



**DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION
SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2025
AT 1000 HRS, REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE FROM 0930 HRS**

VENUE:

Training Room 6&7 (Enter via Main Security Reception and up the stairs).

- INTRODUCTION
- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
- TO APPROVE THE MINUTES
- MATTERS ARISING
- CORRESPONDENCE
- CHAIRMANS REPORT
- DUNGENESS A's SITE DIRECTOR'S PRESENTATION – IAN CUTHBERT, SITE DIRECTOR
- DUNGENESS B's STATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – GAVIN LANCASTER, STATION DIRECTOR
- ONR REPORT FOR DUNGENESS A – ANDREW BULL, ONR INSPECTOR
- ONR REPORT FOR DUNGENESS B – JASON CROOK, ONR INSPECTOR
- ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE FOR DUNGENESS A AND DUNGENESS B
- PHIL FAHEY, EA INSPECTOR A, KEZIA WHITE, EA INSPECTOR, DUN B
- NDA UPDATE – JOHN McNAMARA
- ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 17th JULY 2025

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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP (SSG)
TRAINING ROOM 6&7 (VISITOR CENTRE) DUNGENESS B POWER STATION, ROMNEY MARSH,
TN29 9PX
THURSDAY 24 OCTOBER 2024**

Attendance list

In Attendance

Graham Finn	Chair
David Godfrey	Vice Chair
Chris Burley	NDA
Alistair Findlay	NDA
Ian Cuthbert	NRS Site Director A Site
Kayleigh Ridley	NRS
Mark Cozens	NRS
Andrew Bull	ONR Inspector, Dungeness A Site
Kezia White	Environment Agency
Themis Kantara	Environment Agency
Mike Burgess	Resident
Mark Robinson	Dungeness Resident
Claire Bruce	Resident
Jo Cowdrey	Creative Folkestone/Dungeness Resident
Gavin Lancaster	Station Director, Dungeness B
Laura Cherry	EDF
Matthew Pardo	EDF
Mustafa Janach	EDF
Spencer Bashford	EDF Union Rep
Maddy Moreno	Minute Taker

Apologies

Bill Hamilton	NRS
Peter Coe	New Romney Town Council
Jason Crook	ONR Inspector Dungeness B
Cllr Tony Hills	Folkestone and Hythe District Council
Cllr Keith Glazier	East Sussex County Council
Cllr Alan Martin	Folkestone and Hythe District Council
Fiona Naylor	Dungeness Resident
Cllr Simon McGurk	Rother District Council
Cllr Jean Jones	Lydd Town Council
Cllr Bob Jones	Lydd Town Council

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1. WELCOME

3917 The Chair (Graham Finn) opened the meeting. Gavin Lancaster outlined the fire alarm procedure. The Chair introduced Kayleigh Ridley, who was new in the communications department at NRS.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3918 A list of apologies had been provided to the Secretariat.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3919 The meeting minutes from 11 July were approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

3920 The action agreed at the last meeting for Gabrielle Popp to email Cath Pritchard in relation to the newsletter had been cleared.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

3921 The Chair noted that one piece of correspondence had been received and circulated since the last meeting around the nuclear waste service annual review.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

3922 The Chair reported that he had attended various meetings with chairs of other SSGs. He had engaged with Kayleigh Ridley about communication matters. Since the last meeting, there had been no funding requests for local projects. Remaining funds could be allocated for this purpose, and local community organisations requiring assistance were encouraged to submit their applications.

7. SAFETY, COMPLIANCE AND ENVIRONMENT

A. Dungeness A

3923 Ian Cuthbert stated that the infill design for the Turbine Hall was ongoing. Work would not likely start until the new year. It had been decided that infill material would be taken from Lydd quarry thus avoiding the need to use Hammonds Corner and Harden Road. The project would use four lorries a day, These would be used in a loop during the day, avoiding the need to block local roads. Should any delays be occurred, the vehicles will be marshalled on the site.

3924 A number of apprentices had been taken on by NRS & contract partners. NRS will commence recruitment for next summer's intake of apprentices during December.

3925 Emergency exercises had also taken place with the local ambulance services and the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

3926 There was a large sustainability group at Dungeness. There had been an environmental day for contract staff and partners.

3927 Work for the STEM group was ongoing, and there had been engagement efforts with local schools.

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3928 A defibrillator had been purchased for the Dungeness Estate. This will be located at the Lifeboat Station for use of all on the Dungeness Estate.

3929 Site staff had been volunteering to support local communities and projects. There had been no request for voluntary assistance since the last meeting, and local charities should reach out for help as part of the neighbourly agreement.

3930 The site will start collecting donations for a local food bank, the food bank donations would be going to the Rye foodbank. A breast cancer support day (wear pink to work) had raised over £1,000.

3931 A new Stores building was being erected for the Boilers project. A new laboratory building is also being constructed. The buildings at the front of the reactor building are in the way of the boiler to be demolished and need to be demolished. The first of these will be demolished around December.

3932 The waste project programme is going well. The three new buildings were being occupied. It was hoped that all waste projects on the site would be completed in the next two years.

3933 The site continues to transfer mosaics to Bradwell, but there had been delays due to issues with the crane at the Bradwell store, this in turn delays transporting any mosaics until the fault is rectified. The next mosaics would be sent up by rail as is normal practice.

3934 The ponds team had been working with some legacy material, and predominantly skips. Some waste from Bradwell had been cleared and sent off-site. Transfer pots had been taken into long-term storage and dealt with.

3935 In terms of site visits, there had been visits from the Chairman of NRS and various directors.

3936 There had been ongoing projects funded by the NDA. A vast array of different areas are being supported by the NDA and NRS. Information for assistance is available on the SSG webpage.

Questions & Answers

3937 Claire Bruce asked whether all of the infill would be coming from Lydd Quarry in the future. Ian Cuthbert confirmed this.

8. DUNGENESS B SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

3938 Gavin Lancaster outlined the programme for the next five years. The aim was to safely move the fuel out of the reactor, put it into the fuel flasks and transport it to the railhead to be dispatched. Capability was being built for three flasks per week until 2029. The group was considering how to make the operational plant smaller to reduce maintenance requirements. The team had managed to send 20 flasks off in recent weeks.

3939 It was reported that the team had concluded a major outage and the focus was now on investing in the plant and building the infrastructure. There were environmental challenges, and the team was working to replace glazing and invest in the offices and people facilities. Seven new apprentices had been taken on in 2024.

