

Hunterston B monthly report

December 2015

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

Unit 7 was returned to service on Friday 4 December, following its planned statutory outage.

We took Turbine Generator 7 offline on Wednesday 16 December to carry out some planned maintenance on one of the turbines. This did not affect the reactor but it did mean that we were only generating power from one of our two reactors until the Turbine was returned to service on Friday 18 December 2015.

Unit 8 operated 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 2,846 LTI free days up to 31 December, that's more than seven years.
- The station had no lost time incidents (LTIs) for contracting partner staff during the reporting period and has achieved 2,834 LTI free days up to 31 December, that's more than seven years.
- The station had no emergency service call out during December.
- There were no on site medical treatments during the month. However, a contract partner employee attended hospital after leaving work after he went over on his ankle while accessing a work site. Following treatment, the individual was able to return to work on restricted duties with no working time lost as a result.
- The station had no environmental events during the month and has gone 2,268 days without an environmental event, that's more than six years.

Station news

More time for Hunterston B apprentice applicants

Prospective apprentices have an extra week to sign up for a place on Hunterston B power station's training programme after the application deadline was extended.

EDF Energy is searching for 51 apprentices to join the company and five will be based at Hunterston.

The power station has a strong local recruitment record and the station draws most of its new apprentices from schools near the sites.

The site employs around 520 staff and has 25 apprentices in the four-year training programme.

Craig McGhie, apprentice co-ordinator, said: "We have been in contact with the local schools and colleges to let them know about the scheme. We've also held a series of open days and the feedback has been very positive."

The latest group of 50 apprentices were appointed during the summer. They spend their first two years at HMS Sultan, a training facility in Portsmouth, but kicked off their new careers with EDF Energy with a team building week in the Lake District.

Craig continued: "It's important for us that the new apprentices' parents are comfortable with the set up we have at HMS Sultan so after the final apprentices are chosen we take them to see the site first hand."

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

After two years, the apprentices return to their home sites to complete their training on site.

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

Although the company's stations already have a number of successful female apprentices, EDF Energy wants to attract more.

Applications for the apprentice programme which close on January 24 can be made through the EDF Energy careers website.

<http://www.edfenergy.com/careers/>

Company news

EDF Energy presented with national award for equality

EDF Energy has become the first energy company to achieve the National Equality Standard award (NES), the UK's most comprehensive assessment of diversity and inclusion in business.

The NES has been developed and sponsored by Ernst and Young (EY) in partnership with 18 other UK and global companies and is supported by the Equality and Human Rights Commission, the Home Office and the Confederation of British Industry.

The company's policies and practices were assessed against 70 competencies covering all nine protected characteristics contained in the Equality Act 2010 for both compliance and best practice.

To complete the assessment, over 120 members of staff were interviewed about their awareness and experience of diversity and inclusion and hundreds of documents were submitted for evaluation.

Steve Varley, Chairman and UK&I Managing Partner at EY, presented EDF Energy's CEO Vincent de Rivaz with the official accreditation at EY's offices in central London. Employees from across the business were invited to celebrate the achievement.

EDF Energy strengthens nuclear skills commitment

EDF Energy is leading by example by signing-up to the Engineering Construction Industry Training Board's (ECITB) Skills Charter as part of its ongoing plans to build the first new nuclear power station in the UK for a generation at Hinkley Point C.

Nigel Cann, Hinkley Point C's Site Construction Director and Chris Claydon, Chief Executive Officer at the ECITB jointly signed the charter at the Hinkley Point C site.

The skills charter recognises EDF Energy's commitment to skills development to ensure the long-term competence and training of its workforce.

The signing also underpins EDF Energy and the ECITB's promise to develop new talent to feed the future of the nuclear industry in the UK and to help close a national skills gap.

Next local community meeting

The next Site Stakeholder meetings (SSG) is on 3 March 2016.

The venue has to be confirmed, however 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.