

Torness monthly report

September 2014

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 2089 LTI free days up to 30 September (more than 5 years) and contract partners have had 88 LTI free days up to 30 September.
- The station had no emergency services call outs during September
- There was one first aid injury at the station in September
- The station had no environmental events during September and has gone 1330 days without an environmental event (more than 3 years)

Station output

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

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

Station news



Torness power station takes on eight new apprentices

The latest group of eight Torness power station apprentices have kicked off their careers with EDF Energy after being appointed during the summer.

Louissa Robertson, (18, from Macmerry), Niall Harding, (17, from Dunbar), Gemma Hay, (31, from Reston), Jack Feeney, (18, from Duns), Lewis Martin, (16, from Dunbar), John Bunney, (20, from North Berwick), Kieran Bell, (22, from Eyemouth) and Craig Bell (21, from Annan) have joined the companies 53 other apprentices

at a team building week in the Lake District.

The Lakes' week was the culmination of a gruelling recruitment process which started last autumn when hundreds of applications came in for the positions. After numerous tests and interviews the apprentices were finally chosen to join the Torness teams.

Dominic Blythe, Torness' Apprentice Co-ordinator, said: "The quality of applications was very high and so that means the quality of our apprentices will also be very high."

“As a kick start to the apprenticeship we take all of EDF Energy’s first year apprentices to the Lake District for a team-building week and this works well as this group will be spending the next two years together.”

After the final eight were chosen the apprentices and their families were taken to see HMS Sultan – the Portsmouth-based training facility where the apprentices will spend their first two years,

“Many of our apprentices come from local schools and it’s important for us to ensure the parents are comfortable with the set up at HMS Sultan and so we take them to see the site first hand,” Dominic said.

Away from the classroom the apprentices will enjoy excellent sports and leisure facilities under the watchful eye of the centre’s own team.

Dominic added: “After the initial two years away we end up with some very mature individuals who return to Torness power station to complete their apprenticeship on site.”

Applications for the apprentice programme open in November and will be through the EDF Energy careers website.

If you would like to hear more about the apprenticeship programme first hand we have an open day at Torness Power Station in November, December and January. Please go to our website for details and register your interest.

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

Company news

New Blue+Price Promise energy tariff launched

EDF Energy has announced the launch of Blue+Price Promise March 2016, a new cheaper energy tariff that provides fixed prices for 18 months.

Customers will be alerted if they could save more than £1 a week at typical use with any other tariff², either from EDF Energy or its competitors, giving peace of mind for people concerned about changing energy prices.

As with all EDF Energy tariffs, customers are also free to leave with no exit fees at any time.

Blue+Price Promise March 2016 replaces the company’s existing fixed-price tariff, Blue+Price Promise February 2016, and will be at the lower price of £1,039 a year via Direct Debit for a typical dual fuel customer – based on a national average of regional prices.

Search on for new graduates

EDF Energy is looking for around 60 engineering and commercial graduates to join the company.

The scheme offers graduates a chance to work at many of the company’s nuclear sites and also its engineering excellence centre at Barnwood before taking a permanent position within EDF Energy.

Graduates are given a mentor to support them through the first 12-months of the scheme and then to help them into a career within the company

Applications for the 2015 scheme is open now, full details and ‘application forms’ are on the EDF Energy website - <http://www.edfenergy.com/careers>

Next local community meeting

The Local Community Liaison Council meeting will be held on 19 March 2015 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)