



AGM MEETING

DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION

SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING

THURSDAY 22 JUNE 2023

AT 1400 HRS, REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FROM 1330 HRS

**VENUE: WELLNESS CENTRE (VISITOR CENTRE) DUNGENESS B POWER
STATION,
ROMNEY MARSH, TN29 9PX**

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SITE DIRECTOR
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STATION DIRECTOR
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- ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE FOR DUNGENESS A AND DUNGENESS B –
PHIL FAHEY, EA INSPECTOR, DUN A, EDDIE OSONDU, EA INSPECTOR, DUN B

- NDA UPDATE – SIMON NAPPER, NDA
- MAGNOX UPDATE – BILL HAMILTON, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
- ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2023



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DUNGENESS SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP (SSG)
HELD AT WELLNESS CENTRE (VISITOR CENTRE)
DUNGENESS B POWER STATION
THURSDAY 9 MARCH 2023**

Attendance/Apologies list

Attendance

Graham Finn
Rebecca Cavanagh
Gavin Lancaster
Richard Lavender
Chris Milne
John Rogers
Claire Bruce
Mick Burgess
Linda Marsh
Kirsty Roberts
Owen Leyshon
Tony Hills
Jo Cowdrey
Michelle Parker
Phil Williams
Bill Hamilton
Louise Barton
Simon Napper
Adam Feacey
Cath Pritchard
Jason Crook

SSG Chair
EDF
EDF
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Ashford Borough Council
FHDC/RMP
FHDC/DLUHC
RMCP
KCC
Creative Folkestone
Creative Folkestone
Natural England
Magnox
Lydd Airport Action Group
NDA
KCC
Magnox
ONR Dungeness B

Apologies

Ian Cuthbert
Abbi Bamping
David Godfrey
Clive Goddard
Peter Coe
Phil Fahey
Chris Hoggart
Shannon Bowie-Wooler
Mr S Bashford
Barrie Botley
Ms M Stuart
Eddie Osondu

Magnox Dungeness A Site Director
Natural England
Vice Chair
FHDC
New Romney Town Council
EA
Rother District Council
Minute Taker
Staff Rep Dungeness B
Kent Against a Radioactive Environment
Kent Against a Radioactive Environment
EA Inspector Dungeness B

1. INTRODUCTION

The Chairman welcomed the attendees, and new attendees introduced themselves.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were noted from Ian Cuthbert, Abbi Bamping, David Godfrey, Clive Goddard, Peter Coe, Phil Fahey, Chris Hoggart, Shannon Bowie-Wooler, Mr S Bashford, Barrie Botley, Ms M Stuart and Eddie Osondu.

3. TO APPROVE THE MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on November 2022 were accepted as a true reflection.

4. MATTERS ARISING

The Chairman noted that Gavin Lancaster was to give an update on where the B site was going in the following three to five years. It had been agreed that Gavin Lancaster would attend the next meeting to do this.

In response to the action from the previous meeting; Chris Milne reported that he'd provided information to Tony Hills regarding the reasons for not using alternative methods to road transport and Tony had visited the A Site to meet the project team and view the planned works. Planning permission had subsequently been granted. However, Tony expressed a desire for ongoing engagement with both sites regarding future vehicle movements and potential improvements to the road network.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

The Chairman noted the following correspondence:

- correspondence from the NDA on the government consultation on decommissioning and waste, which would be covered under the NDA agenda item.
- an email concerning the new stakeholder website, which was now live.
- the meeting pack including reports had been sent out.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman presented his report. A web conference had been held on the social economic report which the NDA had produced. Five members of the SSG had attended. The NDA report had covered the whole NDA estate, and the SSG members had been able to quiz the NDA on the implications for Dungeness.

Following the previous meeting the Chairman had contacted the individual running the small modular reactor (SMR) project in Rolls-Royce to seek clarity on Rolls-Royce's intention for the Dungeness site and SMRs. He had had a telecom meeting with the individual, who had informed the Chairman that Dungeness was far down the list for development

The Chairman had had a note from Magnox comms to say there had been some noise issues from the work on the A site, which would be covered in the report.

7. DUNGENESS A'S CLOSURE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – IAN CUTHBERT, SITE DIRECTOR

Chris Milne delivered the report in Ian Cuthbert's absence.

There had been a lot of work on hand injuries across the workforce since the previous meeting. A site safety improvement plan was being worked on. The noise had been another issue, with four communications from residents. Some dates had been put forward to discuss upcoming plans and engage with neighbours. This had been a learning point.

On project work, the boiler project had been moving on with enabling work, in particular the new ILW facilities area. Construction was causing some of the noise issues. Concrete pouring for this would be taking place in around April, with building construction afterwards. On waste retrieval, retrieval of the pathfinder DCI resin had started, with around seven containers filled and on course for eight containers filled by end of March. On asset care projects around 15 work packages had been done in the year, with £2.7 million spend on improving existing assets, the largest of which being improving the car park. On community support, there had been four successful applications for site A, totalling £67,600.

It was suggested that a summary of noise-causing activities be sent to the Dungeness Residents Association.

The Chairman asked when significant lorry movements would be taking place. Chris Milne explained that infill work would be starting in June through to early 2024. On concrete, the average had been eight lorries per day, but this would peak in mid-April.

8. DUNGENESS B's STATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GAVIN LANCASTER, STATION DIRECTOR

Gavin Lancaster presented the report.

On the crush injury reported at the previous meeting, the individual was now back at work. An independent investigation had been undertaken by the ONR. An improvement notice had been issued, specifically to update the maintenance instructions to prevent recurrence. Training also needed improvement to raise awareness.

