



AGM MEETING

DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION

SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP MEETING

THURSDAY 17 JULY 2025

TIME 10:00 – 12:00

**VENUE: TRAINING ROOM 6&7 ENTER VIA MAIN SECURITY RECEPTION (UPSTAIRS)
DUNGENESS B POWER STATION,
ROMNEY MARSH, TN29 9PX**

AGENDA

- Introduction
- Apologies for absence
- Appointment of officers
- Conflicts of interest
- Agree constitution
- To approve the minutes
- Matters arising
- Correspondence
- Chairmans report
- Dungeness A's site director's report – Ian Cuthbert, Site Director
- Dungeness B's station director's report – Gavin Lancaster, Station Director
- ONR report for Dungeness A – Katharine Walker, ONR Inspector
- ONR report for Dungeness B – Jason Crook, ONR Inspector
- Environmental update for Dungeness A and Dungeness B:
Vanessa Mckay EA inspector DNA
- Bill Hamilton, Director of Corporate Affairs
- NDA Presentation via teams, Alastair Findlay
- Any other business

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2025



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
DUNGENESS A SITE AND B POWER STATION SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP (SSG)**

VENUE: TRAINING ROOM 6&7 ENTER VIA MAIN SECURITY RECEPTION (UPSTAIRS)

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2025

Attendance list

In Attendance

Graham Finn
Cllr David Godfrey
John McNamara
Ian Cuthbert
Cath Pritchard
Jason Crook
Kezia White
Vanessa McKay
Miriam Allardice
Karl Littlewood
Phil Fahey
Ryan O'Connell
Gabriele Popp
Fiona Naylor
Claire Bruce
Gavin Lancaster
Matthew Pardo
Mustafa Janach
Adam Feacey
Richard Highgate
Mike Moore
Matthew Dent

Chair
Vice Chair
NDA
NRS
NRS
ONR Inspector, Dungeness B Site (attended virtually)
Environment Agency
Environment Agency
Environment Agency
Environment Agency
Environment Agency
Affinity Water
Resident
Resident
Resident
Station Director, Dungeness B
EDF
EDF
Kent County Council
Kent County Council
Kent County Council
Minute Taker

Apologies

Bill Hamilton
Kayleigh Ridley
Themis Kantara
Andrew Bull
Cllr Tony Hills
Cllr Alan Martin
Jo Cowdrey
Cllr Bob Jones
Cllr Jean Jones
Cllr Peter Coe
Cllr Paul Redstone

NRS
NRS
Environment Agency
ONR Inspector, Dungeness A Site
Folkestone and Hythe District Council
Folkestone and Hythe District Council
Creative Folkestone Visual Arts Programme
Lydd Town Council
Lydd Town Council
New Romney Town Council
Dungeness A & B Power Stations – Local Community Liaison Council.

1. WELCOME

3968 The Chair (Graham Finn) welcomed the attendees and Gavin Lancaster provided the safety briefing. New attendees were welcomed. Ryan O'Connor from Affinity Water introduced himself. He explained that Affinity Water was the clean water provider for the site and it recognised the importance of the site.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3970 The Chair noted the list of apologies. John McNamara was expected to attend later in the meeting.

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

3971 David Godfrey noted that the minutes reported him as saying that 'from 2028 onwards, when the B site was defueled, it would be worth considering the onsite storage of materials', whereas in fact he had said from 2028 onwards, when the B site was defueled, there could be the onsite storage of materials.

3972. Subject to the above amendment, the meeting minutes from 24 October were approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING

3973 There were no matters arising.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

3974 The Chair noted that at the last meeting the Environment Agency had mentioned a Meet the Regulators meeting. The notes and slides from that meeting had been circulated to all members.

3975 A letter had been received from the B site ONR inspector regarding the CW pump prosecution which had taken place. The NDA had sent their mission statement progress report for 2024, which had been circulated to all members. A note had been received from the NDA regarding Sellafield having secured funding and permissions required to mobilise the UK plutonium stocks and put it into a state ready for long-term storage.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

3967 The Chair presented his report.

3978 The SSG chair had been asked to attend a Teams meeting with the CEO of NRS, around the pressure around government funding. Money would be quite tight going forward, and Ian Cuthbert would cover the local impacts of this under his report.

3979 There had been a meeting with NRS on a new sustainability strategy which was going to the NRS board.

Once this had happened NRS offered to attend SSGs to explain the new strategy.

NRS had also discussed its volunteer programme, and there was a new flyer which had been published about volunteering in the community.

3980 There had been no requests for funding, and there was still some money left in the current year, should any organisations need funding.

Questions & Answers

3981 There were no questions.

7. DUNGENESS A SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

3982 Ian Cuthbert presented his report.

3983 The government was looking at funding across the entire public sector. This would affect NRS going forward, but Dungeness A had the funding to carry on most of its mission. Waste projects would continue, including putting waste into long-term storage, which was within a few years of completion. The business case for the removal of the boilers had been put to the NRS executive in November 2024, and it had been supported by the NRS executive and board, as well as the NDA. This programme of work would continue. One of the programmes which would be put on hold was the deplanting of the ponds. These ponds were currently drained and stabilised.

3984 The QA audit had been carried out, on which there had been one minor non-conformance. From an environmental perspective, the site was looking at a variation of its permit to change the requirements. A new set of filters needed to be installed on the void water systems, before going to the local Environment Agency for a variation of the permit. The sewage plant had now shut down and the cleanout had been completed. A check for asbestos was taking place, and once that was cleared demolition would take place.

3985 The site had had a 'wear pink' day to raise money for breast cancer, and various other charities through the year. The Christmas foodbank had been donated to Rye for 2024.

3986 Litter picking would be resuming as soon as the weather became warmer. A bike to work scheme was being investigated for the people who lived in Lydd and Greatstone.

3987 The turbine hall infill work had started, and the contractor was now engaged and levelling out. In the near future gravel would be imported to fill the pit. The gravel was coming from Lydd, so only four lorries would be needed on turnaround. This would reduce traffic. The main contract for the boilers down project had gone to tender, with currently three contenders coming back with final bids in March. The new stores building would be moved into the following month, becoming operational in April. 136 mosaics had been sent to Bradwell. 210 tonnes of non-hazardous waste had been removed from the site. Currently waste could not be sent to Bradwell due to a defect on a crane there. For the last three years one of the reactor buildings had been clad in scaffolding following a storm. The first new cladding had been placed on the reactor, and over the next few months the scaffolding would be removed.

