	Extending the specified period of Improvement Notice ONR-IN- 21-003 from 16 December 2022 to 12 June 2023.
28/09/22	Compliance with ONR Improvement Notice ONR-IN-21-001 – Managing the Risks of Working at Height	ONR-IN-21-001	ONR examined compliance to assess and inspect progress made with the establishment of a safe system of work for the management of work at height risks. Following these visits and after reviewing supporting documents, ONR has judged that DRDL has now complied with Improvement Notice ONR-IN-21-001.

5. News from ONR

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