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Foreword

This report is issued as part of our commitment to make information about inspection and regulatory activities relating to the above site available to the public. Reports are distributed to members of the Hunterston Site Stakeholder Group and are also available on our [website](#).

Our site inspectors usually attend Hunterston 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 us via email at contact@onr.gov.uk.

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1. Inspections

1.1. Date(s) of inspection

Our site inspector and specialist inspectors made inspections and site visits on the following dates during the report period 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025:

- 1-5 September 2025
- 15-20 September 2025

Our site security inspector did not make any inspections or site visits during the period.

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);
- the Nuclear Industries Security Regulations 2003 (as amended); 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, a routine inspection of Hunterston B covered the Control of Major Accidents Hazard (COMAH) Regulations, 2015.

COMAH Inspection

The ONR and the Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) jointly constitute the COMAH Competent Authority. On 15 July, Hunterston B submitted a COMAH denotification, declaring that their holdings of dangerous substances had

decreased below the COMAH lower tier threshold. Our inspectors, with their SEPA counter-part conducted a COMAH inspection on 4 September to review Hunterston B's approach to removing dangerous substances, verify the removal of COMAH-relevant dangerous substances below the lower tier threshold, and review the control of any residual risk. From the areas sampled, the approach taken by Hunterston B to remove dangerous substances was judged to meet the legal requirement for compliance with COMAH regulations, the dangerous substances inventory was judged to be below the lower tier threshold, and the residual risk was judged to be adequately controlled.

2.2. Other work

Our site inspectors attended the SSG on 4 September 2025 and have continuously supported activities related to the site's transfer from ENGL to NRS that is due to happen on 1 April 2026.

3. Non-routine matters

Licensees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. Our 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

We may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Under nuclear site licence conditions, we issue 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.

- 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	Reference	Description

Reports detailing the above regulatory decisions can be found on our [website](#).

During the reporting period, the site has implemented the post defueling safety case, a new Nuclear Site Security Plan (NSSP) for a fuel free site, and new emergency arrangements for a fuel free site. The new emergency and security arrangements are due to be demonstrated to us for assessment in November.

5. News from ONR

For the latest news and information from us, please read and subscribe to our regular email newsletter 'ONR News' at <https://www.onr.org.uk/news/newsletter/>.

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