3988 There was some money available for socio-economic funding, and Ian Cuthbert encouraged applications. The good neighbour scheme had seen some of the team work in New Romney to help after the recent storm, and they had enjoyed it. There was an intention to tidy the birdwatching hut in front of the A site around March.

3989 Ian Cuthbert presented a video about the new builds on site.

Questions & Answers

3990 An attendee queried whether the new waste handling capacity was being transferred to Dungeness Site B. Ian Cuthbert noted that the facilities being built could be made available at the appropriate stage. Ian Cuthbert and Gavin Lancaster had discussed the need at both sites for a new admin building. Wherever possible, facilities would be transferred and/or shared.

3991 The Chair queried whether the sewage plant would be taken down in its entirety, and whether residents would be alerted. Ian Cuthbert said as soon as a date was available, an email would be sent out. Working hours would be kept to agreed hours to keep disturbance to the local community at a minimum. Claire Bruce said it was just a case of giving residents advance notice.

8. DUNGENESS B SITE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

3992 Gavin Lancaster presented his report.

3993 £20 million of investment had been secured for replacement of the administration building. There would be early engagement with the community around this, as well as close working with the Dungeness A Site team to share facilities and minimise environmental and financial impact.

3994 Dungeness B Site had had a good 2024, building capabilities around the defueling journey and providing confidence around the movement of fuel from Dungeness B to Sellafield. The business plan for 2024 had been achieved, with the training of a minimum of 20 operators, the dispatch of 20 flasks, and to remove 85 channels of fuel from the reactor. Thirty new operators had been trained, 32 flasks had been dispatched, and 85 channels had been removed.

3995 The environmental conditions at Dungeness continued to pose challenges, and some roof cladding had been lost control of. Fortunately nobody had been hurt, but it emphasised that conditions could be changeable. There had also been flooding of a transformer, which had meant for four days the site had limited power supplies. The investment undertaken on the station was around making sure it was fit for the future and continued to be the main element across both sites.

3996 A new sewage treatment plant had been installed, with the large part of the previous year spent commissioning it. This plant was now safely in service.

3997 In 2022 there had been an event on the main cooling water valve, where control had been lost of the valve. It had moved, and one of the team had lost part of their foot as a consequence. The ONR had prosecuted EDF and a court had fined the company more than £500,000. There had been a further safety event where a third-party contractor lost control of a vending machine as it was being moved down some stairs by, and one of their team had been hurt. There had been enforcement action around manual handling, and training, development and mitigation were underway.

3998 The chief inspector of the ONR had visited both sites, as had Tony Vaughan the MP for Folkestone & Hythe. The primary focus of the visit had been to see how Dungeness B was safely defueling but also how the station was building future teams by working with local education providers..

Questions & Answers

3999 Claire Bruce noted that when talking about education, the range of skills across the two sites must be enormous. She noted Gavin Lancaster had started at 16, and there was a lot of value in his story to demonstrate the opportunity. The sites were also seen as 'very male' places to work, which was an area to redress. Gavin Lancaster agreed that the workforce lacked diversity, and noted that Linda, the HR manager, had been working with Sizewell B which had been looking at diversifying their recruitment. .

9. REGULATORY UPDATE FOR DUNGENESS A

4000 Andrew Bull was not present to deliver his report.

10. REGULATORY UPDATE FOR DUNGENESS B

4001 Jason Crook presented his report.

4002 A number of inspections had been carried out in-period, which had all been rated green. In November the review of safety had been completed. In 2024 there had been a sustained and significant improvement in operational performance, such that at the end of the year targets had been met.

4003 The visit of the ONR chief inspector had been positive, with good progress made but sustained effort required to ensure successful completion of the site's mission.

4004 There had been a loss of electrical supply in November due to water ingress into the plant. The station had responded appropriately to manage the event, and the ONR would be engaging with the investigation to reduce the likelihood of recurrence.

4005 The prosecution around the main CW pump had concluded in November, with the judge finding EDF and Trillium. Both organisations had taken responsibility for the improvements and recognised the event should not have happened. The organisations had worked to put in place improvements. On the vending machine incident, the ONR had issued an improvement notice against the logistics company involved, and enforcement letters to EDF and EQUANs.

Questions & Answers

4006 There were no questions.

11. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY REPORT – DUNGENESS A

4007 Phil Fahey noted this would be his last meeting, and that Vanessa McKay and Miriam Allardice would be attending from the Environment Agency moving forward.

4008 Vanessa McKay and Miriam Allardice presented the report.

4009 The lead regulator was currently Themis Kantara, who could not be present. Handover had been taking place for Vanessa McKay to become the lead regulator from 1 March.

4010 In October an inspection had been carried out focused on central projects and intelligent customer capabilities. It had concluded that projects were well managed, and appropriate engagement was being sought from the site operations team. Engagement continued around a holistic view of aqueous waste, and management of reactor void water best available techniques (BAT) assessment, copies of which should be seen in the next quarter.

4011 At the previous SSG, there had been notification of an event involving gaseous flow from a joint within the wet waste transfer facility. Further information had been submitted by the operator and would be taken onboard. There had been no increase in discharges as a result of this event.

4012 In September following an internal audit, it had been discovered that there was no evidence that updates to the 'Site Techniques Document' had been sent formally, as required, to the Environment Agency since 2015. An apparent cause investigation (ACI) had been received, highlighting actions, which had concluded it was a breach of the site environmental permit, but with no adverse environmental impact. The ACI had been reviewed and responded to in December. The operator had been given a recommended completion date of the end of February. Findings would then be reported once the investigation had concluded.

4013 In November 2024, the Environment Agency had published the Radioactivity In Food and the Environment (RIFE) report. The total dose to a representative person at Dungeness had been 0.005 mSv in 2023, which was well within legal limits.

Questions & Answers

4014 There were no questions.

12. ENVIRONMENT AGENCY REPORT – DUNGENESS B

4015 Kezia White presented the report.

4016 There had been a joint inspection in October with the ONR, focused on management of contractors. Everything had been complaint, with good practice being highlighted. The question had been asked of EDF how these would be incorporated into their fleetwide standard.

4017 The variation to the radioactive substances permit had been issues in November, to allow very low-level waste disposals from the site.

