

Heysham monthly report

March 2015

Introduction

Welcome to the March 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- the reactor is running on a reduced load with two boilers isolated and not in operation due to the defect found on one of the boiler spines.

Reactor 2 –the reactor ran steadily at a reduced load.

Heysham 2

Reactor 7 – safely shutdown on Friday 27 February 2015 to commence it's planned Statutory Outage. Statutory Outages occur every three years to enable planned routine maintenance to be carried whilst the unit is shutdown.

Reactor 8 - ran safely and reliably all month

Site visits and community news

Heysham 1 Former Apprentice Scoops National Award

Josh Smith from Heysham 1's Maintenance Department was awarded National Skills Academy Nuclear Apprentice of the Year at an awards ceremony.

Josh was nominated for the North West apprentice category at the COGENT's UK Nuclear



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Skills awards held in Manchester.

After winning the regional category, Josh was then put through to the national finals which were also announced on the same evening.

Josh joined the EDF Energy four-year apprentice scheme in 2010 which consists of two years at a training centre at HMS Sultan, Portsmouth, and the final two years back on site at Heysham 1.

In July 2013, Josh was appointed as a craft and instrumentation technician at Heysham 1 within Maintenance Team B.

Ian Stewart, Heysham 1's Station Director attended the awards and said: "Its great news that Josh won this award and it's a testament to his hard work and the excellent apprenticeship scheme we run within the company."

Hundreds play with Science at Heysham Visitor Centre



On Saturday 21 March over 500 children, parents and families descended on Heysham power stations' visitor centre as part of a special 'Science Day'.

Activities from hoopla, plant biology and volcanoes thrilled visitors to the event which was held to mark national 'Science Week'.

The event was organised by both Heysham 1 and Heysham 2 sites for staff, their families and the local community to engage young people to learn more about Science. There were a range of science related experiments which were staged by a team from Lancaster University.

Heysham power stations' visitor centre celebrates 10,000 visitors



Over 10,000 people have now flocked through the doors of Heysham power stations' visitor centre in over 20 months

On Monday 9 March, pupils from Poulton-le-Sands C of E Primary School in Morecambe came to Heysham Visitor Centre and were surprised with a special Zingy presentation as they became the centre's 10,000th visitors to the site.

The Year 6 group were met by Richard Bradfield, plant manager at Heysham 1, who joined their group and gave them Zingies and a photo of the stations to mark the achievement. Richard said: "It is great to see our local schools here at the Visitor Centre and then out on site seeing what we do here at Heysham power stations.

"I'd like to think that in a few years some of those of who visited today and indeed over the last 18 months will be joining our team here as an apprentice or graduate.

"The visitor centre has become a great attraction for the area, and to get 10,000 visitors over 20 month is fantastic."

Poulton-le-Sands C of E Primary School also received a letter from station directors Ian Stewart and Alan Oulton.

Visitor Centre

During March the visitor centre welcomed 1121 visitors.

Since opening in late July 2013, the centre has now had over 10850 people through its doors to learn about how electricity is made, with a large percentage also booking to go on a site tour also.

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

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 awarded UK's largest annual electricity supply contract

EDF Energy has been awarded the UK's largest annual electricity supply contract by the Crown Commercial Service following a competitive tender process.

The renewal of the multi-billion pound four-year agreement will see EDF Energy continue to supply electricity to thousands of public buildings and sites across central and local government, including schools, the NHS, the Highways Agency and major cultural assets such as the National Gallery.

The contract covers around 8,000 sites, equivalent to 9.6 terawatt hours of electricity a year or enough to power 2.3 million UK homes. It was awarded by the Crown Commercial Service, a Government agency which provides commercial and procurement services for Government departments and the UK public sector.

As part of the deal, public sector customers will be offered expert advice on energy efficiency to help them reduce their energy consumption.

Science Week support

Staff from EDF Energy's sites played their part in the annual Science Week, aimed at promoting science, technology and engineering in schools

British Science Week ran from March 13 and was co-ordinated by the British Science Association.

Pupils visited the company's Visitor Centres for special science-based events and also were taken on tours of the stations.

At Heysham a science open day was held at the Visitor Centre supported by scientists and engineers from Lancaster University which attracted more than 500 people who their hands at 3D printing and also learned about particle physics.

And EDF Energy engineers went into schools to talk about their roles at the power stations and to answer questions about power production and potential careers in the electricity generating industry.

Smart metering apprenticeships

EDF Energy is beginning its search for the next group of smart metering apprentices.

Four of the UK's ten smart metering apprentices will be based in England's south west, with training taking place at EDF Energy's new Cannington Court site.

They will also shadow EDF Energy technicians in the field and assist with the installation of smart meters in areas such as Bristol, Taunton, Exeter and Plymouth.



EDF Energy plans to install more than 70,000 smart meters in 2015 and by 2020 every home in the UK will need to be fitted with a smart meter. This new technology will make a significant difference to the way people understand and use their gas and electricity and these new apprentices will play a vital role.

Interested candidates should visit the smart apprenticeship webpage to apply:
<http://www.edfenergy.com/careers/early-careers/apprenticeships/smart-metering-apprenticeship>

EDF Energy joins government's 'Disability Confident' campaign

EDF Energy has signed a pledge to become a partner of the Government's 'Disability Confident' campaign.

The company joins a number of employers, including FTSE 100 companies and small businesses, who have signed the pledge as a commitment to continue to support employees with disabilities and ensure that they have the opportunities to develop in the workplace.

To mark this occasion, the Minister of State for Disabled People, Mark Harper MP, joined CEO Vincent de Rivaz at the EDF Energy head office in central London for the signing. British Paralympian and gold medalist Deborah Criddle also attended the event.

Janet Hogben, chief people officer at EDF Energy, said: "EDF Energy has always been committed to creating an inclusive working environment and we are proud to sign this pledge and join the Disability Confident campaign.

"In order to recruit and retain the best and most diverse talent, we know that creating a culture of inclusion is fundamental. We want all employees to feel that they have the same opportunities to develop and thrive at EDF Energy."

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