

Torness monthly report

May 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 2,325 free days up to 31 May (more than six years) and contract partners have had 324 LTI free days up to 31 May.
- The station had two emergency services call outs during May.
- There were zero minor first aid injuries at the station in May.
- The station had no environmental events during May and has gone 1,566 days without an environmental event (over four years)

Station output

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

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

Station news

Lewis boxes his way to victory

Maintenance lightweight ace Lewis Paulin hit too hard and too often for Youssef Al Hamidi at his boxing light weight professional debut match at the Thistle Hotel in Glasgow on 22 May 2015.

Lewis is a technician in the maintenance department at Torness. He started his boxing career during his apprentice training at HMS Sultan.

Lewis controlled the fight right from the start by being the aggressor and taking the centre of the ring right through to the end of the fight. He won on points; and it was a unanimous decision as Lewis had won every round.

A huge fan base from Torness travelled with Lewis and he is sure they contributed to the evening's victory.



Girls can be engineering apprentices too!

24 year old Stefany Chisholm does a job that is different to most girls her age. The Dunbar youngster is a mechanical maintenance apprentice in the maintenance department at EDF Energy's Torness nuclear power station.



Torness highlighted its support for Scottish Apprenticeship week which took place from 18 – 22 May.

Stefany is amongst 53 other apprentices in Scotland on the EDF Energy Engineering Maintenance Apprenticeship Scheme. It is a four-year programme which focuses on the skills required to maintain our 8 nuclear, two coal and one combined cycle gas turbine power stations across the UK.

Stefany said, "I've always had a keen interest in engineering which can be put down to my brother and my dad. My brother had an engineering apprenticeship with a different company and my dad works offshore so I guess you could say it is in the blood!"

"I actually started at university and completed two years before realising it wasn't for me. I worked for a few years then came across the apprenticeship programme at EDF Energy and the rest is history. I am about to go into my fourth year now and am loving every minute of it!"

The first two years of the programme are based at the Royal Naval base at HMS Sultan near Portsmouth, Hampshire. During this time apprentices undergo training in academic and workshop environments to ensure they gain an excellent introduction to engineering and develop a strong skills foundation. Part of this programme also covers the development of life skills, like confidence and communication.

Alongside the rigorous engineering training and qualifications, the apprentices will enjoy world-class sports and leisure facilities. The programme also includes trips abroad to European nuclear power stations and a huge variety of activities available to them, including skydiving or learning foreign languages.

Torness apprentice co-ordinator Dominic Blyth said, "We've just recruited six new apprentices who will start with us in August this year. The scheme will open again for recruits later this year and I would encourage as many young people to apply as possible."

Company news

Celebrating differences during diversity day

Employees at each of EDF Energy's sites across the UK shone a light on the diversity of its workforce with a varied day of events.

Diversity and Inclusion day was an opportunity to recognise and celebrate EDF Energy's employees. The company's sites held a series of events to mark the day and invited many of the stations' partners to talk to staff.

Peter Prozesky, Director of Continuous Improvement for the Generation business, said: "At EDF Energy, individuals are valued for their uniqueness, are able to be themselves and have the opportunity to reach their full potential, creating a richness of perspectives for the business."

Helping employees 'be themselves' is one of the aims of the range of employee networks which were represented at the open days - including Working Parents', LGBT, Women's, Disability and Carer's, Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic and Forces Support.

Manchester tower block energy efficient heating system gets £1m

EDF Energy is contributing £1million to fund energy efficient heating measures in three Manchester tower blocks known collectively as 'Tribe.'



The funds will be put towards the installation of low carbon, biomass district heating systems across the 192 apartments. Biomass heating uses renewable energy sources, such as wood pellets, to generate heat or electricity.

Without this funding, building developers would have had to use an alternate heating method that would have been more costly for residents to run and less environmentally friendly.

New apprentices welcomed to the company

EDF Energy's power stations' newest intake of apprentices enjoyed an open evening with their families to find out more about the four-year scheme they will start in September.

The future apprentices and their parents heard about the world-class facilities and engineering training at Royal Navy Base HMS Sultan near Portsmouth, where they will be based for the first two years before returning to their sites to complete their training on site.

Martin Pearson, Dungeness B station director said: "This annual welcome event is important for each station as we get to meet not just the apprentices but their families too.

"Mums and dads get to ask any questions they may have and the apprentices get to find out what it is like to be an apprentice both at HMS Sultan and also at the station."

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)