

Torness monthly report

June 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 2,355 free days up to 30 June (more than six years) and contract partners have had 354 LTI free days up to 30 June.
- The station had no emergency services call outs during June.
- There were zero minor first aid injuries at the station in June.
- The station had no environmental events during June and has gone 1,596 days without an environmental event (over four years)

Station output

Reactor 1 and reactor 2 were both operational for the whole month.

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

Reactor 2 will be taken out of service later this week for a major maintenance programme. The extensive programme of work will see inspections take place inside the reactor, as well as installation of new equipment at the plant.

The maintenance periods known as “statutory outages” take place every three years on each reactor and are planned in advance with the National Grid to ensure that there is no impact on the national electricity supply. Our other reactor is due to continue operating normally throughout the period.

Station news

Torness employees raise £21,500 and donate business clothes for two charities

Two charities are set to benefit from the work of Torness staff who have been busy holding a day in celebration of diversity and inclusion.

More than £1000 was raised through a very popular cake sale for Marie Curie Cancer Care. This is the chosen charity partner of EDF Energy and the company is now in its third year of supporting their work. So far Torness has raised more than £21, 500 in total. This is enough to fund a Marie Curie nurse for a year.

The Torness team also collected donations of business clothes for a charity called Smart Works which supports women returning to work. The charity gives each woman a new outfit





which is theirs to keep and also provides interview training designed to help them succeed. In 2014 58 % of women who went to Smart Works got the job.

Torness power station director Paul Winkle said "At EDF Energy we believe in creating a positive working environment which encourages people to contribute and that is what these events have been all about. In 2012 the company was awarded the Gold Standard Accreditation and we are aiming to achieve the National Equality Standard (NES) by the end of this year.

"It is very important to us that our employees feel respected and valued and able to be themselves at work and I am proud of what the team at Torness have achieved for these important two charities."

Visitor Centre Summer Activities

Torness visitor centre is putting on a summer nature trail activity for the month of August which is suitable for the whole family. Put on your sunhat (or wellies) and come down for some free entertainment. You will discover a variety of habitats from coastal foreshore, rough grassland, butterflies, moths and various breeds of birds. All visitors will be entered into our lucky draw where you can win great prizes.

Our nature trail will be open daily from **10am – 3pm**. For more information contact our visitor centre on 01368 873 909 or tornessvisitorcentre@edf-energy.com

Company news

Busy summer at thermal plants

Cottam and West Burton A power stations are set for a busy summer, as both sites have started maintenance shutdowns.

Staff at Cottam power station have been planning for its multi-million pound maintenance programme, which started on May 16, for the past 12 months. The team at West Burton A is a month into its shutdown.

Up to 1000 extra workers will join Cottam's 300-strong team during the maintenance period, providing a boost to the local economy.

The team will carry out more than 9200 separate pieces of work – each carefully planned. And a similar amount of work, supported by the extra contractors, will be carried out at West Burton A.

Survey work starts offshore at Blyth

EDF Energy Renewables has been carrying out site investigations within the area of its planned Blyth Offshore Demonstration Project.

There were two key areas of work taking place, geophysical, by EGS (International), Ltd, which looked at the sea bed and geotechnical, by GEO (Denmark), which drilled boreholes into the seabed to understand rock formation.

Two specialist vessels, the Blue Beta and the Morven, carried out the surveys at the proposed site for the turbines and the route the wind farm's electricity cable will take to shore.

Cheltenham science success

EDF Energy is playing a key part in encouraging youngsters to become the scientists and engineers of the future - recently supporting the Science for Schools' programme at Cheltenham Science Festival.

The education programme was the heartbeat of the Science Festival, with thousands of young people discovering fascinating science from some of the world's leading scientists.



More than 70 volunteers from the company's Barnwood office where the Generation business is headquartered helped out at Cheltenham, sharing their own inspiring stories about why a career in science was right for them.

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)