

Torness monthly report

February 2016

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 2,599 free days up to 29 February (more than seven years) and contract partners have had 598 LTI free days up to 29 February.
- The station had no emergency services call outs during February.
- There was one first aid injury at the station in February.
- The station had no environmental events during February and has gone 1,840 days without an environmental event (over four years).

Station output

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

Reactor 1 and 2 were operational for the whole month.

Station news

Torness announce life extension



Torness power station's place in the East Lothian community has been assured after its owner EDF Energy decided to extend the station's operating life by seven years.

The announcement not only means that the station will continue to generate low carbon electricity for UK homes and businesses until at least 2030 but as the area's second largest employer it means job security for the people who work there and continued investment in the East Lothian economy.

In 2015, Torness produced enough electricity to power 2.1 million homes and avoided seven tonnes of carbon – the equivalent of taking 3.3 million cars off the road.

The decision follows extensive technical and safety reviews of the plant which were shared with the independent nuclear regulator, the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR).

Station Director Paul Winkle said: "The team at Torness worked hard to make the business and safety case that would allow the station to continue producing low carbon electricity beyond its original operating life of 2023. Through the technical and safety reviews we carried out and the professional relationship we have with the regulator we are satisfied that we can safely prolong the operating life of Torness."

The station employs more than 500 people directly and a further 250 contract partners.

Paul continued: "Our workforce is like a family and they take great satisfaction in their work. To be able to tell that workforce that their jobs are secure is great news and since most of our people live locally the life extension means they continue to put money back into the East Lothian economy."

But it is not just about workers spending their salaries locally. The station works regularly with many small local businesses including specialist engineering firms and statutory outages also benefit the area.

During last year's outage more than 500 extra workers joined the workforce for 10 weeks providing a boost to the local economy. Local shops, taxi firms, restaurants, B&Bs and hotels all benefited from the large number of extra people who were staying in and around East Lothian.

The station is an enthusiastic supporter of community events. It is a regular sponsor of the Dunbar SciFest and brings science workshops to local schools through its sponsorship of the Edinburgh Science Festival.

It is also good news for the station's apprentices. Twenty-nine apprentices are currently going through the four year scheme and recruitment is underway for the 2016 intake.

Fourth year apprentice Dan Martin said: "I decided to do an apprenticeship at Torness because I wanted to have a good job when I qualified. I also live nearby so the location is really handy for me. The life extension means having a more secure career for the next few years and gaining some really good experience in the nuclear industry."



Fourth year apprentice, Dan Martin

Company news

EDF Energy cuts standard gas price by 5%

EDF Energy has announced a 5% cut to its standard gas price effective from 24 March.

The reduction will decrease EDF Energy's average standard gas price by £31 and will benefit around 900,000 customers.

Beatrice Bigois, Managing Director of Customers at EDF Energy said: "We are pleased that we can reduce customers' gas bills for the second time in just over a year."

Nuclear power station life extensions

EDF Energy has announced new scheduled closure dates for four nuclear power stations, Heysham 1 and Heysham 2 in Lancashire, Hartlepool in Teesside and Torness in East Lothian.

The scheduled closure dates for Heysham 1 and Hartlepool have been extended by five years to 2024 and Heysham 2 and Torness have been extended by seven years to 2030.

The four nuclear plants together supply electricity to around a quarter of the UK's homes. They employ 2000 permanent staff as well as 1000 contractors. EDF Energy invests £600m a year in its nuclear plants



and this investment is paying off. In 2015, their output was 60.6TWh, the highest level for 10 years and 50% higher than in 2008 when EDF Energy acquired the stations

EDF Energy awarded multi-million pound supply contract

EDF Energy has been awarded The Energy Consortium's (TEC) electricity supply contract to power its portfolio of public sector organisations, following a competitive tender process.

The multi-million pound annual agreement will see EDF Energy supply up to 1.6TWh of electricity to as many as 4,500 sites belonging to English & Welsh universities, colleges and museums from October 2016.

The initial two-year contract is the outcome of a tender run by TEC, one of the UK's leading proponents and providers of collaborative energy procurement in the public sector.

Béatrice Bigois, Managing Director of Customers at EDF Energy said: "This is a fantastic win for EDF Energy that further cements our position as the UK's largest supplier of electricity to the public sector. We're delighted that TEC have chosen us based on the great value and service we can offer their members."

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)