4018 Dungeness Site B carries out the environmental monitoring programme for both sites, and in the last quarter the required amount of fish samples had not been able to be collected. This had been acknowledged and discussed with the Food Standard Agencies and internal Environment Agency monitoring teams and would be born in mind going forward.

4019 Kezia White was currently looking at planning cycle for the coming year starting in April.

Questions & Answers

4020 There were no questions.

13. NDA UPDATE

4021 John McNamara presented the update.

4022 The NDA was the landowner, and NRS was the operating company with which the NDA had the closest interaction with. The government was committed to professional clean-up of nuclear waste, and the settlement was anticipated to be around £4 billion. Some work would have to be paused, including not just at NRS, but Sellafield, Nuclear Waste Services and Nuclear Transport Services. The NDA normally set a five-year strategy, which it was due to do that year. There was due to be a public consultation in May, but given the spending review it may be put back to the autumn.

4023 2025 was the 20th anniversary of the NDA, and this would be marked with a few events. John McNamara intended to come back to the SSG about these at a later date. This also incorporated the review of the SSGs, for which the feedback would be published in the next few months, but it had been very positive. It was hoped to carry out interviews with SSG chairs.

4024 There had been an announcement regarding plutonium disposal, and a new plant would be built at Sellafield, with the generation of around 3,000 to 4,000 jobs.

Questions & Answers

4025 An attendee asked how plutonium was disposed of. John McNamara said there were a number of methods being looked into. He could come back with more information, but no decision had been made, and it would ultimately go to a public consultation.

4026 David Godfrey asked how many communities had expressed interest in the geological storage site for nuclear waste. John McNamara said two sites in Cumbria had done so, as well as one non-nuclear community in Lincolnshire. Ultimately there would be a public vote.

14. AOB

4027 Gabriele Popp resident raised the point that some of the reports as printed included a lot of wasted print. It was requested that this be reviewed going forward.

4028 There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.40.

Date of next meeting: 17 July 2025.



Site Stakeholder Group



Site Stakeholder Group

Dungeness A & B Sites Site Stakeholder Group Constitution





Revision Register

Rev number		Approved by
1	Original Document	Col. George Smythe (Site stakeholder Group Chair)
2	Up dated to comply with Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) Guidance for Site Stakeholder Groups (SSGs) – May 2025	Graham Finn (Site Stakeholder Group Chair) May 2025



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

Originally this Constitution was 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. After the Site Stakeholder Groups had been running for 20 years the NDA conducted a review of the SSGs. This Constitution has been updated to ensure it is in line with the output of this review which was presented in the document 'Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) Guidance for Site Stakeholder Groups (SSGs) – June 2025 (reference 1)'. 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.

Several previously used base documents which have been used as past references 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**

Graham Finn
Chairman Dungeness SSG



DUNGENESS SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP CONSTITUTION

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 is 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 Scrutiny – To provide an opportunity for questioning the operators, NDA, operating company, regulators and supply chain on behalf of the community.
- 1.2 To receive and comment on progress reports and forward plans for the sites.
- 1.3 To represent the views of the local community through the provision of timely advice to NDA, operators and regulator's
- 1.4 To act as a two-way conduit for information between the members and operating company, NDA and the regulators.
- 1.5 Respond to NDA consultations (and other relevant consultations as requires) in a timely manner.
- 1.6 To convene sub-groups to address specific issues relevant to programmes having gained prior authority from the NDA.
- 1.7 To set up wider local consultation via public meetings and other mechanisms as required.
- 1.8 To represent local views at local and national events e.g. at National



Stakeholder Summits and SSG Forums.

1.9 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
- 2.5 Local community groups with an interest in the site.
- 2.6 Local resident associations or local residents with a declared interest in the site.
- 2.7 Site union/workforce representatives.
- 2.8 Local Business Community – Local business or trade associations or Chamber of Commerce
- 2.9 Representation from members of the public, local organisation such as voluntary sector, educational institutions and Non-Government Organisations.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 Members of the SSG could be asked to attend meetings on behalf of the SSG, if appropriate.
- 2.7 All meetings should be open to all and all are welcome

3. The Chairman

- 3.1 The Chairman of the Stakeholder Group should be:
 - 3.1.1 Independent of local bodies
 - 3.1.2 Independent of the NDA group i.e. not employed by the NDA or by an operating company..
 - 3.1.3 Elected every five years.
 - 3.1.4 Appointed by voting members of the SSG.
 - 3.1.5 If there is a disagreement, the matter should be put to a vote. See "Conduct of Business".
 - 3.1.6 Supported by a similarly elected Vice Chairman
- 3.1.7 The length of office may be less than five years if:
 - 3.1.7.1 The Chairman resigns.



3.1.7.2 There is a majority vote of no confidence.

3.1.8 Authorised to exclude members for unacceptable behaviour.

3.1.9 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.

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.

The Vice Chair of the SSG should:

- Be independent of the NDA group or operating company
- Be subject to re-election at least every five years
- Be transparent about any conflicts of interest by declaring them at the start of SSG meetings
- Covering the accountabilities of the chair in the chair's absence.

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.
- 5.7 Administering SSG meeting dates, venues, and refreshments.
- 5.8 Reimbursing agreed out-of-pocket expenses for members on SSG business
- 5.9 Booking travel tickets and accommodation members on SSG business
- 5.10 Arrange minute taking
- 5.11 Organising inductions for new SSG members
- 5.12 Organising site visits for SSG members.
- 5.13 Challenge organizations and individuals that submit information to the SSG to help ensure it is as useful and relevant as possible.

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.
- 6.4 If need arises consideration should be given to holding additional or special meetings to deal with particular issues that may fall outside the routine business of the SSG

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.

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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.

8.6 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 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.

8.7 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 to expenses before attending.

Dungeness SSG Constitution

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	1	Yes
Rother District Council	2	Yes
Hastings Borough Council	1	Yes
Lydd 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

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NHS Trust	1	No
Food Standards Agency	1	No
Kent & Canterbury Hospital	1	No

Definitions:

NDA	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority owners of Dungeness A site and all other Nuclear Restoration Services sites in the UK
Nuclear Restoration Services	Nuclear Restoration Services - Site Licence holder
EDF	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.



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.

