

# Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)

## Site Report for HM Naval Base Clyde

**Report for period 1 January to 30 June 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 Clyde Local Liaison Committee and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llic/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Clyde 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 inspector made inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 January – 30 June 2022:

No inspections have been carried out during the reporting period.

## 2. Routine Matters

### 2.1. Inspections

The majority of sites inspected by ONR are licensed under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965. HM Naval Base Clyde is not a licensed site, it operates under Authorisation from the Ministry of Defence (MOD) Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator (DNSR). The site comprises the Faslane and Coulport facilities and is regulated by ONR through other legislation as noted below. Inspections are undertaken as part of the process for monitoring compliance with:

- the Health and Safety at Work 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).

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).

During this period the following routine activities took place:

- regulatory meetings
- follow-up related to identified compliance matters.

### 2.2. Other Work

ONR, along with DNSR attended the annual Clyde Local Liaison Committee, which provided an opportunity for the site to provide an overview of safety performance and for regulators to provide an overview of regulatory activities over the period.

### 3. Non-Routine Matters

Dutyholders may report to ONR non-routine matters and events. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the dutyholders response, including actions taken to implement any necessary improvements.

Matters and events of particular note during the period were:

In the previous reporting period the site had reported an event under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations (RIDDOR). The report related to a dangerous occurrence which occurred during a maintenance activity involving live electrical working, no persons were injured.

During the reporting period ONR concluded its investigation into the RIDDOR event and judged that enforcement action was required for sustained compliance, this enforcement action is detailed in section 4 Regulatory Activity.

## 4. Regulatory Activity

ONR may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. In addition, inspectors may take a range of enforcement actions, to include issuing an Enforcement Notice.

Following ONR's investigation into a RIDDOR incident (as described in section 3. Non-routine matters) it was found that Babcock Marine (Clyde) Ltd had not reduced the risks associated with the maintenance activity being undertaken at the time of the incident so far as is reasonably practicable to ensure the health and safety of their workers.

ONR concluded that there was a potential for serious injury, although no one was injured in this instance, and as a result ONR has taken enforcement action in the form of an Improvement Notice on Babcock Marine (Clyde) Limited.

The Improvement Notice has been issued under the Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, sections 2(1) and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 Regulation 3 (1).

Babcock Marine Ltd have until 28 April 2023 to comply with the Improvement Notice.

- The following Enforcement Notices and Enforcement letters have been issued during the period:

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

Date	Type	Ref. No.	Description
20/05/22	Improvement Notice	ONR-IN-22-002	Dangerous Occurrence related to battery replacement maintenance activity.

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 the Office for Nuclear Regulation, 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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