Conversations were taking place with people on site as the change towards defueling began, and the vast majority wished to retain employment terms and conditions within the site. The target for beginning defueling was currently the first or second week of May. A four to five-year programme was being looked at to safely remove fuel from the site.

The shingle transfer had been raised at the previous meeting. Dredging of an area had been considered at to avoid vehicle movements, but the cost had risen from £1.5 million to £10 million due to unexploded ordnance requiring surveys. This was a live issue.

9. ONR REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A – JOHN ROGERS, ONR INSPECTOR

John Rogers presented his report.

An inspection had been carried out in respect of licencing condition 7, which related to site reporting of incidents and events. It had been a follow-up to one 15 months earlier where some issues had been found around lack of staff working in a particular area. A new OEF engineer had been recruited, and the follow-up inspection had shown significant improvement.

A lot enabling works had been taking place for removal of the boiler annexes and the boilers themselves. This was taking place because the boiler annexes had been allowed to become unsafe. The fact that this work had begun was a positive, but some problems were starting to be encountered. There were a number of areas where immediate improvement had been required to avoid prohibition notices. John Rogers was very satisfied with progress since the inspection, but there were questions around the initial positions.

On the safety culture and safety performance in general, John Rogers would be going to site or an inspection in May with a team and looking at the whole safety performance. This was not nuclear safety, but conventional health and safety around the site. There had been a number of hand injuries, and enforcement action had been taken. The quality of the investigations that Magnox had carried out had not met expectations in some cases, so the ONR would be carrying out a number of Magnox corporate inspections to find the root cause and implement any necessary fixes.

10. ONR REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B – JASON CROOK, ONR INSPECTOR

Jason Crook presented his report.

Following the crush event, the investigation had reached a point where improvement needed to be secured via an improvement notice. There had also been enforcement action issued to the contractor involved. Jason Crook had been pleased with the station's response and the clear commitment, and the ONR would work with the contractor involved to secure improvements and prevent recurrence. On electrical safety, an electrical specialist inspector had found deficiencies in testing and record keeping. This had resulted in an enforcement letter fleet-wide.

The ONR had gone back to examine the station readiness for defueling, over a three-day inspection with inspectors from three different specialisms. That inspection had been given a green rating, though there were still other activities to reach the point of defueling. An LC26 control supervision inspection had taken place, which found effective control supervision. A fuel route system inspection had also taken place, and the station had been found to be appropriately managing the facility. A fire system inspection had found it was being appropriately managed. An LC28 maintenance management inspection had awarded an amber rating and a level three regulatory issue raised over specific deficiencies with how a certain class of defects were being managed.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE FOR DUNGENESS A AND DUNGENESS B – PHIL FAHEY, EA INSPECTOR, DUN A, EDDIE OSONDU, EA INSPECTOR, DUN B

Neither PH nor EO were present.

12. NDA UPDATE – SIMON NAPPER, NDA

SN presented his report.

There was a new government department that the NDA reported into: the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. Andrew Bowie MP had been appointed as the dedicated Nuclear Minister.

There was a new government consultation on decommissioning and radioactive waste management, bringing all aspects together. This consultation started at the end of February and would last 12 weeks.

The stakeholder survey had been carried out over summer 2022, but the analysis was now complete. There had been an increase in participation of 33%. Key indicators were up on trust, transparency and openness. The stakeholder summit had taken place in September for the first time in three years. There would not be an in-person stakeholder summit in 2023, but there would be an online one. Another in person summit would take place in Cumbria in 2024.

The Chairman noted that the government consultation would be sent out to all members of the SSG, so they could submit any comments they wished.

13. MAGNOX UPDATE – BILL HAMILTON, DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Bill Hamilton presented the report.

There had been several hand injuries across the estate, which were being treated very seriously at the corporate centre. There was a permanent ongoing safety campaign called 'Target Zero', with other campaigns on different aspects of health and safety. Despite this there had been a surge in hand injuries, so the safety campaign was being reviewed.

The new site stakeholder website had gone live a few weeks previously, and there had been positive feedback. Anyone in the wider community could go to the site and find out what was happening.

There had been ongoing discussions about publishing an end date for the site. As part of the NDA business plan it had been decided that dates would be published. For Dungeness final site clearance was anticipated in the 2050s.

Magnox was undergoing a rebranding exercise, with stakeholders to be engaged on this. A new brand for the expanding company was looking to be launched in October.

Extra funding had been allocated by the NDA to the social programme around the cost of living, amounting to about £16,600 per site. Magnox was working with the district council around distributing this.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman thanked all present for their attendance. There being no other business, the meeting was closed.

Next Meeting dates: Thursday 12 October 2023.



June 2023

Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group – EDF report

Station Director's Message – June 2023



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When we last issued this report in February, the station was on target to start defueling in May. I'm delighted to be able to report that we hit that ambition and removed the first fuel from Reactor 21 on Friday, May 26.

I cannot stress how much of an achievement this was for station. When Dungeness B was moved into defueling in June 2021 we were denied that celebratory moment that some of the other power stations get, as they power down for the final time. But our teams rose to the challenge. As I previously reported we secured our safety case in less than two years after we moved into defueling, we completed thousands of tasks right across the plant to be ready for defueling and we got our staff focussed on the new job at hand.

When we were generating we were counting terrawatts of energy generated at Dungeness and fed into the grid. Now we are counting flasks of fuel sent offsite to Sellafield for processing and storage. It's a new way of working for us but we now have a clear path forward and a new mission to deliver for the nation before we hand this plant over to Magnox.

