

Torness 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.

Safety

- The station had zero lost time incidents (LTI) during the reporting period and EDF Energy staff have had 2,539 free days up to 31 December (more than six years) and contract partners have had 538 LTI free days up to 31 December.
- The station had one emergency services call out during December (staff illness)
- There were zero first aid injuries at the station in December.
- The station had no environmental events during December and has gone 1,780 days without an environmental event (over four years)

Station output

Four flasks containing spent fuel were safely transported to Sellafield for reprocessing during the period.

Reactor 1 was operational for the whole month. As previously communicated, we took reactor 2 offline on 14 December during routine testing when an issue was detected in an electrical system. Reactor 2 was synchronised to grid on 17 December.

Station news

Almost 300 children passed through the doors of Torness power station's visitor centre during December as part of its Christmas Cracker open learning week.

As well as touring the station the pupils from four schools in the Lothians and Borders were able to get up close to one of the on-site fire engines, take part in fire extinguisher training and had the opportunity to learn about radiation protection. The children were able to try on the protective coveralls that workers use in radiation controlled areas.

The children, who were aged between 8 and 12 years old, also heard from some of EDF Energy's apprentices who work at the power station and were able to test out their communication skills by helping each other complete a maze while wearing "misty eye" goggles which simulate being in a smoke filled room.



Pictured: Pupils from Berwick Middle School get up close with our fire engine



Station Director Paul Winkle said: "I am delighted that we were able to welcome so many local school children to the visitor centre for our open learning week. Events like this are a great opportunity for us to let people know about how the station operates and the different kinds of work we do on site."

Visitor Centre coordinator Faith Scott said: "There has been a festive mood in the centre all week and everyone seemed to have had a super time. The demonstration by some of our graduates on splitting the atom was lots of fun but the fire engine proved to be the real highlight for many of the children."

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.

Cannington bypass opens

A new bypass, to route traffic around the village of Cannington, has been officially opened.

EDF Energy has worked in partnership with Somerset County Council, district and parish councillors and contractor Aggregate Industries to design and construct the bypass.

It is part of a £16 million package of road improvements paid for by EDF Energy to provide a permanent lasting legacy from the new Hinkley Point C development.

Nigel Cann, Hinkley Point C site construction director, thanked local residents for their understanding during its construction. He said EDF Energy was determined to minimise the impact of the Hinkley Point C project by investing in local road improvements.

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 Local Community Liaison Council meeting will be held on 7 April 2016 at Torness power station.

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Glossary of terms

Term	Definition
Nuclear reportable event or incident	Nuclear reportable events are events reported to the Office for 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.
Unit	A unit refers to one of the reactors at the power station and its generating turbine.
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)