

16 January 2016

Dear SSG Member,

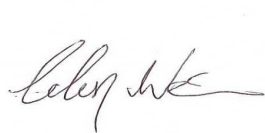
As a member of our community, I believe it is important to keep you updated on any developments at Hunterston B Power Station.

Unit 7 at Hunterston B was taken offline for its planned interim outage on Friday 13 January. An outage at a power station is similar to a car having an MOT and service but on a bigger scale. This will allow us to carry out some planned maintenance and inspection work. As part of the programme of work we will be carrying out inspections of the graphite core.

As I have previously informed you, we have already identified three keyway root cracks in this reactor. We know that during the life of a nuclear reactor the core will lose some of its mass and that cracks will appear in some of the bricks. This is part of the normal aging process and is accepted by our regulator. The results of our inspections so far are in line with our expectations and we expect to identify more cracks during the life of the reactor.

We expect to bring the unit back online towards the middle of February. I will write to you again at that time with an update. I also look forward to updating you on the outage at the next SSG meeting in March.

If you have any concerns or questions please contact the station on 01294 826000 and ask for Nikki Thomson.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin Weir".

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