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Code of Conduct for SSG Chairs and Vice Chairs

- Uphold the SSG Constitution in its entirety.
- Ensure the SSG fulfils its primary functions and delivers the objectives agreed in the NDA Guidance.
- Ensure that SSG meeting agendas reflect the SSG's core business and that meetings run smoothly and to time.
- Ensure that SSG membership includes broad representation from the local community, including representation from the stakeholders identified in the agreed NDA Guidance, and is not dominated by one stakeholder opinion.
- Demonstrate that reasonable efforts are being made to encourage SSG attendance and representation from the wider community, including seldom heard groups.
- Lead an annual review of how the SSG is fulfilling its functions, preferably informed by 360° feedback from relevant stakeholders.
- Maintain an open and productive relationship with the NDA Group and Operating Groups to ensure that any issues arising are appropriately discussed and resolved, following the protocol set out in Section 5.6 of the agreed NDA Guidance



References

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) Guidance for Site Stakeholder Groups (SSGs) – May 2025

Presentation to Site Stakeholder Group

Dungeness A Site

Ian Cuthbert
Site Director, Dungeness A
site

17/07/2025



Dungeness A Sustainability Group

Sustainability Achievements This Year So Far

Neighbourly

The volunteering team have made a strong push for volunteering opportunities in our local area. Recent volunteering days have included two apprentices visiting the Romney Marsh Community Hub, and a group visiting Lydd Youth Set to undertake cleaning and tidying tasks.

Volunteering Standard Update

The Sustainability Group successfully requested an extension to the volunteering opportunity radius allowed by the company standards. A small increase from a 15 to 20 miles radius now enables our staff to undertake volunteering opportunities in previously out of range locations, such as Ashford, Folkestone and Hastings.

Work experience week – 20th June

This year, DNA's work experience week hosted 6 local school children to an education rich insight to the work being undertaken on site over a range of interesting and unique topics. This is the third year the site has arranged a work experience week, and efforts are being made to ensure constant improvements are made based on feedback provided.

Ramco re-selling of surplus resources

Members of the Waste, Maintenance and Stores team collaborated with our re-seller, Ramco, to dispatch surplus resources, many of which were donated to local charitable organisations. These items included office furniture, clothing racks and lockers.

STEM school fairs and talks

The Site's STEM group have continued their efforts in promoting apprenticeships and graduate schemes to our local schools, educating the next generation and introducing them to potential future career opportunities.

Sustainability Goals In The Next 3 Months

Great British Beach Clean

In place of our usual on-site litter pick day, the site staff will take part in the Marine Conservation Society's Great British Beach Clean in September. Approximately 200 staff will take to the Dungeness beaches to clean and record the waste found.

Use of G-003 in upcoming projects

G-003 – Designing for Sustainability, has picked up traction within the new projects at Dungeness A. Continued support to projects from both Central and the Sustainability Group is available, and any learning experience will be tracked.



Safety, Compliance and Environment

Safety

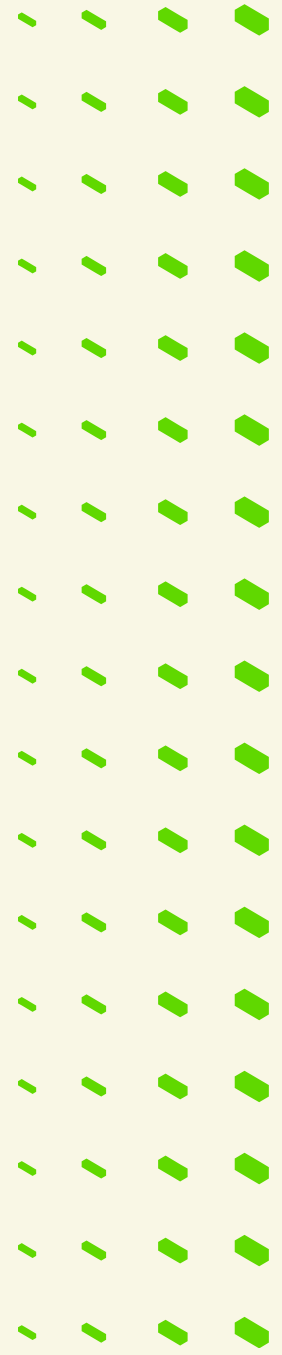
- ONR Enforcement Letter issued to contractor due to issues with construction safety, all actions are now closed.
- Successful ONR demonstration exercise held in June.
- ONR intervention on NRS's Culture, Risk Assessment and Workflow Improvement Plan, Green rating received.

Compliance

- Dungeness Annual Management Review carried out, presentation and actions to be shared with ONR, EA and ONR-CNS

Environment

- Rad Environment Permit variation sent to EA, variation is to remove gaseous discharge route from DAMAL building and add new route from new waste facility.
- Non-Rad Environment Permit, going through final NRS verification prior to be sent to EA. This variation is for trade effluent and treatment at Dungeness.



Boiler Project Highlights



The Turbine Hall Infill project is now physically complete, and the area is now ready for the next phase of the project



The New Stores Building is now ready to be handed to the site to use, freeing up the area needed for the Boilers to be removed



We have received three tender returns from the marketplace for the Main Boiler Removal and the assessment of them is underway

3 month look ahead - insert your area title here



July	August	September
Main contract tender assessments complete	Preparation of Final Business Case to HMT	Preparation of Final Business Case to HMT
Turbine Hall Infill Handover (Main bulk of vehicle movements complete)	Store Inventory move to New Stores	Netting of Reactor Building Roofs
New Stores Building Handover	Prepare Old Stores for Demolition	Old Stores Building Demolition
Continue preparation of DAMAL (Old Lab) Building for demolition	Continue preparation of DAMAL (Old Lab) Building for demolition	Continue preparation of DAMAL (Old Lab) Building for demolition
Active Drains Removal	Active Drains Removal	Active Drains Removal