Updates

Onsite works

- At 10.12pm on Friday, May 26 Dungeness B removed our first fuel assembly and replaced it with an empty stringer assembly. This marked the start of our defueling operations. Getting to this point has been an enormous undertaking.
- Since June 2021, with support from technical colleagues in our Gloucester HQ, we have completed 17,800 tasks onsite, we passed more than 700 discovery milestones and worked on many unique work activities.
- One of the more significant projects we undertook was identified shortly before Christmas.
- This issue was to do with our liebigs anchors. These anchors are bolts used to fix the boiler header bellows units to the concrete pressure vessel. They are there to limit the rate of hot gas that would be released into the boiler house if the header failed.
- Pre-defueling outage work tested the torque rate on a number of the anchors. When it was found that the rate was lower than the level identified in our safety case it was immediately removed from service. We submitted a revised safety case, which was approved, and then completed the required physical works a week ahead of schedule.
- Since the start of the year completing this work has been the most significant challenge the station has faced. Once we completed the project in late April we could begin warming up the reactors and commence final testing, before starting defueling.
- In early June we submitted a planning application to Folkestone & Hythe District Council for the demolition of 15 modular buildings and removal of an old water tank onsite. This is the very first part of our onsite works to get the site ready for decommissioning, and in doing so provide better accommodation for the teams which use these buildings.

Staff update

- Since the start of 2023 I've been meeting teams to ensure everyone is firmly aligned with the station's priorities. There have been conversations with every member of our workforce about our new mission.
- We have also started to talk to teams about transfer and deconstruction work. The transfer date is several years away but it is vital that our teams fully appreciate how things will change onsite over the coming years and the timetable for those changes.

- After looking at our apprentice programmes and future requirements we have decided to recruit. We expect to have four new apprentices on company training programmes by the autumn.

Environmental events

- There have been no top tier environmental safety events since the last meeting.

Safety

- There have been no significant safety events since the last meeting.

Emergency arrangements

- In April we held a major test of the site's emergency plan. During the exercise we played out a challenging scenario and involved a number of external agencies to put the plan through its paces and the ONR judged it to be an adequate test of the emergency plan.

Community contributions

- Dungeness B is proud to be part of this community. And we are showing that once again this year by pledging our support for two key events in our local community. First we have given a donation to the Lydd Club Day, which this year will be staged on Sunday, June 17. And we have also once again supported the New Romney Country Fayre, which this year is being held at the end of July.

Gavin Lancaster
Station Director
June 2023



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ONR Site Report

Magnox Ltd – Dungeness A

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Magnox Ltd - Dungeness A

Report for period: 1 January – 31 March 2023

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Foreword

This report is issued as part of ONR's commitment to make information about inspection and regulatory activities relating to the above site available to the public. Reports are distributed to members for the Dungeness Stakeholder Group and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llc/>).

Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group meetings where these reports are presented and will respond to any questions raised there. Any person wishing to inquire about matters covered by this report should contact ONR.

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1. Inspections

1.1. Date(s) of Inspection

The ONR site inspector and specialist inspectors made inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 January – 31 March 2023:

22 & 23 February 2023

22 March 2023

2. Routine Matters

2.1. Inspections

Inspections are undertaken as part of the process for monitoring compliance with:

- the conditions attached by ONR to the nuclear site licence granted under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 (NIA65) (as amended);
- the Energy Act 2013
- the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 (HSWA74); and
- regulations made under HSWA74, for example the Ionising Radiations Regulations 2017 (IRR17) and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR99).

The inspections entail monitoring the licensee's actions on the site in relation to incidents, operations, maintenance, projects, modifications, safety case changes and any other matters that may affect safety. The licensee is required to make and implement adequate arrangements under the conditions attached to the licence in order to ensure legal compliance. Inspections seek to judge both the adequacy of these arrangements and their implementation.

In this period, routine inspections of Dungeness A site covered the following:

- Management of decommissioning including control and supervision

This inspection, which was rated "Amber" under the ONR Inspection Rating Guide, targeted the enabling projects being carried out as part of the first phase of construction works, including demolition, to deliver the boiler annex and boiler removal programme. ONR found compliance shortfalls with traffic management and has written an enforcement letter to Magnox Ltd seeking improvements.

- Radioactive waste management

This was a planned inspection of the management of radioactive waste at the site, and was rated “Green” under the ONR Inspection Rating Guide. The site inspector noted an accumulation of radioactive waste, however he was satisfied with the plan proposed by Magnox Ltd to remove this accumulation within the next year.

Members of the public, who would like further information on ONR’s inspection activities during the reporting period, can view site Intervention Reports at www.onr.org.uk/intervention-records on our website www.onr.org.uk.

Should you have any queries regarding our inspection activities, please email contact@onr.gov.uk.

2.2. Other Work

During the period the ONR site inspector, accompanied by specialist inspectors, attended a site meeting to further discuss the boiler removal project, and attended the SSG meeting on the 9 March.

3. Non-Routine Matters

Licensees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. ONR inspectors judge the adequacy of the licensee's response, including actions taken to implement any necessary improvements.

There were no such matters or events of significance during the period.

4. Regulatory Activity

ONR may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Under nuclear site licence conditions, ONR issues regulatory documents, which either permit an activity or require some form of action to be taken; these are usually collectively termed 'Licence Instruments' (LIs) but can take other forms. In addition, inspectors may take a range of enforcement actions, to include issuing an enforcement notice.

