

Hunterston B monthly report

June 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

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

Safety

- The station had no lost time incidents (LTIs) for EDF Energy staff during the reporting period and has achieved 2,297 LTI free days up to 30 June 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 2,285 LTI free days up to 30 June 2014, that's more than six years.
- The station had no emergency service call outs during June.
- There were no first aid incidents during June
- The station had no environmental events during the month and has gone 1729 days without an environmental event.

Station news

Hunterston B Apprentices take to the skies for Marie Curie

Three dare devil Hunterston B power station apprentices have taken part in a sky dive with a group of their colleagues to raise money for EDF Energy's charity partner, Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Jordan Walker (19) from Kilwinning, Conor Logie (18) from Irvine and Rachel Pellegrini (18) from Ardrossan all took to the skies at an airfield in Salisbury with 14 other colleagues and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves. With the sky dive and other charity events like bag packing at a supermarket, the group have raised a grand total of more than £6,000.

Rachel said, " "It was the best experience I've had in my life so far and it has encouraged me to push myself to try new things! I definitely would recommend people to do a sky dive. "

The team are all in their first year of a four year EDF Energy Engineering Apprenticeship scheme which sees them spend the first two years in training at HMS Sultan in Portsmouth. The next two years are spent working at one of the nuclear power stations.



Apprentice manager at HMS Sultan, Ian Williams said: "It was really fantastic to see the apprentices planning and organising this skydive experience which not only gives them the thrill of a lifetime but also help to raise funds for the Marie Curie. This charity work helps them develop as individuals and helps build their characters. As the students are only here at HMS Sultan for the first 2 years of their career it is important that they make the very most of the opportunities available to do something different, which for some may never come around again."

Hunterston B power station director Colin Weir said, "I am really proud of the three apprentices and the whole team for raising this money in such a daring way. This will be the first of many rewarding challenges for them all in their careers at EDF Energy."

Lucy Herron, Senior Corporate Account Manager, Marie Curie, said: "We're really grateful for the tremendous support of EDF Energy's apprentices. Their daring fundraising efforts are truly appreciated and will help Marie Curie Nurses to provide more free care to people with terminal illnesses in their own homes and in our nine hospices."

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

Next local community meeting

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