3940 In the regulator report, one of the issues identified had been around sewage treatment. The work to install and commission a new sewage plant was ongoing. During the commissioning phase, there had been a minor overflow of sewage in the transfer line. This had been contained onsite. The installation was being delayed to ensure that the system was working efficiently. It was critical to demonstrate the emergency arrangements and deal with any eventuality. The regulator had considered the way to deal with contamination, and transition into managing radioactive waste and contamination.

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3941 In terms of sponsorship, £3,000 had been committed, primarily through work with primary schools, country fairs and teams had started to work with EDF's corporate charity partner, the Alzheimer's Society.

3942 There had been some successful engagement with the emergency services. It was critical to maintain these important relationships.

Questions & Answers

3943 Matthew Pardo stated that the reduction of the size of the emergency zone around Dungeness B had not yet happened. There would be updates on this by the next meeting. Claire Bruce asked what was meant by the emergency zone. Matthew Pardo responded that there was a zone around each nuclear power station with detailed emergency plans. Kent County Council (KCC) wanted to reduce the zone to reflect the smaller risk. Claire Bruce asked how the engagement with the nuclear police would change as the power stations were defueled. Gavin Lancaster responded that, as the fuel was moved from site, the policing of the area would reduce.

3944 A participant asked whether KCC would tell residents how the policing of the area would change. Matthew Pardo responded that this was a KCC-owned issue.

9. REGULATORY UPDATE FOR DUNGENESS A

3945 Andrew Bull stated that he had attended the site in April to inspect the ponds skip work. It was important to ensure that this activity was controlled. An expert in radiological control had been present, and the planning had been rated as green. There had been a lack of detailed work instruction, so this aspect had been rated as amber. There had been an issue with controlling gaps. The site had then written instructions, and upon re-inspection, it had appeared that the work had been conducted properly.

3946 There had been an asset care inspection in May with colleagues from the EA that had considered bad weather mitigations. The inspection had been rated green. There had been an emergency exercise inspection in June. There would be a formal demonstration of the site's emergency arrangements in 2025.

3947 Andrew Bull said he had received an update on the Boiler site to consider asset care preparations ahead of the winter storm season. Significant progress had been made. Another inspection on commissioning had taken place on 23 October, and this had been rated green.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY REPORT – DUNGENESS A

3948 Themis Kantara stated that, in the beginning of July, there had been an inspection on the aqueous waste management. No areas of weakness or non-compliance had been identified. Information had been collected to demonstrate that the site had good management procedures and compliance with environmental permits. Areas of recommendation and observations will be followed up with the site. Discussions were ongoing to ensure that all permit environmental requirements were being met.

3949 A notification had been received from Dungeness A about some gaseous flow emitting from the wet waste transfer facility ventilation plant. The operator had since confirmed that there had been no environmental impact as a result of this. Further updates on this matter would be provided at the next SSG.

3950 The EA had been reviewing the monthly discharges for the gaseous and aqueous flows from the site. In the summer, some activity concentration levels for 'other radionuclides' reported for June had been higher than those of previous months. This had been queried with the site. The levels were still below the discharge limits and the quarterly notification levels. The site had confirmed that the samples needed to be sent to an offsite laboratory, resulting in the increased levels. Discussions were continuing with the site, and the EA would monitor the ongoing information as it became available. The next inspection was scheduled for the following week and will focus on central projects and intelligent customer capability.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY REPORT – DUNGENESS B

3951 Kezia White stated that a routine inspection on the combustion activity permit at Dungeness B had taken place in July. There had been no instances of non-compliance. The events in relation to the sewage treatment overflow were being investigated. On environmental monitoring, no issues in relation to aqueous discharges had been identified.

10. NDA UPDATE

3952 Alistair Findlay stated that, on 23 October, the NDA had received the NAO (National Audit Office) report. The NDA believed that some of the recommendations were fair and useful, and they would start to be implemented. A Public Accounts Committee session related to the report was expected to take place around February.

3953 The new government's big commitment was on energy decarbonisation by 2030, and it had shown interest in nuclear. There had been ministerial engagements on the nuclear sites.

3954 The upcoming budget and year-end business plan would help to understand the upcoming issues further.

3955 In terms of board updates, there had been a change of Chair for the Nuclear Waste Services. There was also a new NDA board member, Harriet Kemp.

3956 There had been an NDA stakeholder summit in Manchester to hear from different stakeholders, which had gone well.

3957 There was an ongoing independent review into the stakeholder groups. It was hoped that a stakeholder survey would be distributed before year-end.

3958 There was a statutory requirement for an NDA strategy refresh every five years. The next refresh was due in 2026. The NDA would be consulting on this, and in the next SSG, there would be opportunities for stakeholders to provide feedback.

3959 The annual report had been published. Some findings on cybersecurity had been disappointing, and this reflected the failure to work with the ONR, however there had been no breach or threat not dealt with.

Questions & Answers

3960 Gavin Lancaster noted that information had been shared in terms of the cybersecurity issue.

3961 The Vice Chair (David Godfrey) stated that, from 2028 onwards, when the B site was defueled, it would be worth considering the onsite storage of materials.

3962 The Vice Chair said there had been discussions about accelerated decommissioning in some sites and engagement with local planning authorities on this. He hoped that information on this from the NRA would be shared as soon as possible. There had been a lot of talk about life after decommissioning and SMRs. New MPs in Ashford and Folkestone had shown support for possibility of SMRs, but this issue still remained low on the priority list for the government and NRA. Micro-SMRs were possible, but these discussions were in the early stages.

3963 Alistair Findlay stated that the search for SMR sites had been focused on currently licensed sites. The government supported a more open, criteria-based site approach. There was greater opportunity to consider other sites that had not been looked at in the past.

11. EDF Update

3964 Laura Cherry stated that, in terms of the shingle recycling operation, planning permission for the current work expired in October 2026. Due to the protected nature of Dungeness, there was a lot of planning work involved in this. It was proposed to extend the

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shingle recycling operations by another 15 years. Discussions had started with KCC, and conversations with Natural England would begin shortly to prepare a planning application to extend the life of the permission up to 2041. This extension would provide protection for the power station in the defueling and early stage decommissioning period.

3965 The plan was to continue the shingle operations for a period of 15 years. Work had already been undertaken in terms of baseline monitoring. A scoping request would be submitted to KCC and would then be issued to stakeholders and statutory advisors. It was hoped that a planning application would be submitted to KCC in Spring /Summer 2025. There would most likely be a 12-month determination period, and there would be an opportunity for wider stakeholders to get involved in the process.

12. AOB

A. Romney Marsh partnership coordinator

3966 The Vice Chair stated that there had been some funding to support the new Romney Marsh partnership coordinator, and work was ongoing to recruit this individual.

