

**Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)**  
**Site Report for**  
**Devonport Royal Dockyard Ltd and**  
**HM Naval Base Devonport**  
**Report for period 1 January – 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 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 inspector made inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 January – 30 June 2022:

- 19 – 20 January
- 23- 24 February
- 16 – 19 May

## 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:

- examination, maintenance, inspection and testing;
- emergency preparedness;
- incidents on the site;
- radiological protection;
- organisational changes;
- 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](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).

### 2.2. Other Work

Targeted regulatory assessment continues in relation to the licensed sites Periodic Review of Safety Programme.

### 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:

In February 2022 an incident where a penstock used to manage the water level in 5 Basin at the DRDL site was reported to ONR. Preliminary enquiries identified the need for an ONR investigation. Following a review of the evidence gathered in the investigation, it was the opinion of the investigation team that there was not or could not have been a significant breach of nuclear site licence conditions or a relevant statutory provision. Therefore, it was not considered proportionate by the team to continue this investigation.

In March 2022 ONR granted an extension to the Working at Height Improvement Notice, that had been issued to DRDL on the 28 June 2021 and was originally to expire on the 31 March 2022, until the 30 September 2022. The extension was requested due to DRDL having insufficient time caused by the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic. Based upon ONR's monitoring of progress against the requirements of the schedule during this period it was judged that the rationale was sufficient to grant an extension.

## 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.

- No LIs, enforcement notices or enforcement letters were issued during this period.

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

## 5. News from ONR

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