- No LIs, enforcement notices or enforcement letters were issued during this period.

5. News from ONR

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6. Contacts

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1. Inspections

1.1. Date(s) of Inspection

The ONR site inspector and/or other specialists inspectors made inspections on the following dates during the report period 01 January – 31 March 2023:

11 January

07 – 09 February

23 February

14 – 15 March

2. Routine Matters

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In this period, routine inspections of Dungeness B covered the following:

- examination, maintenance, inspection and testing;
- management of operations including control and supervision;
- staff training, qualifications and experience;
- modifications to plant, equipment and safety cases;
- organisational changes;

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In addition to routine inspection activities, ONR has carried out a number of defueling readiness inspections during the period. These multi-disciplinary inspections examined Dungeness B's readiness across the areas of people, plant and processes and included examining the adequacy of Dungeness B's implementation of its initial defueling safety case and associated plant modifications. Following these regulatory

interactions ONR is satisfied that Dungeness B is appropriately managing its transition to the defueling phase of operations.

2.2. Other Work

The site inspector attended the Dungeness site stakeholder group in March remotely, to give an overview of ONR's regulatory activities and provide an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions related to ONR's work.

The site inspector held a periodic meeting with safety representatives, to support their function of representing employees and receiving information on matters affecting their health, safety and welfare at work.

The site inspector met regularly with the site-based Independent Nuclear Assurance (INA) team to ensure the internal regulator function remains effective and verifying information provided by the station.

During this reporting period the site inspector undertook a number of intelligence gathering activities and plant visits including engagement with members of the site's senior leadership team.

3. Non-Routine Matters

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4. Regulatory Activity

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- The following LIs, Enforcement Notices and Enforcement letters have been issued during the period:

Table 1: Licence Instruments and Enforcement Notices Issued by ONR during this period

Date	Type	Ref. No.	Description
27/02/23	Improvement Notice	ONR-IN-22-011	EDF Energy Improvement notice in relation to Main CW pump 22 crush event
27/02/23	Improvement Notice	ONR-IN-22-012	Trillium Improvement notice in relation to Main CW pump 22 crush event
27/02/23	Enforcement Letter	ONR-EL-22-038	EDF Energy enforcement letter in relation to Main CW pump 22 crush event
27/02/23	Enforcement Letter	ONR-EL-22-039	Trillium enforcement letter in relation to Main CW pump 22 crush event

Reports detailing the above regulatory decisions can be found on the ONR website at <http://www.onr.org.uk/pars/>.

The Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) has served improvement notices on EDF and Trillium Flow Services UK Ltd following the main cooling water pump 22 crush event which occurred in June 2022 which resulted in a contractor sustaining injuries to their foot. There were no consequences to the public or the environment as a result of the incident.

ONR continues to investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident and this has resulted in an improvement notice being issued to EDF under the Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998, Regulation 8(1) and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999, Regulation 12(1)(a).

A notice has also been served on Trillium Flow Services UK Ltd under the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations, Regulation 3(1).

In addition, ONR also issued enforcement letters to EDF Energy and Trillium requiring them to implement adequate training to applicable personnel in relation to the maintenance of Dungeness B's main cooling water valves. and to ensure plant is left in a safe state.

ONR is continuing its investigation into the incident so cannot publicly discuss any further details at this stage.

EDF and Trillium Flow Services UK Ltd based in Alloa, Scotland have until 31 May 2023 to comply with the improvement notices.

5. News from ONR

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Environment Agency Report to the Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group

June 2023

Introduction

This report covers our regulation of Dungeness A and B Sites and related environmental matters for the period March 2023 to June 2023.

The Environment Agency's priority remains to protect people and the environment. We have set out how we are doing this across the many areas we regulate, and on which we provide advice and guidance. For example, flood defence, flood warning, environmental sampling, permitting, angling and fisheries, waterways management and billing. Please see our page on GOV.UK (www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency).

Radioactive Substances Regulation

We regulate radioactive waste disposals through environmental permits that contain limits and conditions aimed at minimising wastes and protecting the environment. We check compliance with the permit by undertaking regular inspections. These are recorded on Radioactive Substances Compliance Assessment Reports (RASCARs) which detail our inspections and any non-compliance(s) found.

On 24th and 25th March 2023, we visited Dungeness A to perform an inspection on intermediate level waste processing and to discuss various decommissioning projects including aqueous waste management. On 5th and 6th June, we visited site to perform an environmental awareness drop in with the site Operator and wider Magnox corporate team.

On 21st March 2023, we carried out an inspection of the management of solid radioactive waste at Dungeness B (DNB).

We also maintain regular contact with the sites by remote means in addition to formal correspondence and site visits.

Site Regulation

Dungeness A

We are in regular contact, several times during the month with Senior Managers at Dungeness A to ensure that we are kept in touch with progress on decommissioning, progress on actions and recommendations and any emerging issues at the site.

Inspections:

During our March visit we inspected arrangements for retrieval and packaging of ILW. We found no non-compliances.

We continue our discussions on the holistic view of radioactive aqueous waste with the Operator. The Operator is still working with us to find the optimised disposal route for aqueous waste going forward. This may be using the Modular Active Effluent Treatment

Plant or disposing of aqueous waste via another route. We are assessing various further proposals from the Operator to see if it will represent best available techniques to send reactor void water to surface water drain. All such disposals must be compliant with all environmental permits at all times and that the Operator will need to demonstrate to us that this is the case before any disposals are made to any route.

