

Torness monthly report

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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 2,232 free days up to 28 February (more than six years) and contract partners have had 231 LTI free days up to 28 February.
- The station had no emergency services call outs during February
- There was one minor first aid injury at the station in February
- The station had no environmental events during February and has gone 1,473 days without an environmental event (over four years)

Station output

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

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

Station news



Torness runners support local families in need

A group of 19 hardy runners from EDF Energy's Torness power station have pulled on their trainers to compete in a four mile run to raise five hundred pounds for the Dunbar Basics Bank. The basics bank is organised by Dunbar Parish Church in partnership with the Edinburgh City Mission.

The run is held every year at the nuclear power station and the person who raises the most money chooses which charity it goes to. The Basics Bank is a referral only service which provides people with food, toiletries and household cleaning products, aiming to provide the basic needs for people and their dependants for four days of their week. It covers Dunbar and the surrounding villages of Belhaven, East Linton, Innerwick, Oldhamstocks, Stenton, Spott, Tynninghame and West Barns.

Lorraine Gilchrist, a volunteer from the Dunbar Basics Bank, said "We are delighted to receive this very generous donation. The money will be used to buy fresh fruit, vegetables and meat to supplement the tinned and dried goods that we already give to our clients. This greatly helps us in our aim to give our clients a well balanced and nutritious diet. We also really appreciate the ongoing support of the Torness staff who donate regularly into the donation drum on site."

The four mile run route is a circuit of Thorntonloch beach, the seawall, Skateraw beach, Chapel Point and the return is via the old A1 road. This year's run winner is 28 year old Peter Paxton from Dunbar. He picked up the Bob Wilson trophy from the man himself. Bob is a retired shift engineer at Torness who donated the prize.

Torness power station director, Paul Winkle, said "I am really pleased the money has gone to such a good local cause. It is really important to give to the Basics Bank and at Torness we have donation drums so our employees can get involved.

"Well done to all the runners and to Peter on his win and special thanks to Bob Wilson who never fails to support this event in person every year."

Company news

Diving into a new challenge

Engineering challenges from the 1940s faced EDF Energy's newest recruits who took over the maintenance of HMS Alliance, a Second World War submarine.

HMS Alliance is based at the Submarine Museum, Gosport, and every year EDF Energy's apprentices spend time on the boat looking at how best to keep it maintained.

The EDF Energy apprentices spend two years at the Babcock Engineering Academy, within HMS Sultan, a Royal Navy military base also in Gosport, before returning to the home stations to complete their apprenticeship.

Ian Williams, EDF Energy's apprentice manager based at HMS Sultan, said: "We have strong links with HMS Alliance stretching back many years.

"The apprentices spend time on the submarine and get a chance to use their newly-acquired skills, tracing systems and researching how they worked on this historic vessel, which includes interviewing ex-submariners."

Birthday celebrations at Sizewell B

Sizewell B has marked 20 years of low carbon electricity generation.

The station was 'married to the grid' on February 14 1995 and has saved some 117 million tonnes of CO2 which is equivalent to taking all of the passenger cars off UK roads for 1.8 years.

3,000 UK companies were involved in the construction of Sizewell B.

Jim Crawford, Sizewell B station director, said: "Sizewell B safely and reliably delivers power to over two million homes and businesses every day.

"One of the highlights of my job, is meeting the next generation of engineers and technicians and helping them reach their full potential to deliver something so fundamental to day to day life as electricity."

10,000 not out at Dungeness B

Two years after first opening its doors, Dungeness B visitor centre has welcomed its 10,000th visitor.

The interactive centre at the nuclear power station in Kent has proved extremely popular with people of all ages since it opened.

Station director Martin Pearson said: "The response we have had from our visitors has been very positive and I am delighted that so many people have decided to come here to find out about how we generate electricity.

"Many schools, colleges and local groups have visited the centre over the last 24 months and we're taking many repeat bookings from teachers."

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)