

Heysham monthly report

February 2016

Introduction

Welcome to the February newsletter for Heysham 1 and 2 power stations, these reports are also available to all members of the public on www.edfenergy.com.

While we will do our best to always use plain English, talking about our business sometimes involves specific terminology, and you will find a glossary of any terms used at the end of each monthly report.

We are keen to hear the views of our local communities. We recognise that good communication is a two way process and we welcome your feedback and comments.

Safety

Heysham 1

- 0 industrial safety incidents
- 0 environmental incident
- 0 nuclear reportable incidents

Heysham 2

- 1 lost time incident - During the annual emergency exercise, an individual suffered a back injury due to frequently adjusting the shoulder straps on his breathing apparatus set.
- 0 environmental incidents
- 0 nuclear reportable incidents

Station output

Heysham 1

Reactor 1 – ran safely and reliably on 3 quadrants with defective boiler not in use.

Reactor 2 – ran safely and reliably; steadily increasing load following chemical clean of boilers.

Heysham 2

Reactor 7 – ran safely and reliably, reducing power throughout the month to allow refuelling to take place

Reactor 8 – ran safely and reliably, reducing power throughout the month to allow refuelling to take place

Site visits and community news

Plant lifetime extensions

On Tuesday 16 February EDF Group announced that life extension had been approved for Heysham 2 to 2030, and Heysham 1 to 2024.

The announcement will benefit, EDF Energy employees, contract partners, local suppliers and local communities.



Ian Stewart, Station Director at Heysham 1 said: "This is fantastic news for all the staff and contract partners who work at our stations, as it means that we are now able to operate Heysham 1 and 2 safely and reliably for at least another 8 years and 14 years respectively."



"Not only is this positive for the 1,500 staff and contractors we employ at both stations, but also for the local suppliers we work with and the continued benefits our wages and jobs bring to the local economy."

The case for extending the life of Heysham 1 and 2 is based on reliability and exceptional performance. In 2015 the collective output of the nuclear power stations owned by EDF Energy was 50% higher than in 2008 and safety performance remains high.

Both stations have been subject to extensive technical and safety reviews which have been shared with our independent nuclear regulator, the Office for Nuclear Generation (ONR), in order to secure the extensions.

Visitor Centre

During February Heysham Visitor Centre welcomed over 700 people through its doors.

The Visitor Centre welcomed 3 schools from the Cumbria area as part of the NuGen Bright Sparks initiative. This initiative was established by ENGIE and Toshiba and aims to forge links between NuGen and senior schools focussing on low carbon electricity production.

The Visitor Centre also hosted the Apprentice testing for potential new Apprentices and held Nature Tuesday during half term for over 25 local children. Nature Tuesday was part of National Nest Box Week and children were able to take part in making bird feeders and building nest boxes whilst learning about nesting birds.



Heysham power stations' new visitor centre is free and open to the public to visit from 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 2pm on Saturday. Pre-booked tours are available during the evenings and weekends.

The centre is located next to both Heysham power stations and visitors should follow signs from the A683 to Heysham Port and follow the signs to the stations and then the training centre. Anyone wishing to combine their visit with a tour of one of the power stations, should book in advance by emailing heyshamvisitorcentre@edf-energy.com or by calling 01524868451

Company news

EDF Energy cuts standard gas price by 5%

EDF Energy has announced a 5% cut to its standard gas price effective from 24 March.

The reduction will decrease EDF Energy's average standard gas price by £31 and will benefit around 900,000 customers.

Beatrice Bigois, Managing Director of Customers at EDF Energy said: "We are pleased that we can reduce customers' gas bills for the second time in just over a year."

Nuclear power station life extensions

EDF Energy has announced new scheduled closure dates for four nuclear power stations, Heysham 1 and Heysham 2 in Lancashire, Hartlepool in Teesside and Torness in East Lothian.

The scheduled closure dates for Heysham 1 and Hartlepool have been extended by five years to 2024 and Heysham 2 and Torness have been extended by seven years to 2030.

The four nuclear plants together supply electricity to around a quarter of the UK's homes. They employ 2000 permanent staff as well as 1000 contractors.

EDF Energy invests £600m a year in its nuclear plants and this investment is paying off. In 2015, their output was 60.6TWh, the highest level for 10 years and 50% higher than in 2008 when EDF Energy acquired the stations

EDF Energy awarded multi-million pound supply contract

EDF Energy has been awarded The Energy Consortium's (TEC) electricity supply contract to power its portfolio of public sector organisations, following a competitive tender process.

The multi-million pound annual agreement will see EDF Energy supply up to 1.6TWh of electricity to as many as 4,500 sites belonging to English & Welsh universities, colleges and museums from October 2016.

The initial two-year contract is the outcome of a tender run by TEC, one of the UK's leading proponents and providers of collaborative energy procurement in the public sector.

Béatrice Bigois, Managing Director of Customers at EDF Energy said: "This is a fantastic win for EDF Energy that further cements our position as the UK's largest supplier of electricity to the public sector. We're delighted that TEC have chosen us based on the great value and service we can offer their members."

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