During our June visit we ran a drop-in session for staff as part of our outreach on environmental awareness. We have been championing this on site for some time. We produced posters on what the Environment Agency does regarding EA 2025 ([Environment Agency: EA2025 creating a better place - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)), the government 25 year environment plan [25 Year Environment Plan - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#) and other aspects concerning our regulation of the nuclear industry.

We invited the site and Magnox corporate to contribute. The Operator at site concentrated on their environmental aspects and enhancements whilst Magnox corporate gave the overarching view on environmental company arrangements.

The event was well attended, and we will look to roll out this format on environmental awareness for staff at other Magnox sites.

Asset management at Dungeness A.

On 28/3/23 we received and then assessed the root cause investigation (RCI) following the damage to site caused by storm Eunice (February 2022). This RCI was written by Magnox corporate. We want the Operator to learn from the issues raised regarding asset management by this RCI and that of the MXD plant event (see below). We are having regular meetings with the Engineering Manager (last 4th April 2023) on asset management to see how improvements are being introduced using the onsite and company processes.

We have been informed of potential cutbacks in the budget by Magnox across the Fleet for asset management. We have made a recommendation in one of our RASCARs that cutbacks should not mean an increase in non-compliance or environmental events at Dungeness A.

Engagement with the Operator regarding the turbine hall void.

We are still liaising with the Operator and local area colleagues regarding the material that is to be used to fill in the turbine hall void. We assessed a specification from the Operator for the material that will be used for the infill on top of the material already in situ and are continuing discussions to see if this material minimises any environmental impact. The void is currently being pumped to prevent water mixing with the concrete crush placed into the void in 2015 and high pH leachate from entering groundwater. Following an environmental risk assessment from the Operator (which we assessed) we have agreed to allow the present material to remain and for the pumping to stop.

Other issues.

We continue to provide advice and guidance to the Operator on further characterisation to support disposability of pond skips held in on-site storage. Magnox have determined further characterisation is required on pond skips stored at Dungeness A, Sizewell A and Oldbury to ensure optimised disposal options are chosen. Magnox are still developing their strategy taking learning from Sizewell A. We have also asked the Operator to check that

there are no potential disposability issues with the low-level waste skips already disposed of to the low-level waste repository following small amounts of water found in some skips at Sizewell A.

We continue to provide advice and guidance to Magnox on their plans for using the GRR (Management of radioactive waste from decommissioning of nuclear sites: Guidance on Requirements for Release from Radioactive Substances Regulation, <https://www.sepa.org.uk/media/365893/2018-07-17-grr-publication-v1-0.pdf>). We had an update meeting during our November visit. The Operator has until the end of 2023 to complete their waste management plan and site wide environmental safety case. The corporate Magnox team are making good progress. We are keen for site personnel to understand their responsibilities more under the GRR and will follow this up in future meetings.

Dungeness B

We have weekly calls with Environmental Safety Group at DNB to ensure we are kept up to date with the site activities and maintain effective communication with the site.

Site Inspections

On 21st March 2023, we carried out an inspection of the management of solid radioactive waste at Dungeness B (DNB). We reviewed permit compliance and were wanting to understand if any changes to solid radioactive waste generation is happening or planned. We reviewed written procedures, inspected waste storage areas and had discussions with relevant personnel. There were no permit non-compliances identified during the inspection. We identified some areas for improvement and made recommendations for DNB to review documentation to clarify its status and review the application of the Corporate BAT case for the change of Pond Operational Strategy.

Events and Enforcement

Dungeness A.

On the 3rd of October 2022 aqueous radioactive waste was seen leaking out from under a roller shutter door at the Dungeness A Magnox Dissolution Plant (MXD) into an open surface water drain. The liquid was overflowing from an open active drain cover, across the MXD dispatch bay floor and under the door following a routine operation to pump radioactive aqueous waste from the reactor voids to the active drain system and the Active Effluent Water Treatment Plant. The amount of aqueous waste in question was small (about 20 litres) and the total activity discharged from the spill was well below the annual permit limit of 8 Terabecquerels for tritium (the amount of radioactivity released was measured by the Operator at 200 kilobecquerels of tritium i.e. several orders of magnitude lower than the limit). All other radionuclides measured by the Operator were reported as below the limits of detection.

In some circumstances radioactive aqueous waste can be disposed of to surface water drains as it is classed as a minor route. However, this should not happen in an uncontrolled manner with no demonstration of best available techniques. We investigated the incident at our visit in November 2022 and reviewed the root cause investigation (RCI)

received on 28/3/23. The lack of maintenance of the drains had caused aqueous waste to back up. Also, there was potential for the drains to be partially blocked by material from the deplanting of other nearby drains.

We found the Operator in breach of 2 conditions of their RSR permit, EPR/ZP3293SR.

Condition 2.3.2(c) of permit EPR/ZP3293SR states:

2.3.2 The operator shall use the best available techniques in respect of the disposal of radioactive waste pursuant to this permit to:

(c) dispose of radioactive waste at times, in a form, and in a manner so as to minimise the radiological effects on the environment and members of the public.

Condition 2.3.5 of permit EPR/ZP3293SR states:

2.3.5 The operator shall check at an appropriate frequency, the effectiveness and maintenance of systems, equipment and procedures provided to meet the requirements of conditions 2.3.1, 2.3.2 and 2.3.3.” (2.3.1, 2.3.2 and 2.3.3 are conditions in the radioactive substances permit relating to using best available techniques).

We classed the environmental impact of these breaches as minor and therefore categorised them as category 3 non-compliances (our second lowest categorisation).