B. Closing

3967 There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.06.

Date of next meeting: February 2025 (Dungeness B Power Station).

Presentation to Site Stakeholder Group

Dungeness A Site



Ian Cuthbert
Site Director, Dungeness A
site

13/02/2025



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LRQA audit

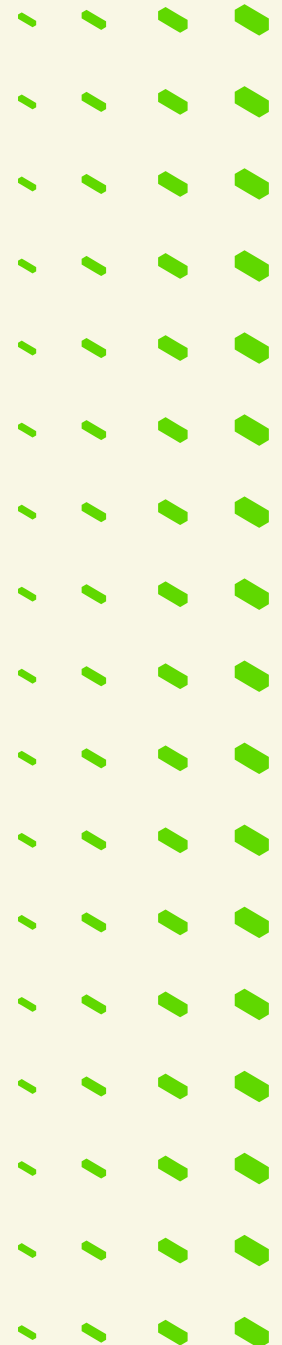
- Audit carried out in December 2024 against:
 - ISO 45001 – Health & Safety Management Systems
 - ISO 9001 – Quality Management Systems
 - ISO 14001 – Environmental Management Systems
 - ISO 55001 – Asset Management System
- 1 minor non-conformance noted.
- Continued certification has been confirmed for Dungeness A

Site Induction

- Review of site host brief carried out in November
- New Host brief produced using videos to enable better understanding of the site and its Standards and Expectations.

Environment

- Currently in process of applying for a variation to sites EPR Non-Rad Permit.
- New Protection systems (filtration) being installed over the coming months, to reduce potential for solids in aqueous waste.



Dungeness A Sustainability Group

Dungeness Sustainability Workshop

Central team came to site and delivered training to site engineers, team leaders and lead team over multiple sessions providing essential insight into the new company guidance G-003 – Designing for Sustainability.

Wear It Pink Day

Staff were invited to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and come to work wearing pink for the day. The site raised an impressive £1060 for Breast Cancer Now and Macmillan Cancer Support.

NRS - EDF Sustainability Coordinator Meet Up at Hinkley Point

Dungeness A Sustainability Coordinator, Harry Hannaford joined fellow site Sustainability Coordinators from NRS and EDF sites for a joint learn and share at Hinkley Point, gathering new knowledge and ideas to implement at Dungeness A.

Christmas Food Hub

A food stand was set up for staff to donate food to the Rye food bank which saw great success, providing the local community food to ensure all could enjoy a nourishing meal throughout the festive period.

Christmas Jumper Day

On Thursday, December 12th, Dungeness A staff celebrated Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children. Everyone wore colourful festive knits, raising £265 for the cause. This generosity helps children worldwide stay safe, healthy, and continue learning in challenging circumstances.

Neighbourly

Two members of the site's EHSS&Q team provided volunteering support at the Romney Marsh Community Hub, via Neighbourly. The two helped clear up damage and debris clean up the Hub's car park and wellbeing areas after store Bert had passed through the area.

Cup Surcharge Donations

The purchase of hot drink at Dungeness A using single use cups have been sold at a 50p surcharge, 100% of which was donated to Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance charity. As a site, we raised £1340 through this scheme, the most among the entire NRS fleet!



The year ahead – Promoting a Sustainable Future

Dungeness Sustainability Group 2025 Site Goals

Litter Pick Day on and off site

The annual litter pick day is proposed to continue, with new ideas proposed to expand upon this day further. Expected to take place during early summer.

Reintroduction of clothing bins

The site sustainability group have noted that the old PPE bins have not returned since the Covid-19 period. We are proposing to the waste team to reinstate.

Bike to work scheme

There is a desire to push this scheme with a renewed effort in 2025.

Proposal to move to waterless urinals and reduction in hand towels

An idea taken from Hinkley Point B during the NRS – EDF sustainability coordinator meet up, an investigation into reducing waste and resource usage at Dungeness is proposed to be conducted by the site sustainability group.

Sustainability week

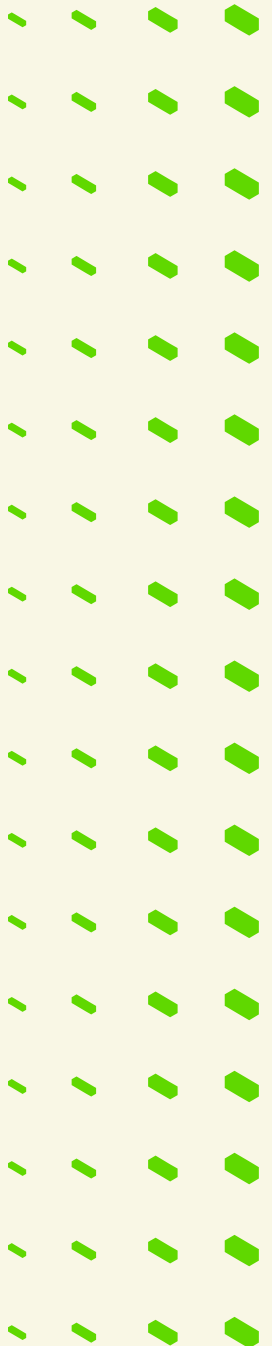
Once again, a series of lunchtime sessions will be held in Channel View with the aim of driving sustainable policies and concepts to the staff at NRS and our contractors.

Work experience week – 20th June

For the third year in succession, Dungeness A will host another group of local secondary school pupils for a week to complete their work experience, covering a wide range of work carried out at Dungeness.

STEM school fairs

Continuing our drive to promote apprenticeship and graduate schemes, the STEM group will continue attending local schools to promote our work and future careers to the next generation.



