

Heysham monthly report

June 2014

Introduction

Welcome to the June 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 lost time incidents
- 0 environmental incidents
- 0 nuclear reportable incidents

Heysham 2

- 0 lost time incidents
- 0 environmental incidents
- 0 nuclear reportable incidents.

Station output

Heysham 1

Reactor 1 – came offline to allow routine refuelling to be completed and to begin boiler investigation project.
Reactor 2 – ran safely and reliably all month

Heysham 2

Reactor 7 – ran safely and reliably all month
Reactor 8 – reduced load during the month to enable low power refuelling to take place

Site visits and community news

Stations Support School's Science Week

Heysham Power Stations sponsored Lancaster Girls Grammar School's science week, aiming to raise interest amongst pupils in science related subjects and possible careers.

As part of the week's activities they also visited Heysham 2 power station for a tour, looked round one of our control room simulators and met with female members of staff. The EDF Energy employees spoke to the girls about their experiences at school in education and at work in science related subjects and what they did and studied to get to where they are now. These included people working across a range of departments such as engineering, environmental physics and chemistry.



Heysham Visitor Centre passes its 5,000 visitor mark

Children from Ellel St John's primary school in Galgate marked the 5,000 visitor through Heysham power stations new visitor centre.

The Year 6 group were greeted by Ian Cutts, Heysham 2's work management manager, when they returned from their site tour and presented with Zingy cupcakes to mark the momentous milestone. The group were also presented with a picture of the stations for their school and a letter from station directors Ian Stewart and Alan Oulton. Heysham visitor centre opened in July 2013 and since then 5,000 people have flocked through its doors.



Visitor Centre

During June, Heysham power stations' visitor centre welcomed 501 visitors.

Since opening in late July 2013, the centre has now had over 4,800 people through its doors to learn about how electricity is made, with a large percentage booking to go on a site tour also.

Heysham power stations' new visitor centre is now open to the public to visit from 10am to 4pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 2pm on Saturday.

The centre is located just 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 01524 868451.

Company news

Charity partnership reaches £350,000

EDF Energy has marked the first year of its charity partnership with Marie Curie Cancer Care by holding a Parliamentary reception.

In 12 months the energy company and its employees have raised more than £349,000 for Marie Curie, which exceeds its target figure by nearly £150,000. The reception was hosted by Michael McCann MP and attended by dozens of Parliamentarians, Marie Curie employees and members of staff from EDF Energy.



Marie Curie was selected as EDF Energy's three-year charity partner in May 2013 by an employee vote. The money raised enables Marie Curie to fund 18 nurses to care for terminally ill people for one year.

Science award for Cheltenham Festival links

EDF Energy and The Times Cheltenham Science Festival have won a prestigious award for 'Collaborative Action' by charity Business in the Community (BITC), as part of the 2014 Responsible Business Awards.

The energy firm, and The Times Cheltenham Science Festival were praised for their 10-year long partnership focused on inspiring young people in science and engineering. Their collaborative education programme, which is delivered both at the Festival and in schools across the region engages with around 15,000 children each year.

Rex Mackrill, director of The Times Cheltenham Science Festival, said: "We are proud to work with EDF Energy as the Associate Title Partner for the Times Cheltenham Science Festival.

"One of the reasons why our partnership with EDF Energy is so successful is that we have the mutual ambition to inspire and enable people to engage with science."

Office for Nuclear Regulation approves Dungeness B's graphite limit

The Office for Nuclear Regulation has approved the limit of graphite weight loss at Dungeness B to 8%.

This is a small increase from the previous limit of 6.2% and refers to the amount of weight the graphite core is allowed to lose. Dungeness B has used the information from a continuing programme of monitoring, inspection and physical sampling of the graphite core to assess the state of the core.

This knowledge feeds in to modelling and analysis which give us the knowledge to allow us to safely increase the limit of weight loss within the core from 6.2% to 8%. As time goes on we will continue to collect data, build this into our models and calculations and ensure our safety margins are robust and appropriate

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Glossary of terms

Term	Definition
Nuclear reportable event or incident	Nuclear reportable events are events reported to the Office for Nuclear Regulation in compliance with British Energy's nuclear site licences.
Environmental event or incident	Environmental events arise from wastes or discharge above permitted levels or breaches of permitted conditions.
Unit	A unit refers to one of the reactors at the power station and its generating turbine