As the Operator has had advice and guidance (our lowest enforcement response) twice for different events in the last 12 months, we decided that we would issue a warning letter on this occasion.

The RCI had several recommendations to avoid a repeat occurrence (including those around asset management) and we actioned the Operator to implement all the recommendations. We actioned that a project group be set up to implement the recommendations.

Dungeness B

Nothing to report

Annual Review of Safety and Environment

Nothing to report.

Environmental Permitting

Dungeness A

Nothing to report.

Dungeness B

Nothing to report.

Discharge Reports

Both sites are required to report to us liquid and gaseous discharges to the environment on a monthly basis. Liquid and gaseous discharges from both Dungeness sites remain within the limits set by the Environmental Permits.

Dungeness A

Dungeness A has submitted the gaseous and liquid waste discharge returns required to be reported to us. We have reviewed the discharge returns covering the period of this report and did not identify any unusual or unexplained trends. We continue to monitor all discharge reports.

Dungeness B

Dungeness B has submitted gaseous and liquid waste discharge returns in line with requirements of the environmental permit. We have reviewed the discharge returns covering the period of this report and did not identify any unusual trends. We continue to monitor all discharge reports.

Environmental Monitoring

The Operators carry out monitoring of various environmental samples at periodic intervals and report the information to us. Dungeness B staff carry out the work on behalf of both sites. The programmes for the two sites are slightly different to reflect the radionuclides that are being discharged, the historical discharges and the operational activities taking place at each site.

Dungeness A and Dungeness B

Both sites submitted the Environmental Monitoring returns required to us in line with requirements of the environmental permits. We reviewed the environmental monitoring returns for the quarters covered by this report and did not identify any unusual trends.

Further information

Further information on our role in regulating the use of radioactive substances and related activities on nuclear licensed sites can be found on the Environment Agency section of the GOV.UK website (www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/nuclear-regulation)

The Environment Agency's Lead Regulator for the Dungeness A site is Phil Fahey. The Environment Agency's Lead Regulator for the Dungeness B site is Eddie Osondu.

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NRG South Nuclear Regulators undertake environmental regulation of radioactive substances on nuclear licensed sites in southern England. They work closely with the local Environment Agency teams in those areas as well as external bodies such as the Office for Nuclear Regulation.

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Dungeness A & B Sites Site Stakeholder Group Constitution





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Dungeness A Site and Dungeness B Power Station **Site Stakeholder Group Constitution**

Preface

This Constitution has been compiled after a detailed review of the previous Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) Constitution and other directives and documents distributed over a number of years by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) and governing bodies. The foundation of this constitution is based upon the NDA Draft Revision LAR3.0. Arrangements for Stakeholder Engagement and considers comments received at the NDA workshop held in February 2018 and work completed by sub-committees. This document has been widely distributed for comment to all SSG Members for comment and some of these valid points have also been incorporated into this document.

Since its conception, the question of SSGs and their Constitutions have been discussed at numerous meetings and different management levels including National Stakeholder Group (NSG) meetings. These have been recorded and are freely available for members on the NDA website. In addition, several previously used base documents and more recent documents which have been produced are listed below for reference:

Stakeholder Charter

Dungeness A Site Stakeholder Group Constitution (Draft) July 2005

Dungeness A Site Stakeholder Group Constitution September 2009

SSG Membership and Voting Rights September 2009

Constitution for Stakeholder Groups (NDA Document)

NDA Guidance for Site Stakeholder Groups Revised LAR 3.00

Strategy Management System; Stakeholder Issues Baseline Document
SMS/GEN/011/v1.0

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Chairman Dungeness SSG



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Introduction to Constitution

This document is the Constitution for the Site Stakeholder Group (SSG) at Dungeness. This SSG covers Dungeness A site and Dungeness B power station.

Given that each site is uniquely situated, has its own priorities and different stakeholder interests, it is recognised that there must be some flexibility in the detailed arrangements applied at each location. This document aims to define the minimum standards that Dungeness SSG should achieve.

Whilst recognising that this document defines the minimum standards that are required, this document can be varied via recourse to the SSG Independent Chair and the voting membership to ensure it reflects stakeholder requirements relevant to each site location.

Following approval by the SSG Membership and acknowledgement by the NDA this document will be published to allow access to all interested parties.

1. Purpose of the SSG

The SSG is an independent standing forum for communication between the NDA, Site Licence Company (SLC) and is a community-based group that is supported by the NDA and Dungeness B Power Station. It has the overarching aim of ensuring that the NDA's interaction with local communities are conducted openly and transparently and that decisions taken by the NDA are informed of local community views. It is primarily site focussed, but takes account of wider policy issues and developments.

The primary objectives of the SSG are:

- 1.1 To provide an active, two-way channel of communication between local stakeholders, local community, the site operators, regulators, NSG and the NDA.
- 1.2 To provide an opportunity for the stakeholders to question the site Operators, NDA, and regulators on behalf of the local community.
- 1.3 To allow stakeholders the opportunity to comment on and influence strategies and plans.
- 1.4 To represent local views and input timely advice to the NDA, site operators and regulators.
- 1.5 To comment on the performance of the NDA and its contractor with regard to achievement of plans and value for money.