3 month look ahead – Boilers Programme



February	March	April
Main Boiler Contract Return period	Main Boiler Contract Return period & start of assessment period	Continuation of Assessment of the Main Boiler Contract Returns
Turbine Hall infill vehicle movements trial period	Turbine Hall infill vehicle movements	Turbine Hall infill vehicle movements
New Stores Building – connection of services	New Stores Building – retreat from old stores and handover	New Stores Building – Operational
Prepare DAMAL (Old Lab) Building for demolition	Continue preparation (Analysis) of DAMAL (Old Lab) Building for demolition	Continue preparation (Analysis) of DAMAL (Old Lab) Building for demolition



Waste Projects update

- The solid intermediate level waste (ILW) packaging facility (Waste Transfer Area) has been trial built and tested at an off-site testing facility. This equipment has been dismantled and is being shipped to site when needed. The site installation, in the new Waste Transfer Building (B132), will be complete by the end of March 2025.
- The WTA crane and the ventilation plant have been factory acceptance tested at works and are being prepared for delivery to site in Feb-25.
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- The sludge, sand and gravel retrieval system is in operation with Settling Tank 2 (ST2) contents being retrieved into a Yellow Box® ductile cast iron container (DCIC). Completion of this task has been delayed by the need to exchange the vacuum pump and hoses in the vacuum retrieval system. Expect to complete the retrievals from ST2 in Mar-25.
- The Wet Waste Transfer Facility (WWTF) is now being prepared for relocation to one of the new buildings B134.



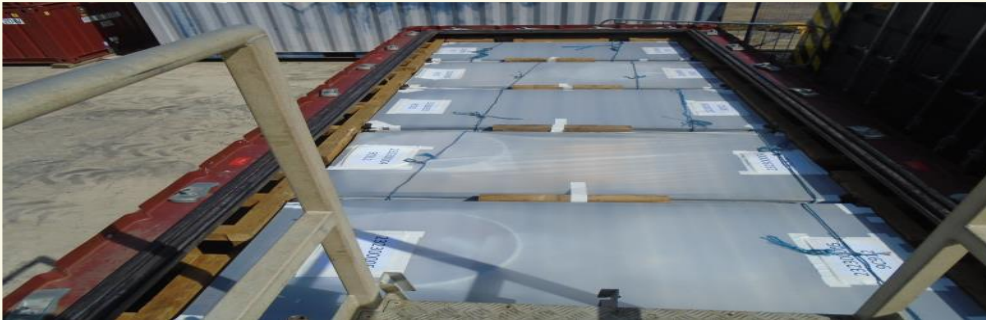
Waste Projects 3 Month Look-ahead

February 2025	March 2025	April 2025
• WTA installation continues • WTA crane delivery and installation • WTA ventilation plant delivery and installation • Complete the Sludge project vacuum pump and hose exchanges • WWTF deplanting in preparation for relocation • Lab analysis of Sand Pressure Filter 4 samples complete	• WTA installation complete • WTA equipment energisation • Complete sand & gravel retrievals from ST2 • Move Sludge retrieval operations from ST2 to SPF3 • Complete conditioning the first ST2 Yellow Box DCIC	• WTA inactive commissioning commences • Start SPF3 retrievals • WWTF decabling starts in prep for relocation in 2025 • Lab analysis of Sand Pressure Filter 4 samples starts • Start conditioning the second ST2 Yellow Box DCIC

Waste Operations Update – Low Activity Waste (LAW Ops)

Completed the Processing and Disposal of the following radioactive waste:

- 1 x Contaminated metallic shipment (3.1te)
- 24 x Drums of compacted combustible waste (13.6m3)
- 2 x Legacy contaminated scaffold shipments (17.13te)



Completed the processing and disposal of the following waste:

- 210te of Non-Hazardous Waste
- 9.2te of Hazardous Waste

3 Month Look Ahead (LAW Ops)

February	March	April
- Continued processing of contaminated metallic and combustible waste - Continued processing and disposal of Non-Hazardous and Hazardous waste - Disposal of contaminated metallic waste shipment - Disposal of Legacy contaminated scaffold shipment	- Continued processing of contaminated metallic and combustible waste - Continued processing and disposal of Non-Hazardous and Hazardous waste - Disposal of contaminated combustible waste drums - Disposal of contaminated asbestos MEUs - Disposal of VLLW drums	- Continued processing of contaminated metallic and combustible waste - Continued processing and disposal of Non-Hazardous and Hazardous waste

Waste Operations Update – High Activity Waste (HAW Ops)

ILW Retrieval:

- First TYPE VI filled with Sand & Gravel (4.67te)
- First package now being conditioned before transport to Bradwell
- Issues with retrieval system has delayed progressing next TYPE VI to complete retrieval of 'Sand & Gravel' from ST2.



ILW Transport to Bradwell Interim Storage Facility (ISF)

- A total of 136 x MOSAIKs have now been transferred to Bradwell by rail
- Issues with the Bradwell ISF crane has delayed any transfers this FY. Crane forecast to be available for February 2025

3 Month Look Ahead (HAW Ops)

February	March	April
• Recommence retrieval of Sand & Gravel from ST2 • Complete retrieval of Sand & Gravel from ST2 • Complete Washdown and POCO of ST2 • Complete conditioning of 1st Sand & Gravel TYPE VI package • Transfer Resin MOSAIK to Bradwell ISF by Rail	• Commence retrieval of Sand & Gravel from SPF3 • Transfer Sand & Gravel TYPE VI to Bradwell ISF by Rail	• Complete retrieval of Sand & Gravel from SPF3 • Commence conditioning of first Sand & Gravel from SPF3

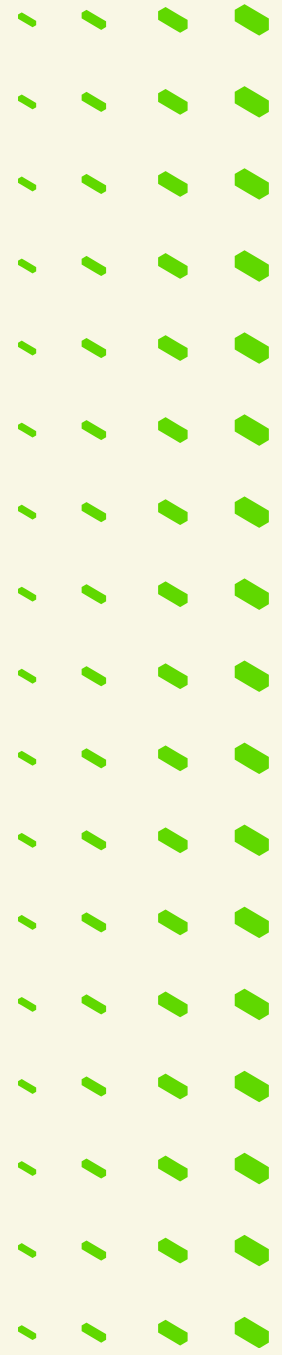
South Side Cladding

- Removal of existing cladding sheets 2500m²
- Completion of detailed designed
- Concrete / Brickwork Repairs completed
- Anti Corrosion treatment applied to existing steelwork
- Installation of new cladding rails
- Installation of circa 350 new support brackets
- Successful ONR review of cladding project