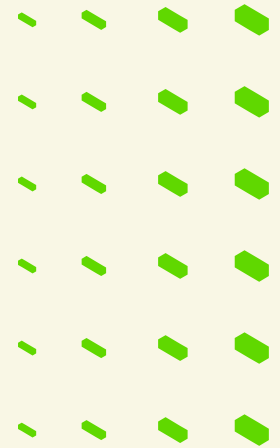
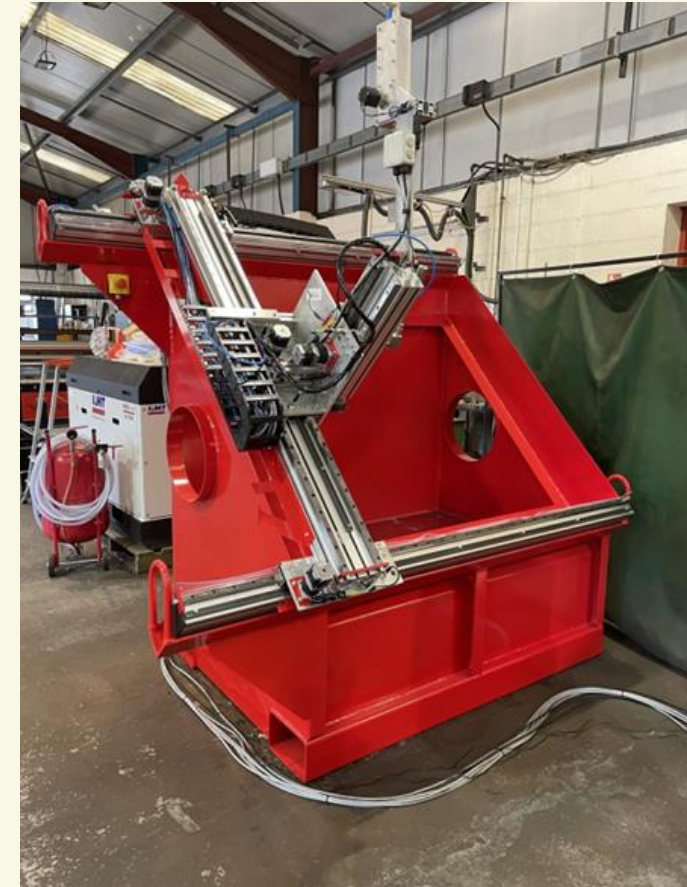
Skips Characterisation

After a year on enablers work and clearing a formal ONR hold point DNA Skip characterisation work has commenced.

This is to take 66 coupons from various sides of 22 ILW skips of the 53 we have stored in total.

Puncture any box sections on all 53 of the skips to release any potentially trapped water.

The work is carried out in C3 contamination-controlled conditions within the R1 Ponds



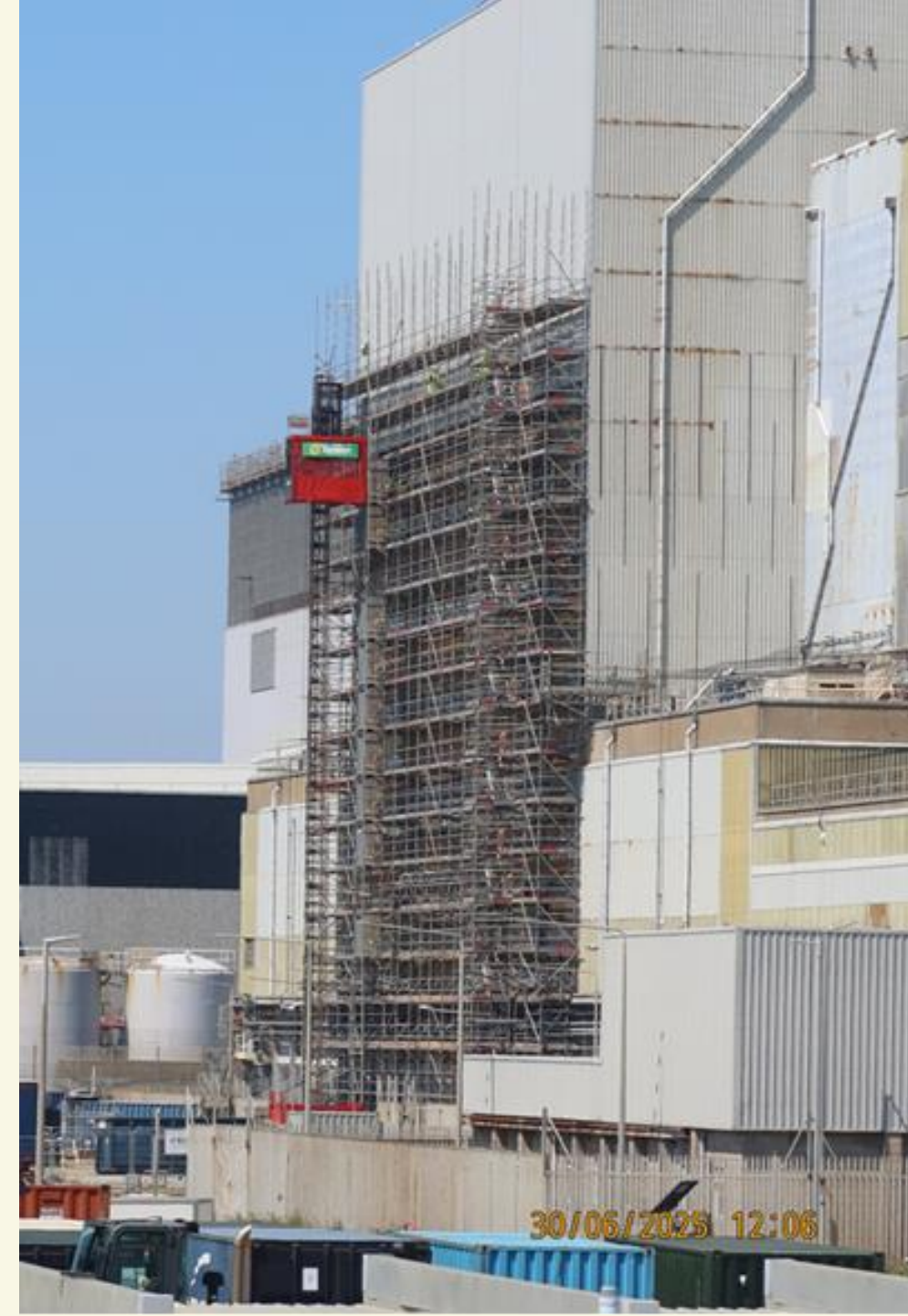
3 month look ahead – Skip Characterisation

- Complete the first low activity commissioning trails on the first skip package
- Take the first set of coupons
- Puncture the trunnions
- Drill the tubular sections of the skip basket
- Replace the skip sections back into the skip basket
- Overpack the package with a new Pactec bag
- Transport the first package back to B106
- Carry out an inflight post ALARP review of the actual doses incurred for ONR review.



