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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 Devonport Local Liaison Committee and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llic/>).

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. Date(s) of Inspection

The ONR site inspector made inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 July to 31 December 2023:

- 12 July 2023
- 10-12 October 2023
- 25 October 2023
- 14 November 2023
- 12 and 13 December 2023

# 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 Devonport Royal Dockyard covered the following:

- conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety
- leadership and management for safety
- emergency preparedness

- incidents on site
- management of operations including control and supervision

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) 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).

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

- follow-up to enforcement actions placed on the site
- current and future modifications and submissions to ONR
- follow-up on safety management matters

## 2.2. Other Work

DRDL completed its response to the next ONR Chief Nuclear Inspector's industry-wide themed inspection on climate change.

### 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.

Matters and events of particular note during the period were:

Following a fall from height incident in April 2023 and subsequent ONR investigation, ONR has notified DRDL and a contractor, Kaefer Limited that they will be prosecuted under Section 2(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. DRDL will also be prosecuted under Section 3(1) of the same legislation. The incident was a conventional health and safety matter and there was no radiological risk to the public. The first hearing is scheduled to take place at Plymouth Magistrates Court on 27 March, at 2pm.

In November 2023 ONR undertook an inspection on site and confirmed that DRDL has now complied with an enforcement letter associated with management of incidents on site [Ref. ONR-EL-22-012].

## 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 or Enforcement letters were issued during this period.

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

| Date     | Type                   | Ref. No. | Description                                   |
|----------|------------------------|----------|---|
| 27/10/23 | Primary Power Approval | 568      | Approval of the Devonport Site Emergency Plan |

Reports detailing the above regulatory decisions can be found on the ONR website at <http://www.onr.org.uk/pars/>.

## 5. 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/onrnews](http://www.onr.org.uk/onrnews).

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