3 month look ahead – South Side Cladding

- Commence installation of new lightening protection system
- Commence installation of new cladding panels
- Commence removal of scaffold structure and tower crane



NRS soc-ec funding remains at

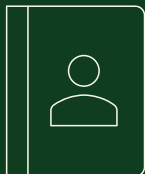
£1.1m annually

£1,089,205 has been committed of which
£72,000 for Good Neighbour (£6k per site)

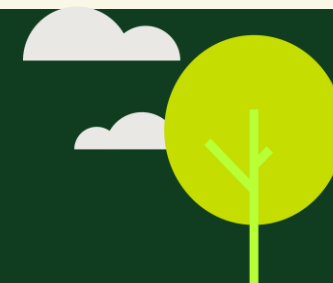
4 Dungeness funded projects 2024/2025 to date.

Totaling £33,445

For further information please visit [NRS working with our communities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)



- Good Neighbour applications for Dungeness A email: Kayleigh.Ridley@nrservices.uk
- Applications over £2,000: email: Jessica.Dawson@nrservices.uk



Socio-economics 2024-25

Good Neighbour – 2 projects totalling £1,945.00

Lydd Club day committee Carnival court £1,000 – purchase a new float

New Romney in bloom £945.00 - enhance two neglected areas on the High Street

Medium project – Romney Marsh Hub on the beach £15,000

Open a second Community Hub in a coastal part of the Marsh to expand the support currently providing across the Romney Marsh.

Multi year project –Romney Marsh Partnership Officer £16,500

The Romney Marsh Partnership (RMP) was formed in 2012 to address decommissioning impacts. Covering parts of Folkestone & Hythe, Rother, and Ashford districts RMP's members include.

Thank you –
any
questions?

Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group - EDF Report

February 2025

Station Director's Message Feb 2025

At the last meeting I was delighted to report the extensive progress Dungeness B had made in its defueling journey. This time I can tell you we've really hit our stride! By the end of December we exceeded our target for the number of flasks sent offsite to Sellafield, for the number of operators trained and for the number of channels emptied of fuel. This momentum is now carrying us forward into 2025 with bigger and bolder targets.

Updates

Onsite works

- Dungeness B entered its defueling phase in June 2021. This work involves the careful removal of nuclear fuel from the reactor. Our reactors hold 407 in Unit 21, which we're presently defueling, and 408 channels of fuel in Unit 22.
- Once removed the spent fuel is then moved to our cooling ponds where it is placed into what we call skips. Once full the skips are moved into flasks and transported offsite to Sellafield.
- Over the course of 2024 we removed 85 channels of fuel from reactor 21 and sent 32 flasks of the spent fuel offsite.
- Our plan in 2025 is to remove 136 channels of fuel and send 50 flasks of spent fuel to Sellafield.
- As of mid-January, and since we started defueling operations in May 2023, we have removed fuel from a total of 123 channels.
- In October our defueling operations were put on hold when an operation to move fuel into the cooling ponds was complicated by a failure in the procedure monitoring system. The failure meant those overseeing the job could not complete the operation with full understanding of how the machinery was working. The station responded by suspending the operation and calling for additional support. An investigation identified that gears within part of the machinery involved in the operation had failed. The failed parts were replaced with spares held on station and defueling resumed within days.

Decommissioning preparations

- As work continues across the site one of our core priorities continues to be investing in suitable facilities to improve the station working environment. As previously reported to the SSG we have demolished some older structures and created new work spaces for specific teams. We have also recently appointed a specific staff member as Facilities Coordinator to give oversight and support to a number of improvements across the station. Over the coming months this role will focus on works to refurbish maintenance offices, fit further electric charging points to the car park and to construct a new welfare cabin at the railhead which will become busier as we send more and more flasks offsite. We have also challenged our teams to tell us which areas require future attention.

Staff update

- Now our defueling programme is underway work has started to consider future opportunities for our staff. We know that once we have completed defueling some staff will want to move to other EDF sites and continue working in operational nuclear roles. Because of this our teams have started to explore potential opportunities for Dungeness B's skilled workforce at Sizewell in Suffolk, the nearest operating nuclear site. We will continue to invest in staff as our defueling works progress.

Environmental events

- In early October we warned staff, as we always do, about the hazards associated with heavy winter weather. Protective measures were taken but in late November Dungeness was hit extremely hard by Storm Bert and Storm Conall. The high winds of Bert led to weighted down cladding being blown off a roof and causing minor damage to some plant. Days later Storm Conall struck and caused more damage when heavy rainfall overwhelmed roof drains and water got into a switch room. This event led to a site-wide loss of power. Our emergency systems were triggered and back-up supplies were activated, restoring power quickly. Over the following days we worked closely with National Grid but it still took a few days before site operations, and power supplies, returned to normal.

Safety

- During the latter months of last year Dungeness B appeared in regional media several times in relation to an injury in 2022. This was because of the conclusion of the ONR prosecution of EDF over a serious event. The incident involved a longstanding contract partner who was working near the main cooling water discharge valves when a counterweight fell onto his foot.
- EDF and Trillium Flow Services Ltd pleaded guilty to an offence, under the Health and Safety at Work Act, for failing to ensure the health and safety of workers, in relation to the risks arising whilst undertaking maintenance and repair work.
- EDF was fined a total of £533,333 and ordered to pay prosecution costs.
- In October the ONR sent the station an enforcement letter after identifying gaps in EDF's arrangements for onsite manual handling around deliveries. In this incident, which happened earlier in the year, a contractor removing a vending machine from site was injured when the machine fell downstairs and broke their leg.
- During a pre-planned emergency exercise in the autumn a member of the emergency team sustained an injury to their lower back. This was believed to be as a result of replicating a casualty transport activity as part of an exercise. A review of the risk assessment for the exercise showed that manual handling was correctly considered during the event - the learning from the event will be used in future exercise planning.

Community

- In January we welcomed Folkestone and Hythe MP Tony Vaughan onsite for a visit. During his time with us we showed Tony the reactor hall, the ponds where we store the nuclear fuel and discussed how our operations will continue over the coming years.