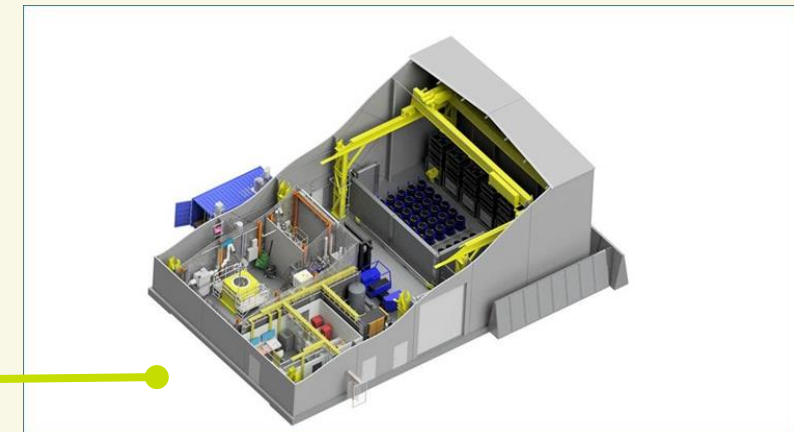
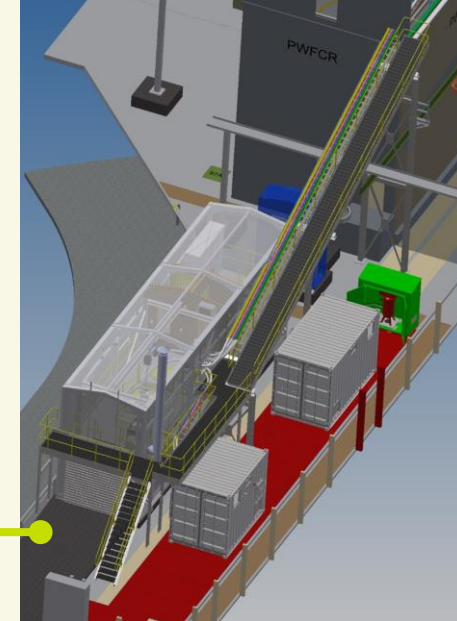
R2 South Face Cladding

- Good progress being made now.
- Over a third of all new cladding installation completed
- New lightning protection system being installed as they move down the face
- Internal engineering QA check being carried out on completion of each level
- Scaffold being struck in levels along with the mast climber being lowered as each level is completed and signed off
- Current completion date is December 25 (subject to minimal weather delays)

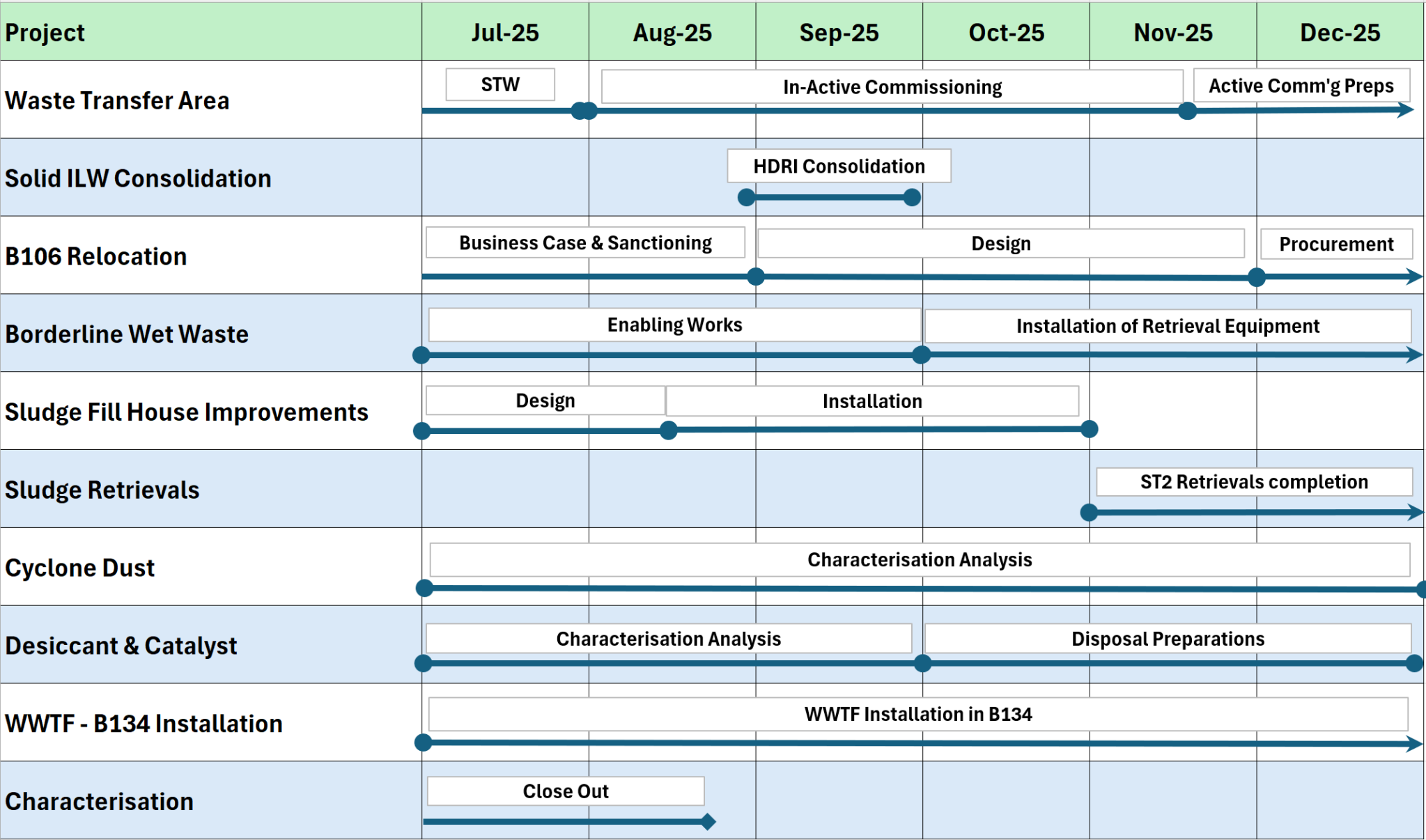


Waste Projects update

- The solid Intermediate Level Waste (ILW) packaging facility (Waste Transfer Area) has been fully installed at DNA and is now being Site Acceptance Tested (SAT). The plant will be commissioned over the next 6 months.
- New scope added to relocate an existing ILW storage facility that is currently storing pond wastes. The footprint of the existing area is inside the demolition area for Boilers Down.
- Borderline Wet Waste equipment has all been delivered to site and will be installed over the remainder of this FY.
- Retrieval of waste using the Sludge Vacuum System has been halted while we make various improvements to the Fill House. The improvements include a new fire escape, replacing the hose support structure and a new ventilation stack.
- Cyclone Dust waste samples have been sent to the NNL radiological laboratory for characterisation analysis.
- Desiccant and Catalyst waste samples have been sent to GAU radiological laboratory for characterisation analysis.
- The Conditioning project is complete and handed over to Operations.
- Wet Waste Transfer Facility (WWTF) – The contractor is mobilising to site and will start installation in B134 in July.



