

Hunterston B monthly report

August 2014

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.

Station output

Unit 8 was manually shutdown on 1 August for its planned statutory outage. Unit 7 was operating throughout August.

Safety

- The station had no lost time incidents (LTIs) for EDF Energy staff during the reporting period and has achieved 2,359 LTI free days up to 31 August 2014, that's more than six years.
- The station had no lost time incidents (LTIs) for contracting partner staff during the reporting period and has achieved 2,347 LTI free days up to 31 August 2014, that's more than six years.
- The station had no emergency service call outs during August.
- There was one medical treatment during August to treat a minor head wound. The employee received two stitches and returned to work the next day.
- The station had no environmental events during the month and has gone 1781 days without an environmental event.

Station news

Local ice skaters learn from TV star thanks to donation from Hunterston B power station

A group of more than forty young ice skaters have enjoyed a summer skating camp at the Auchenharvie Leisure Centre in Saltcoats thanks to some help from EDF Energy's Hunterston power station with a legacy fund donation.

£5,000 allowed the boys and girls from the Magnum Ice Dance and Figure Skating Club to enjoy a week long intensive training camp with Dancing on Ice Professional, Mark Hanretty as one of their coaches. The group had sessions on the ice, dance and fitness classes and daily lectures on health and wellbeing.



The money comes from EDF Energy's Sporting Legacy Fund which was set up after the London 2012 Olympics to capture the spirit of the Games. EDF, of which EDF Energy is a UK subsidiary, was an official partner and electricity supplier to the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The company supplied electricity to the Olympic Park which was backed by low-carbon nuclear and renewable sources.

Bob Peters, Club Secretary at the Magnum Ice Dance and Figure Skating Club said, "The camp attracted 43 skaters, some local and others from various parts of the UK, aged between 6 and 21 years old, from beginner level to those taking part in national competitions. Everyone who took part showed great enthusiasm and determination. We couldn't have done this without the help of Hunterston B power station and are grateful for the money which has allowed our skaters to develop further."

Hunterston B power station director, Colin Weir, said, "To show such commitment to their sport at such a young age is really inspiring and I hope all the young skaters really enjoyed the summer camp. I'm pleased we were able to help with the funding and it would be great to see some of the youngsters at the next winter Olympics!"

You can find out more about the Magnum Ice Dance and Figure Skating Club here <http://www.midfsc.org.uk/>

Company news

New nuclear research on the Sizewell coast

A team of marine engineers working on the Sizewell C project will gather fresh data from the seabed via a series of geophysical surveys, tests and shallow boreholes along the Sizewell shoreline and out to sea.

As part of the work sediment cores will be removed from the sea-bed for laboratory analysis.

This work will provide essential geotechnical information for ongoing design studies for the cooling water infrastructure and the Marine Offloading Facility (MOLF) needed for the proposed new power station.

The work will be carried out from boats in front of the Sizewell site.

EDF Energy's response to Ofgem investigation into complaint handling

EDF Energy has agreed to pay £3m to benefit vulnerable customers following an Ofgem investigation into the company's complaint handling during the final stages of introducing a new customer service IT system in 2011.

Despite careful planning and investment in resources to manage the transition of the new system over an 18 month period, some EDF Energy customers experienced long call waiting times in the latter part of 2011.

As soon as the problems emerged, following a number of unforeseen technical system problems, EDF Energy suspended the transfer of customer accounts into the new system. Actions were taken to resolve these technical problems and hundreds of additional staff were recruited to restore service levels.

Update on coastal flooding defence improvements at Dungeness B

Dungeness B power station is undertaking a number of improvements to its coastal flooding defences, investing around £5 million so far.

The works began in 2013 and are to upgrade the existing flooding defences to cover more extreme events that are statistically very unlikely to occur in the U.K., ones that might happen only one in every 10,000 years.

The station has just put in a planning application for the final phase of the project; a rock armour wall behind the shingle bank which we hope to be completed by the end of 2014.



Next local community meeting

The next Site Stakeholder meetings (SSG) is on 4 December 2014.

The venue has to be confirmed, however lunch will be served the normal time of 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.
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.