- Over the festive period staff across Dungeness B undertook a range of fundraisers to help us raise money for the corporate charity partner, the Alzheimer's Society. Their efforts, with a festive raffle, a Christmas jumper day and donations associated with our Christmas lunches, meant we raised more than £3,000 for the charity.
- 2025 is already shaping up to a big year for many of our staff, but few more so than six brave souls from the station who will cycle from Heysham in Lancashire, where EDF has two nuclear power stations, to Hartlepool on Teesside, where EDF has another nuclear station. The 100 mile cross country challenge is happening later this year but you can already donate to those taking part at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/htoh-charity-bike-ride-dungeness>

Gavin Lancaster
Station Director
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ONR Site Report

NRS Ltd – Dungeness A

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Foreword

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Site inspectors from ONR usually attend Dungeness 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 made inspections on the following dates during the report period 01 October – 31 December 2024:

23 October 2024

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 covered the following:

- LC21 – Commissioning

This inspection, which was rated “green” under the ONR Inspection Rating Guide, was devised to sample Dungeness A's arrangements for the adequate commissioning of one of the site's new waste processing facilities. This inspection concluded that Dungeness A has adequate arrangements for commissioning of new plant, that the staff are knowledgeable and enthusiastic about the process, and the arrangements were clearly being implemented adequately on site.

Members of the public, who would like further information on ONR's inspection activities during the reporting period, can view site Inspection 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

The site inspector attended site to discuss nuclear site health and safety matters, including asset care and building cladding safety. The site inspector also attended the Site Stakeholder Group meeting on October 24th.

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

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

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EDF Energy – Dungeness B

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EDF Energy - Dungeness B

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1. Inspections

1.1. Date(s) of inspection

The ONR site inspector made inspections on the following dates during the report period 01 October – 31 December 2024:

- 01 – 03 October
- 08 – 10 October
- 29 – 30 October
- 26 November

2. Routine matters

2.1. Inspections

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

- management of operations including control and supervision;
- safeguards;
- conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety; and,
- security.

Annual Review of Safety

In November the Heads of Regulation for Operating Reactors along with the nominated site inspector attended site for the annual review of safety which included ONR's security inspector and the Environment Agency. ONR recognised the stations progress with improving its safety and operational performance through 2024 and reinforced the importance of the site sustaining this trajectory.

Members of the public, who would like further information on ONR's inspection activities during the reporting period, can view site Inspection 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

The site inspector met with site 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.

In addition, the site inspector undertook a number of intelligence gathering activities and plant visits including engagement with members of the site's senior leadership team.

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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.

Matters and events of particular note during the period were:

On the 27 November the station experienced a partial loss of external electrical supplies following the unexpected trip of a transformer caused by water ingress during a period of significant rainfall. Whilst nuclear safety was not significantly affected this did lead to the loss of supplies to a number of areas. Dungeness B has commenced an investigation into the event to prevent recurrence.

Main Cooling Water Pump Discharge Valve Accident Prosecution Dungeness B

ONR's prosecution into the main CW pump event at Dungeness B concluded on 14 November 2024.

This prosecution was undertaken following the accident previously reported to the SSG which occurred on the 13 June 2022 when Mr Colin Dell a scaffolder working at Dungeness B was seriously injured carrying out work in the vicinity of the main cooling water discharge valves at Dungeness B.

Our investigation revealed a number of significant failings on the part of EDF and Trillium the contractor who was responsible for overhauling the main cooling water discharge valve at the time of the incident.

Both EDF and Trillium Flow Services Ltd pleaded guilty to an offence under Section 3(1) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 for failing to ensure the health and safety of workers, in relation to the risks arising whilst undertaking maintenance and repair work.

The companies were sentenced at Folkestone Magistrates Court on the 14 November 2024 and have been fined a combined total of £633,333.

Both companies cooperated fully with ONR's investigation and have worked constructively with ONR to put in place improvements to prevent reoccurrence following ONR's enforcement action.

This incident was a conventional health and safety matter, and there was no radiological risk to the public.

Further details are available in our press release which can be found at:

[EDF and Trillium fined £633,333 after 'lifechanging' scaffolder accident | Office for Nuclear Regulation](#)

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	Reference	Description
08/10/24	Improvement Notice	ONR-IN-24-8	XPO Transport Solutions UK Ltd, Dungeness B vending machine incident, The Provision and Use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998, Regulation 4(2)
08/10/24	Enforcement Letter	ONR-EL-24-16	XPO Transport Solutions UK Ltd, Dungeness B vending machine incident, The Provision and use of Work Equipment Regulations 1998 (PUWER 1998). Regulations 4(2) and 8(1), The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSWR 1999) Regulations 3(1)
15/10/24	Enforcement Letter	ONR-EL-24-19	EDF Energy Ltd, Dungeness B vending machine incident, The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSW 1999). Regulation 5(1) & 11(1)

15/10/24	Enforcement Letter	ONR-EL-24-18	EQUANs Services Ltd. Dungeness B vending machine incident, The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 (MHSW 1999). Regulation 5(1) & 11(1)
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Reports detailing the above regulatory decisions can be found on the ONR website at <https://www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/project-assessment-reports/>.

This enforcement was undertaken in relation to the vending machine topple event which occurred on the 4 March 2024 which has previously been reported to the SSG. XPO Transport Solutions UK Ltd were moving a redundant vending down a flight of stairs at Dungeness B when control was lost resulting in injury to one of its staff. ONR continues its formal investigation into this event and hence cannot comment further at this stage.

5. News from ONR

For the latest news and information from ONR, please read and subscribe to our regular email newsletter 'ONR News' at [ONR - Email newsletter - 'ONR News'](#)

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Environment Agency Report to the Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group

February 2025

Introduction

This report covers our regulation of Dungeness A and B Sites and related environmental matters for the period September to December 2024.

The Environment Agency's priority is to protect people and the environment. We have set out how we will do 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.

Site Regulation

Dungeness A

We have regular calls with Senior Managers at Dungeness A to ensure we are kept up to date with the progress on decommissioning, regulatory actions and recommendations and emerging issues at the site. We also attended the joint ONR/EA quarterly meeting on the 12 December; the topics covered included waste projects and plants and structures.

Inspections

On the 29 and 30 October 2024 we carried out an inspection focusing on intelligent customer (IC) capability, Asset Management and Central Projects (where Nuclear Restoration Services, NRS, provides technical support and project management to its nuclear sites through central corporate functions). As part of our inspection, we concluded that projects are well managed and appropriate engagement and input is sought from site operations teams. We established that NRS is maintaining and carrying out its intelligent customer activities at Dungeness A appropriately. We obtained satisfactory evidence that NRS's management capability is sufficient to ensure compliance with its environmental permits at Dungeness A. The inspection found no evidence of non-compliances and we will follow up the progress of any observations and recommendations from our inspection.