Waste Projects 6 Month Look-ahead



Waste Operations Update – Low Activity Waste (LAW Ops)

Completed the Processing and Disposal of the following radioactive waste

- 2 x Legacy contaminated Scaffold shipments to Unitech (13.3te)
- 2 x Contaminated Metallic Waste shipments to Augean (6.4te)
- 2 x Contaminated Asbestos MEU's shipments to Augean (10m3)



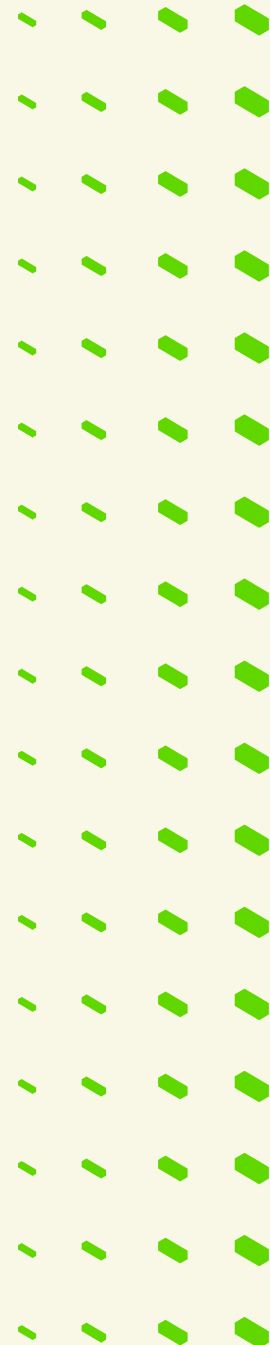
Completed the Processing and Disposal of the following non-radioactive waste

- 162te of Non-Hazardous Waste
- 12 pallets and several larger items were dispatched off-site for re-sale. Several other items have been donated to local charities to benefit local communities, all diverted away from waste disposal.



3 month look ahead – (LAW Ops)

July	August	September
- Continued processing and disposal of contaminated metallic and combustible waste - Continued processing and disposal of Non-Hazardous and Hazardous Waste - Disposal of contaminated legacy combustible drums - Disposal of legacy contaminated scaffold	- Continued processing and disposal of contaminated metallic and combustible waste - Continued processing and disposal of Non-Hazardous and Hazardous Waste - Disposal of legacy contaminated Hepa filters - Disposal of VLLW waste drums	- Continued processing and disposal of contaminated metallic and combustible waste - Continued processing and disposal of Non-Hazardous and Hazardous Waste - Disposal of legacy contaminated scaffold



Waste Operations Update – High Activity Waste (HAW Ops)

ILW Retrievals/Conditioning and Transport

- 1st TYPE VI (Sand & Gravel) currently on heating station within the AVDS
- Sand & Gravel retrievals within the 'Fill House' has been stopped due to fire assessment issues within the building



- Final ILW Resin MOSAIK shipped to Bradwell for storage within their ISF (Interim Storage Facility)
- Total of 137 MOSAIKs transferred to Bradwell ISF since ILW retrievals began

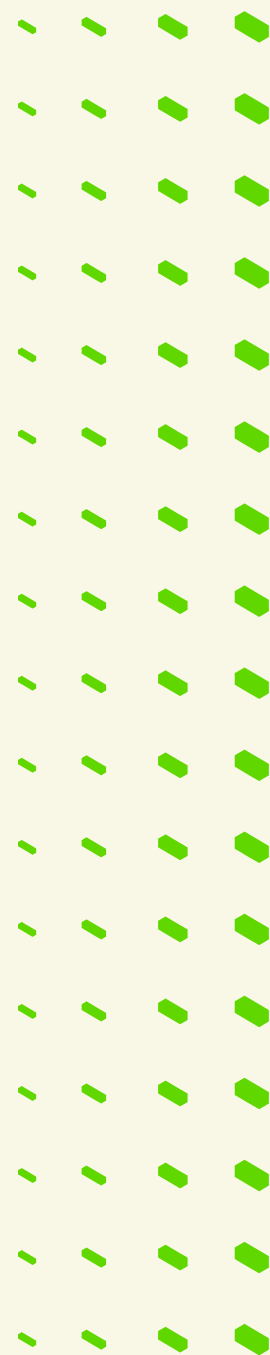
Processing of Legacy Bradwell CRU Waste

- Commenced processing and size reduction for disposal within C3 facility



3 month look ahead – (HAW Ops)

July	August	September
• Recommence conditioning of the 1st TYPE VI Sand & Gravel Conditioning package • Complete size reduction and processing of Bradwell CRU • Support testing of plant within new WTA (Waste Transfer Area)	• Complete conditioning of the 1st TYPE VI Sand & Gravel Conditioning package • Commence support of Inactive Commissioning of the new WTA (Waste Transfer Area) • Complete R1 Lug Vault drum moves	• Continue support of Inactive Commissioning of the new WTA (Waste Transfer Area)



NRS soc-ec funding

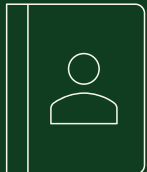
£1.02m for Financial Year 2025/2026

£573.782 has already been committed.

