

## Torness monthly report

March 2018

### 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. EDF Energy staff have had 660 LTI free days (more than a year and a half) up to 31 March and contract partners have had 1360 LTI free days up to 31 March – that's more than three and a half years.
- The station had one emergency services call out during March.
- There were two first aid injuries at the station in March.
- The station had no environmental events during March and has gone 2601 days without an environmental event (almost seven years).

### Station output

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

Reactor 1 was manually shutdown on 1 March due to increased seaweed levels as a result of the weather conditions in the area. After an improvement in the weather and marine conditions reactor 1 returned safely to service on Sunday, 4 March.

We generated 669,990 MWh in March; this is enough low carbon electricity to power around 168,957 homes and avoid 0.23 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions and equivalent greenhouse gasses (known as MtCO<sub>2</sub>e) (when compared to direct emissions of combined cycle gas turbines).

### Station news

#### Torness team paints up a storm for East Lothian children's charity

A team of enthusiastic staff from Torness power station rolled on down to an East Lothian children's charity recently to brush up on their painting skills.

The visit followed a further donation to Aberlour Options – Lothian of £8,000 from EDF Energy's Scottish Charities Fund. Over the past two years the energy company has donated £16,000 to the charity.

The group of six from the EDF Energy station spent a day sprucing up two bedrooms at Aberlour's Prestonpans facility.

The service provides a range of short breaks and respite care for children and young people affected by learning and physical disabilities in East Lothian and Midlothian.

The charity's purpose built bungalow in Prestonpans is open 39 weekends of the year and is also available for week-long breaks during the school holidays.





Robert Gunn, Torness Station Director, said: "I am delighted that we've been able to continue our support for Aberlour both with a donation of funds and with practical help from some of our staff. As a large employer in East Lothian it is important that we are able to give something back to the community and Aberlour carries out great work for many children in the area."

One of the team who helped at with the painting, Cris Martinez, said: "We had a fantastic day helping at the centre. It was time well spent and a real boost to know that the work we were doing is going to benefit the children who use the service."

Aberlour's service manager, Gill Cripps, said: "Thank you to the team from EDF Energy for coming along and transforming two of our bedrooms. They look amazing and the children loved them. Your hard work was really appreciated."

The work was carried out through EDF Energy's 'Helping Hands' scheme which allows staff to take two paid days off a year to help out in the local community or an environmental cause.

### **Company news**

#### **Sizewell C and Bradwell B power stations' economic boost**

MPs, Lords and business leaders from the East of England were shown the economic boost delivered from building a new nuclear power station at a meeting in Westminster.

They met suppliers and apprentices as EDF Energy launched a new report detailing the training, skills, jobs and local contracts made possible by the construction of its Hinkley Point C power station in Somerset.

EDF Energy is already at work with business and education groups in the east to repeat the success story at the proposed Sizewell C and Bradwell B power stations.

The report shows that almost 200 apprentices have already started careers at Hinkley Point. The report also shows that more than £465m of contracts have been awarded in the south-west and that a third of employment opportunities are due to be filled by local people.

John Dugmore, Suffolk Chamber of Commerce chief executive said: "The event shows how new nuclear can support the regional economy and can give a long-lasting boost to regional and local businesses."

Jim Crawford, Sizewell C project development director, said: "Nuclear has a bigger impact on jobs and skills than any other technology - especially compared to importing energy. We are determined to use that impact to leave a positive legacy and today's report shows that we are delivering on our promises.

"Bradwell B in Essex would follow the Sizewell project – multiplying the positive effect on people and the economy from Sizewell B and C."

### **Local community meeting**

Our annual local liaison committee was held at Torness power station on Thursday, 22 March 2018. There was good representation from Edinburgh, East Lothian and Borders Councils as well as local community councils.

Date of next meeting: 14 March 2019 from 10:00 – 13:00



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### Glossary of terms

Term	Definition
Nuclear reportable event or incident	Nuclear reportable events are significant events, such as non-compliance with or inadequacy in the safety case. These (along with other, less significant events) are 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 which result in an environmental impact. These (along with other, less significant events) are reported to SEPA.
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)