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- 1.6 To provide comments to the NDA on the future of the site.
- 1.7 To commission and receive reports with regard to site activities and their impact on safety, the environment, health and local issues.
- 1.8 To review arrangements for such matters as emergency response procedures in place.
- 1.9 To review, influence and input to the prioritisation of work programmes when there is an impact on the local community.
- 1.10 To provide views and give feedback on the performance of both sites and their operators.
- 1.11 To convene sub-groups to address specific issues relevant to programmes having gained prior authority from the NDA.
- 1.12 To set up wider local consultation via public meetings and other mechanisms as required.
- 1.13 To remain abreast of development of matters related to Dungeness site such as new build.
- 1.14 To represent local views at local and national events e.g. at National Stakeholder Summits and SSG Forums.
- 1.15 SSG Members should be aware that the SSG is not a decision making body and it is important to note and recognise that none of these arrangements remove accountability for decision-making, which will remain with the NDA or the site operators.

2. Membership and Public

Membership of the Dungeness SSG should reflect the structure of the local community and its interests, as well as the operational status of the sites and requirements of the NDA. Therefore, the SSG should have provision to include:

- 2.1 Elected representatives of the local community.
- 2.2 Appointed representatives of relevant organisations to include the regulators, local authorities, union representatives, emergency, health services, parish councils, community councils and local residence associations.
- 2.3 Representatives of the site operator/contractor
- 2.4 Independent advice organisations to support the SSG when required and as appropriate



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- 2.5 Representation from members of the public, local environmental groups and Non-Government Organisations.
- 2.6 Members of the Public who attend the SSG Meeting are invited to ask questions and contribute to discussions providing the subject matter is relevant to the agenda.
- 2.7 Members of the SSG could be asked to attend meetings on behalf of the SSG, if appropriate.

3. The Chairman

- 3.1 The Chairman of the Stakeholder Group should be:
 - 3.1.1 Independent of the site operator, regulators, the NDA and local bodies.
 - 3.1.2 Elected every three years.
 - 3.1.3 Appointed by voting members of the SSG.
 - 3.1.4 If there is a disagreement, the matter should be put to a vote. See *“Conduct of Business”*.
 - 3.1.5 Supported by a similarly elected Vice Chairman.
 - 3.1.6 The length of office may be less than three years if:
 - 3.1.6.1 The Chairman resigns.
 - 3.1.6.2 There is a majority vote of no confidence.
 - 3.1.7 Authorised to exclude members for unacceptable behaviour.
 - 3.1.8 Declare any conflict of interest at the start of SSG Meetings.
- 3.2 Accountable for:
 - 3.2.1 Ensuring the requirements of stakeholders is addressed through the agenda and conduct of the meeting.
 - 3.2.2 Ensuring a balance of views is represented in the SSG and its sub-committees.
 - 3.2.3 Developing the capabilities of SSG members through seminars, site visits and support.
 - 3.2.4 In conjunction with other nominees, represent Dungeness SSG at external events.



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- 3.2.5 Monitoring of any specific funding provided for local community projects.
- 3.2.6 Upholding the Dungeness Constitution and reviewing it on a regular basis.

4. Vice Chairman

Working in conjunction with the Chairman, the role of the Vice Chairman is to deputise for the Chairman and support the Chairman.

5. The role of the Secretariat

The site operators will provide the secretariat support funded by the NDA and the site operators of Dungeness B.

The Secretariat will be responsible for:

- 5.1 Maintaining an understanding for local needs and liaising with the Chairman to develop the agenda for each meeting.
- 5.2 Producing and commissioning papers in suitable styles and language for members.
- 5.3 Publishing and circulating SSG reports, minutes as agreed by the Chairman.
- 5.4 Circulating copies of the all ONR and EA Site Inspector reports for Dungeness A Site and Dungeness B Power Station to the SSG membership.
- 5.5 Disseminating any other relevant information and requests from members, any relevant points that they would like to be included in the agenda.
- 5.6 Post any relevant information onto the Dungeness Website.

6. Frequency

- 6.1 The Chairman, in consultation with the SSG will decide on the frequency that recognises local needs and the programme of work on sites.
- 6.2 There will be one Annual General Meeting (AGM) open to the Public. The AGM should be held in a location that is freely accessible to members of the public.
- 6.3 Should the need arise; consideration should be given to holding additional or special meetings to deal with issues that may fall outside the routine business of the SSG.



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7. Meeting Locations

- 7.1 Public meetings will be publicised and held in locations that are selected to suit local community needs.
- 7.2 The timings should be convenient to the stakeholders so that, as far as possible, they are not inhibited or prevented from attending.
- 7.3 The SSG Chairman may consider moving meetings from venue to venue within the locality, to improve accessibility and impact.

8. Conduct of Business

The purpose of the SSG is to provide an active, two-way channel of communication. Members are asked to pro-actively communicate SSG issues to the organisations they represent.

- 8.1 The Chairman should determine the duration of the meeting.
- 8.2 The agenda for meetings should be set to ensure that all matters contained in the Constitution are adequately addressed in the light of site and community requirements. In addition to reviewing past performance, meetings should look forward to ensure stakeholders' needs are considered in forward planning at all levels.
- 8.3 Given that the SSG does not have accountability for decision-making, voting should be avoided. However, any such matters that require formal resolutions will be put to a vote based on a simple majority. In the case of equality of votes, the Chairman will have the casting vote.
- 8.4 Listed on Appendix A to this Constitution is the current membership of the Dungeness SSG and the number of representatives permitted for each organisation. Also indicated are those organisations that are permitted to vote when a formal resolution is required. Nominated representatives who are attending as officers are not permitted to vote on issues.
- 8.5 At appropriate times in the meetings, participants should be afforded the opportunity to ask questions relevant to any reports and agenda points of the meeting.
- 8.5 To augment routine and monitoring mechanisms, the SSG should consider setting up sub-groups (both permanent and temporary) or holding special meeting to discuss issues in greater detail. Sub-groups might be requested to concentrate on specific subjects or to carry out work on behalf of the main SSG. The SSG should consider holding workshops and discussion with stakeholders



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to ensure a wider understanding and inclusion of broader opinion on matters of significant interest. It may also be appropriate to co-opt temporary members to bring outside expert knowledge to assist the SSG or its sub-groups to complete work more efficiently.

