

Hunterston B monthly report

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Introduction

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. 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.

Station output

Both unit 7 and unit 8 were operating throughout the month of December.

Safety

- The station had no lost time incidents (LTIs) for EDF Energy staff during the reporting period and has achieved 3,212 LTI free days up to 31 December, that's more than eight years.
- The station had no lost time incidents (LTIs) for contracting partner staff during the reporting period and has achieved 3,200 LTI free days up to 31 December, that's more than eight years.
- The station had one emergency service call out during November. An Ambulance attended site to transport an employee to hospital who had become unwell. The person's condition is not work related.
- There were no on site medical treatments during the month.
- The station had no environmental events during the month and has gone 2,634 days without an environmental event, that's more than seven years.

Company news

Apprentice open days attract youngsters

EDF Energy sites across the country have been holding information days for youngsters keen to join the company's 2017's apprentice scheme.

During the autumn, staff will be visited schools and colleges near to the stations to promote the four-year training scheme.

The start of the apprentice recruitment process coincides with a relaunch of the national campaign to change teenage girls' perceptions of science and inspire them to pursue science-based careers.

The closure date for applications was January 15 2017. Successful applicants will first take tests, followed by interviews and then join an assessment centre before the final selection is made.

Tech firms and start-ups win innovation awards

A London media start-up that helps children become computer coders is one of the first winners of the EDF Energy Pulse Awards for innovation.

The awards, which build on the success of the international EDF Pulse Awards launched in 2013, invited start-ups and entrepreneurs to enter one of four categories, with up to £100,000 worth of investment available to support the development of the winning ideas and products.

The winners were 'Bright Little Labs', 'Warwick Analytics', 'Viridian Consultants', and 'Ultra Electronics PMES'. A further five companies have been shortlisted to take part in a 10-week acceleration programme to develop their products and services within EDF Energy's Blue Lab innovation accelerator

Xavier Mamo, Director of Research and Development at EDF Energy, said: "The first year of the EDF Energy Pulse Awards in the UK has been a fantastic success, both in terms of the number of entries we had, but also the variety and creativity of the ideas that were submitted.

"We had a great turn out for the pitch day in November. Every entrant came really well prepared, delivered some incredible pitches and sparked a lot of good discussion amongst the judges.

"The finalists' ideas will now be developed alongside the existing work of our experts across the company, the UK R&D centre and the Blue Lab accelerator. We're really looking forward to seeing these come to life."

EDF Energy cuts variable and prepayment gas prices

EDF Energy has announced changes to prices for customers on standard variable tariffs. It is cutting gas prices again ahead of the coldest winter months and will hold back electricity price rises until March.

Electricity costs have been rising for some time, but gas prices are not facing the same pressures. The company believes it is right that prices reflect this. Being open with customers about future price rises also gives us the opportunity to help more customers choose to fix prices with an EDF Energy fixed deal.

Since the last electricity price change over three years ago, a number of electricity costs have risen substantially.

EDF Energy has worked hard to limit the impact of these costs for customers through efficiency savings across the business, whilst its responsible policy of buying energy ahead of time has protected customers from the more recent volatility in wholesale energy costs.

However non-wholesale energy costs have risen to ensure reliable supply though investment including in networks, renewables and metering.

Next local community meeting

The next Site Stakeholder meetings (SSG) is on 2 March 2017.

This meeting will take place at the Lauriston Hotel, Ardrossan; lunch will be at 1 pm, followed by the meeting at 1.30 pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend, and these meetings will be advertised in the local press.

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Glossary of terms

Term	Definition
Unit	A unit refers to one of the reactors at the power station and its generating turbine
Nuclear reportable event or incident	Nuclear reportable events are events reported to the Office of Nuclear Regulation (ONR) in compliance with EDF Energy's nuclear site licences.
Environmental event or incident	Environmental events arise from wastes or discharges above permitted levels or breaches of permitted conditions.
Lost Time Incident (LTI)	When a member of staff injures themselves at work, and is absent from work for one day or more, this is referred to as a lost-time incident (LTI)
Outage	A period during which a reactor is shut down. The periodic shutdown of a reactor including for maintenance, inspection and testing or, in some cases, for refuelling is known as a planned outage. In the UK, some planned outages are known as statutory outages and are required by the conditions attached to the nuclear site licence needed to operate the station. Unscheduled shutdown of a reactor for a period is known as an unplanned outage.