

Hunterston B monthly report

September 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 September.

Safety

- The station had no lost time incidents (LTIs) for EDF Energy staff during the reporting period and has achieved 2,389 LTI free days up to 30 September 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 2,377 LTI free days up to 30 September 2014, that's more than six years.
- The station had no emergency service call outs during September.
- There were no medical treatment during the month.
- The station had no environmental events during the month and has gone 1811 days without an environmental event.

Station news

2014 Apprentice Intake

The latest group of 6 Hunterston B power station apprentices have kicked off their careers with EDF Energy after being appointed during the summer.

Ryan Nisbet,(18, from Cumnock), Darren Whannel (21, from Irvine), Rachel Boyd, (18, from Ardrossan), Fraser Wright, (19, from Irvine), Michael Hodge, (22, from Largs) and Keri Lumsden, (18, from Troon) have joined the companies 53 other apprentices at a team building week in the Lake District.



The Lakes' week was the culmination of a gruelling recruitment process which started last autumn when hundreds of applications came in for the positions. After numerous tests and interviews the apprentices were finally chosen to join the Hunterston B teams.

Craig McGhie, Hunterston B apprentice training co-ordinator, said: "The quality of applications was very high and so that means the quality of our apprentices will also be very high."

After the final 6 were chosen the apprentices and their families were taken to see HMS Sultan – the Portsmouth-based training facility where the apprentices will spend their first two years,

"Many of our apprentices come from the local schools and it's important for us to ensure the parents are comfortable with the set up at HMS Sultan and so we take them to see the site first hand," Craig said.

Away from the classroom the apprentices will enjoy excellent sports and leisure facilities under the watchful eye of the centre's own team.

EDF Energy's apprentices also undertake an extensive life skills package along with some cultural visits to European cities.

Craig added: "The life skills part of the scheme is very important to us and after that initial two years away we end up with some very mature individuals."

After two years, the apprentices return to Hunterston B power station to complete their apprenticeship on site.

“As a kick start to the apprenticeship we take all of EDF Energy’s first year apprentices to the Lake District for a team-building week and this works well as this group will be spending the next two years together.”

Applications for the apprentice programme will open in October and will be through the EDF Energy careers website.

Company news

New apprentice intake starts with Lakes District adventure

The latest apprentices to join EDF Energy have kicked off their new careers with a team building week in the Lake District.

The apprentices, alongside those from some key partner companies, enjoyed a week in the Lakes on the annual outward bound course which brings together all of 53 of the first-year apprentices.

Roger Barge, apprentice training co-ordinator at Sizewell B power station, said: “The quality of applications was very high and so that means the quality of our apprentices will also be very high.”

The 2015 scheme opens on 1 November 2014, details and applications on the EDF Energy website - <http://www.edfenergy.com/careers>

Search on for new graduates

EDF Energy is looking for around 60 engineering and commercial graduates to join the company.

The scheme offers graduates a chance to work at many of the company’s nuclear sites and also its engineering excellence centre at Barnwood before taking a permanent position within EDF Energy.

Graduates are given a mentor to support them through the first 12-months of the scheme and then to help them into a career within the company

Applications for the 2015 scheme is open now, full details and ‘application forms’ are on the EDF Energy website - <http://www.edfenergy.com/careers>

New Blue+Price Promise energy tariff launched

EDF Energy has announced the launch of Blue+Price Promise March 2016, a new cheaper energy tariff that provides fixed prices for 18 months.

Customers will be alerted if they could save more than £1 a week at typical use with any other tariff², either from EDF Energy or its competitors, giving peace of mind for people concerned about changing energy prices.

As with all EDF Energy tariffs, customers are also free to leave with no exit fees at any time.

Blue+Price Promise March 2016 replaces the company's existing fixed-price tariff, Blue+Price Promise February 2016, and will be at the lower price of £1,039 a year via Direct Debit for a typical dual fuel customer – based on a national average of regional prices.

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.
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