- 8.6 The SSG will run in parallel to the Emergency Planning Consultative Committee (EPCC) which is a separately constituted committee whose aim is to co-ordinate the arrangements for emergency planning between those organisations responsible. The EPCC will continue to provide reports to the SSG on matters relating to emergency planning and provide expert advice to the SSG as and when required.

9. Capability

- 9.3 To ensure efficient operation of the SSG, new members should undergo an induction process that, as a minimum, would include an information pack provided by the Secretariat and a site visit. The information pack should include the SSG Constitution, and the arrangements for stakeholder engagement. During their period of tenure, members should be afforded opportunities to visit the sites for general familiarisation and review specific items that may be the subject of SSG discussion.
- 9.4 Members should be encouraged to identify their own requirements to understand the issues that may come before them. This could include a programme of seminars and the use of experts to assist the SSG or its sub-groups to understand specific matters.
- 9.5 All organisations providing information to the SSG are responsible for ensuring it is a balanced view, presented in an easy to read format, is understandable to the membership and meets their needs.

10. Cost Reimbursement

- 10.1 The NDA will meet out-of-pocket expenses claimed by members attending meetings on behalf of the SSG. It will also consider legitimate claims for additional expenses on a case-by-case basis. All claims for expenses are to be submitted to the Secretariat who will process the claim and refund the amount due within the guidelines laid down.
- 10.2 In recognition of the enhanced role of the SSG Chair/Vice Chair, the NDA will arrange payment of an emolument to holders of these appointments within the terms outlined in the supporting document.
- 10.3 Nominated SSG members who attend events on behalf of the Chair/Vice Chair are also entitled to claim expenses. If members are approached directly to represent the SSG on National Groups or Workshops, prior authority must be agreed with the Secretariat with regards expenses before attending.



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Appendix A

Organisation	No. of Representatives	Voting/Non-Voting
Independent Chairman	1	Deciding Vote Only
Independent Vice Chairman	1	Yes
Lydd Town Council	3	Yes
Kent Against a Radioactive Environment (KARE)	1	Yes
South East Region National Farmers' Union	1	Yes
Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	1	Yes
Folkestone and Hythe District Council	3	Yes
Natural England	1	Yes
East Sussex County Council	3	Yes
Rother District Council	2	Yes
Hastings Borough Council	1	Yes
London Ashford Airport	1	Yes
Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce	1	Yes
MP for Folkestone & Hythe	1	Yes
Kent County Council	1	Yes
New Romney Town Council	3	Yes
Romney Marsh Countryside Project	1	Yes
Ashford Borough Council	1	Yes
Dungeness Residents Association	2	Yes
Dungeness Bird Observatory	1	Yes
Kent & Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	1	Yes
New Romney/Lydd-on-Sea/Littlestone Residents Association	1	Yes
Dymchurch Parish Council	1	Yes
Lydd Airport Action Group	1	Yes
Union Representative A Site	1	Yes
Union Representative B Power Station	1	Yes
Romney Marsh Partnership	1	Yes
Government Office South East	1	No
Radiological Protection & Research	1	No
Affinity Water	1	No
Kent Fire & Rescue Service	1	No
Kent Police	1	No
NHS Trust	1	No
Food Standards Agency	1	No
Kent & Canterbury Hospital	1	No



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ONR Inspector (Dungeness A)	1	No
ONR Inspector (Dungeness B)	1	No
EA Inspector (Dungeness A)	1	No
EA Inspector (Dungeness B)	1	No
Health Protection Agency	1	No
Dungeness A Site	As Required	No
Dungeness B Power Station	As Required	No
Nuclear Decommissioning Authority	2	No
Independent Representative (Co-opted as required)		No

Definitions:

NDA	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority owners of Dungeness A site and all other Magnox sites in the UK
Magnox Ltd	Magnox Ltd - Site Licence holder
EDF Energy	Owners of Dungeness B site
Office for Nuclear Regulations (ONR)	ONR regulates the nuclear industry through its Nuclear Directorate (ND). The Directorate's primary goal is to ensure that those it regulates have no major nuclear accidents.
Environment Agency (EA)	The EA is an Executive Non-departmental Public Body responsible to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and an Assembly Sponsored Public Body responsible to the National Assembly for Wales. The principal aims are to protect and improve the environment, and to promote sustainable development.



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Site Stakeholders Group (SSG) Code of Conduct

- Respect each person both during and outside of the SSG Meeting.
- Prepare for the meetings by reading the agenda and reports.
- Participate fully in the meeting.
- Listen to what other attendees say and keep an open mind.
- Do not talk while others are talking – allow people to air their point of view.
- Contribute positively/constructively to the discussions.
- Try to be concise and avoid speeches.
- Challenge only ideas, not people.
- It is the Chair's responsibility to bring the meeting to order.
- The Chair has the right to sanction against members.
- Have the best interest of the organisation you represent in mind at all time.
- Be punctual.
- Send apologies to the Secretariat if you are unable to attend and, where possible, nominate a deputy to attend on your behalf.
- Turn off mobiles and other electronic devices that may interrupt the proceedings.