Reactor Void and Holistic Aqueous Waste View Best Available Techniques (BAT) Assessments

We have continued our engagement with the Operator on their holistic view of aqueous waste and the BAT assessment for the reactor voids. We expect copies of the BAT

assessments in the first quarter of 2025. We will continue reporting to the SSG during our discussions with the Operator.

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. These are currently providing us with up-to-date information on the sites progress with defueling.

We took part in the Level 2 exercise that was carried out on the 26 September 2024 with other agencies.

We attended the Annual Review of Safety on the 27 and 28 November 2024. This was a good opportunity to review the last years activity on site and gather information for the activities planned on site in the next few years.

Inspections

An inspection was completed on the 8 and 9 of October 2024. It was a joint inspection with Office for Nuclear Regulation to review the arrangements for the management of contractors, focusing on the arrangements as applied to field supervision (including the role of the field supervisor) at Dungeness B (DNB) Nuclear Power Station. This inspection found good practice being implemented on site related to improved standards of training for field supervisors. There were no non-compliances found.

Events and Enforcement

Dungeness A

We previously reported to the SSG regarding a notification of a gaseous flow coming from a joint of the wet waste transfer facility ventilation plant. The Operator has submitted further information and demonstrated that there were no adverse environmental impacts as a result of this event (with no increase of discharges from the facility). We will now consider any enforcement response relating to this event and report our findings to the SSG. We will also document our conclusions relating to the conditions and limitations of the permit in a RASCAR as required.

On 11 September 2024 following an internal audit at Dungeness A it was discovered that there was no evidence that updates to the '*Site Techniques Document*'¹ have been sent formally, as required, to the Environment Agency since 2015. We were notified of this event on the 12 September 2024. We subsequently received a report from the Operator investigating the root cause of the event and highlighting that the event is a breach of the site's environmental permit conditions. The Operator also suggested in the report that there are no adverse environmental impacts as a result of this event. We have asked the Operator for more information, and we will document any issues relating to the conditions and limitations of the permit in a RASCAR, as required. We will report to the SSG our findings regarding our enforcement response once the investigation is complete.

There are no enforcement matters to report.

¹ Site Techniques Document: The document identifies sampling arrangements at Dungeness A and describes the methods used to assess the radioactivity of the site's waste disposal.

Dungeness B

There are no events or enforcement matters to report.

Environmental Permitting

Dungeness A

There are no further updates relating to environmental permitting at Dungeness A since our previous SSG report.

Dungeness B

The permit variation to include a new disposal route from DNB for Very Low Level Waste was issued on the 4 November 2024

Discharge Reports

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

Dungeness A

Dungeness A has submitted the monthly 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 trends.

We previously reported to the SSG that aqueous discharge returns for the period of June and July 2024 showed 'other radionuclides' as higher when compared to the results from the previous period. The report suggested that this was due to sending off the sewage and storm water drain samples to another laboratory off-site for analysis (due to site equipment failure). The Operator has submitted additional clarification relating to these results and we have also reviewed the aqueous discharge returns for the period of August to October 2024. The levels for 'other radionuclides' have gradually decreased and are aligned with historic trends (the equipment was repaired, and the samples were analysed on site). This supports the conclusion that the increases reported previously could be attributed to the use of an alternative off-site laboratory. 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 conduct 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.

Marine fauna samples have been difficult to obtain recently. The operator has informed us they have been unable to obtain the required minimum of 3 samples for quarter four, 2024 and have only been able to obtain one.

Radioactivity in food and the environment report

Our annual Radioactivity in food and the environment (RIFE) report was published in November 2024 on the GOV.UK website - (www.gov.uk).

This report gives a detailed assessment of radioactivity in food and the environment and the public's exposure to radiation during a specific year. It shows that the public's exposure to permitted discharges and direct radiation near nuclear and non-nuclear sites is low and within dose limits.

The report brings together the nationwide monitoring programmes of the UK's food standard agencies and environment agencies. This monitoring is independent of, and is also used as a check on, the monitoring carried out by site operators.

This is now the second year we've published the whole report as a HTML document with associated ODS files. We no longer issue a PDF or print copy. Previous reports are on the National Archives website.

The annual report highlights:

- Overall, between 2022 and 2023 there were no significant changes to the radioactivity measured in food and the environment.
- The dose received by the public near to nuclear licensed sites and industrial and landfill sites in the UK is low and again well within legal limits.
- Food remains safe and the public's exposure to artificial radiation is within legal limits.
- Radioactivity from natural background, rather than nuclear sites, continues to be the more significant source of exposure to communities in all areas of the UK.
- Around 10,000 analyses and dose rate measurements were completed in 2023.
- The data from our monitoring programme in this report demonstrates that radioactivity in food and the environment is safe.

For Dungeness, the 'Total Dose' for the representative person from radioactivity in the environment was 0.005 mSv in 2023, this is a decrease from 2022 (0.011 mSv). These values are well below any dose limit to protect members of the public (less than 0.5%). For comparison, a typical dental X-ray gives a dose of 0.005 mSv.

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

Follow our Environment Agency Linked in page for news and information about regulating radioactive substances <https://www.linkedin.com/showcase/regulating-radioactive-substances>

All our open consultations will appear on this webpage [Nuclear consultations - Environment Agency - Citizen Space](#)

The Environment Agency's Regulator for the Dungeness A site is Themis Kantara. The Environment Agency's Lead Regulator for the Dungeness B site is Kezia White.

Themis and Kezia are Nuclear Regulators and part of the Nuclear Regulation Group South (NRG South) based at the Environment Agency's Wallingford office in Oxfordshire.

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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NDA Update for
Dungeness SSG
February 2025



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1.0 NDA Stakeholder Update January 2025

**NDA Stakeholder Update**

Please find below a brief update on main points of interest since the last meeting.

Government Update

Following the reestablishment of Parliament in the Autumn the running of government the selection of representation for select committees has concluded alongside familiarisation visits for key Ministers and officials into their appointment areas.

Key appointments include local Sellafield MP Josh MacAlister, as Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Nuclear with David Mundell, MP for the area covering Chapelcross, as Vice Chair. The Energy and Net Zero Committee (ESNZ) has also made appointments which include site MPs Josh MacAlister and Julie Minns and there are three MPs with NDA sites located in their constituencies sitting in the Public Accounts (PAC) and ESNZ.

David Peattie, along with Corhyn Parr and Euan Hutton, appeared before the ESNZ committee on the 18th December and answered questions on a wide variety of subjects connected to the NDAs mission. The hearing is available to view online [here](#).

The Department remains in discussion with DESNZ regarding the NDA group settlement for 25/26 and are incorporating lessons learnt as we prepare for phase 2 of the Spending Review.

Board updates

- The NDA group's All Boards Event took place over 3 and 4 December 2024. It brought together board members from the NDA, Sellafield, NRS, NWS and NTS to network and welcome new appointments to the group. The programme's main topics of discussion included mission delivery and strategy, future funding challenges and opportunities, and further group alignment under the One NDA model

Outreach activities

- On the 15th and 16th January the UK decommissioning sector came together in Telford. On the 15th DECOM 25 took place with delegates from across the decommissioning sector discussing a whole range of topics, including the development of the UK sites and the opportunities for the supply chain, the skills needed to succeed, decommissioning in other sectors and the challenges of preparing for the future of decommissioning. On the 16th January there was an NDA supply chain event proving 1700 delegates the opportunity to connect with 300 exhibiting companies.



- We are in the process of developing and designed our next broad **stakeholder survey**. More details will be available in due course.
- The latest **CPG** took place in the **Scottish Parliament** with the main topic being 'Radioactive Waste - dealing with the legacy'. Topics including how waste was generated, how it is dealt with in Scotland, movement of waste located in Scotland and non-energy sources of radioactive waste. There were around 40 attendees both in person and via Teams.

Engagement priorities for 2025

- As mentioned in previous updates, our independent review into the SSGs is underway. This exercise will provide an opportunity to reflect on the successes of the stakeholder voice in the local community over the last 20 years. It will also allow us to consider how best to address some of the challenges that face us as we think about the future. Following the conclusion of the report we are working with the chair and vice chair of the National Site Stakeholder forum on implementation.
- Nuclear week in Parliament takes place from the 27th January with the NDA and NDA group Operating Companies hosting events
- As you will be aware preparation is underway for **Strategy V** which we expect to publish in March 2026. Our strategy document is published every 5 years and describes our high-level approach to delivering our mission. Within that we identify several critical enablers essential to the successful delivery of our mission including public and stakeholder engagement. The strategy will go out to consultation in May 2025.
- We are working closely with the Nuclear Industries Association (NIA) to establish a **Cross-Party Group on the Civil Nuclear Industry in the Welsh Parliament**. The first meeting took place on the 21st January.

Publications, public service and policy updates

- We have now published our **Annual Report** which has also been laid in Parliament. The Annual Report sets out the progress made against our mission, from safely decommissioning existing sites to preparing to take responsibility for more, while managing radioactive waste for our existing programme and new nuclear
- As previously advised we expect the Scottish Government to start its review into its policy for higher activity radioactive waste (HAW). The policy



framework is set out in a 2011 Policy and the 2016 Implementation Strategy. The anticipated timeline is: Commence review – late 2024, hold a public consultation – early 2025, issue a revised Policy document – late 2025.

- The **NAO value for money study** into whether Sellafield and the NDA are taking a sustainable approach to decommissioning, leading to permanent hazard reduction has now been published and can be found via the following link [Decommissioning Sellafield: managing risks from the nuclear legacy - NAO report](#). The Public Accounts Committee will visit Sellafield in February with a hearing taking place later this Spring.
- We have recently published our [Nuclear Heritage Strategy](#). The NDA are tasked with decommissioning the UK's legacy nuclear sites, sites and facilities which have been at the heart of delivering nuclear benefits for the UK, including national defence programmes and supplying safe, low-carbon power, for decades. The heritage strategy enables the NDA group to identify and preserve the tangible and intangible assets, objects, and memories of the nuclear industry, the people who worked in it, and the communities that supported it.
- NDA has published its **Socio Economic Report for 2023/24**, detailing a record investment in projects across the UK - [NDA group investing in our communities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)
- Following the publication of the Chapelcross masterplan in August 2024 the NDA has been leading work to identify a strategic partner for the development that will deliver the vision for the sites transformation into a green energy hub. We are now evaluating the proposals from potential partners and hope to be able to make an announcement this Spring.
- The NDA funded a [project](#) in North Wales which has delivered a range of successful outcomes for the low-carbon sector across North Wales. M-SParc's Egni team, based on Anglesey, has worked with a range of partners throughout the three-year programme to deliver impactful projects that support businesses, drive investment and educate the next generation.
- The Egni team was created in 2021 with a £360,000 grant from the NDA's Socio-Economic Fund. The team is now permanently established - with four full-time team members, four associate members and two interns - and will continue to meet the needs of the low-carbon sector as it develops in the future.



Mission delivery

- The NDA recently launched its brand-new, specialised cyber facility to accelerate collaboration and innovation across nuclear operators and the supply chain, enhancing the collective ability to successfully defend against cyber threats. The Group Cyberspace Collaboration Centre (GCCC) provides a space for experts in cyber, digital and security to come together and share knowledge and learning on how best to defend against evolving threats. The centre is a multi-functional space for collaborating, brainstorming, workshops, talks, learning and tutorials, cyber exercising, incident management and more. It aims to encourage our cyber, digital and security experts to think and work differently, with our shared future foremost in mind.
- Future plans for our Chapelcross site in Dumfries and Galloway were unveiled in August, with a long-term vision to develop the site into a Green Energy Hub: [Chapelcross Masterplan - CX Project](#)
- NWS and the NDA have established an innovative partnership for the enhanced management of asbestos waste, awarding two contracts to establish the **Asbestos Innovation Partnership**. This partnership will work with the NDA group and the supply chain, to test and develop new solutions to treat asbestos waste, helping to deliver efficiencies and enable more effective waste management.
- A collaboration between NRS, NTS and NWS has achieved a significant milestone by transporting the final waste from the Treated Radwaste Store (TRS) in Winfrith to the LLWR for disposal. The completion of this project ahead of schedule means that the need for **waste storage at Winfrith** which closed in 1990 has been removed, leaving the site ready for decommissioning.
- NDA and NRS have underlined their commitment to Government to, where possible, safely accelerate **land release at Harwell** site to maximise the economic impact of decommissioning. We have identified clear areas of strategic importance and will work together with the Harwell Campus joint venture on developing options for those areas. We are at early stages and still progressing the current release of plots, aiming to have a broader plan for land release this autumn.

Thank you for taking the time to read our update. If you have any questions, please feed-back through the Secretariat or raise with the NDA official at the SSG meeting.



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