Good Neighbour remains at **£72,000** (£6k per site)

2 Dungeness projects have been supported so far,
this financial year.

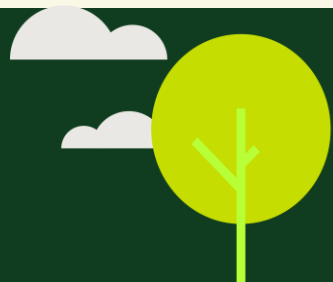
Totaling £36k



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 2025-2026

Multi year project –Romney Marsh Partnership Officer £33,000

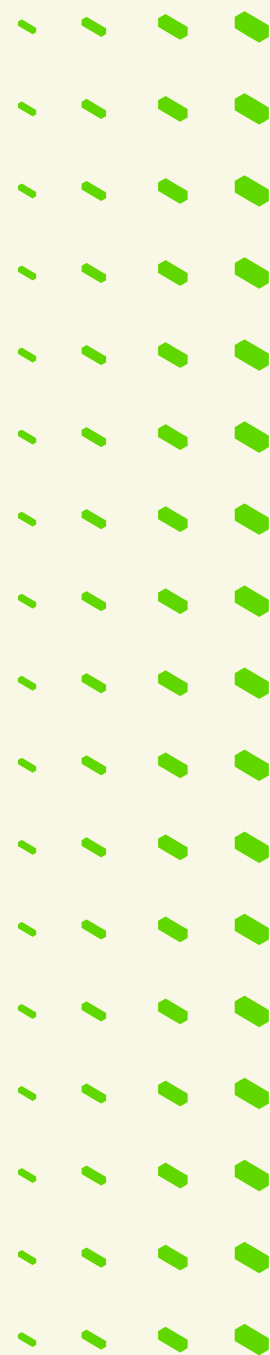
There is continued support for Folkstone and Hythe District Council, Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF), NRS funding of £99,000 (split over four years) covers resources for the Rural Projects Officer role. The aim of the REPF is to encourage business diversification and provide net zero and green energy grants for businesses, support the visitor and tourism economy including connectivity enhancements and investment in capacity building and infrastructure support to assist with connectivity and energy efficiency for local communities.

Rye Harbour Sailability – Contribution towards purchase of a Wheelyboat £3,000

Established in 2016, Rye Harbour Sailability has grown into a successful and valuable community asset, focused on providing sailing for people with disabilities. It runs two sailing dinghies and a safety boat. To extend the service and broaden participation, a Wheelyboat will be purchased, enabling wheelchair users to get out on the water.

Sailing days attract people from across East Sussex and surrounding areas. Family members, friends and carers are encouraged to join in. The charity is run entirely by volunteers from the local community. This would be the first Sailability Wheelyboat operating in the East Sussex area.

The Wheelyboat will be used throughout the sailing season (April to October) and become a part of a regular sailing programme.



Thank you
– any
questions?

Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group - EDF Report

June 2025

Station Director's Message June 2025

Over the past six months the team at Dungeness B has focussed on ensuring the plant is primed to deliver full defueling. After another successful outage we have resumed our defueling operations and now feel like we can hit our stride and ambitious target of sending 50 fuel flasks to Sellafield this year.

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.
- As of mid-June, and since we started defueling operations in May 2023, we have removed fuel from a total of 140 channels across the two reactors.
- In late April work started on a major outage at the station. This period of works focussed on the ponds where we cool the reactor fuel and also on the fuel route itself, including the fuelling machine. One of the most substantial pieces of work was a series of upgrades to the crane we use in our cooling ponds to move skips of spent fuel around. The ponds work was completed in very early June within days we returned to a core part of our mission as a fuel flask was sent to Sellafield. The fuel route outage was due to conclude by early July.



Decommissioning preparations

- Over recent months our attention has been on preparing for the long term future of the site. We have developed detailed plans for the future of the protective shingle operations and an extensive proposal for a new administration building. We will present details of these at the meeting.

Staff update

- In mid-May our teams marked Mental Health Awareness Week engaging our staff to ensure they knew where to find vital mental health support whenever they need it.
- Also during May we held a workshop designed to identify potential future leadership gaps.
- In June we completed training our final fuel flask transporter driver. This gives us the best possible opportunity to run the flask transporting programme as efficiently as we can.
- Nine new operating technicians recruited in 2024 completed their initial training programme in early June. After completing this part of their training they joined an accelerated Fuel Route one programme, which will see them join shift at Dungeness B in July, before qualifying as Fuel Route Operators.

Environmental events

- Dungeness B's arrangements for sending packages of radioactive waste to appropriate disposal facilities were inspected and found to be within the environmental permit requirements.
- In May into June a chiller used for cooling water systems at Dungeness B noted a loss of Fluorinated Greenhouse Gas. The loss was detected during maintenance activities and reported to the Environment Agency.

Safety

- Since the last meeting, and up until the middle of June, there had been no lost time injuries.
- During the period the station undertook a third party re-certification of our company management processes. In late June four auditors from Lloyds Register Quality Assurance carried out interviews and conducted site tours to understand how Dungeness B manages safety, quality, our assets and the environment. The auditors completed their work, noting no non-conformances, and said that it was the best audit that had been conducted across the EDF nuclear fleet.

Community

- In April HR Manager Linda Marsh and Technical Safety and Security Manager Katherine Berry took time out to spend time at the Marsh Academy's careers fair. During the morning the pair explained to pupils what work is done at the power station and the future the site has. They were also interviewed on their roles, how they got there and the skills they needed to get the posts.

Gavin Lancaster

Station Director

June 2025



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Nuclear Regulation

ONR Site Report

NRS Ltd – Dungeness A

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NRS Ltd - Dungeness A

Report for period: 01 April 2025 – 30 June 2025

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Foreword

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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 April 2025 and 30 June 2025:

10 June 2025

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:

- LC11 Emergency Arrangements – The Licensee shall ensure that such arrangements are rehearsed at suitable intervals.

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/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/inspection-records.

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

2.2. Other work

A familiarisation site visit was carried out for the incoming nominated site inspector.

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 licence instruments, enforcement notices or enforcement letters were issued during this period.

5. News from ONR

For the latest news and information on our work, please subscribe to our regular email newsletter, ONR News, at www.onr.org.uk/news/newsletter.

6. Contacts

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4 – 6 February

14 February

5 – 6 March

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

- modifications to plant, equipment and safety cases
- radiological protection
- conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety
- security

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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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- The following licence instruments, 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
13/03/25	Approval	LI 569	Approval of the Dungeness B Nuclear Power Station Defueling Emergency Plan

Reports detailing the above regulatory decisions can be found on our website: www.onr.org.uk/publications/regulatory-reports/site-specific-reports/project-assessment-reports.

ONR issued a routine licence instrument to approve a revision to the Dungeness B emergency plan. This change included moving the map of the detailed emergency planning zone from the emergency plan to the emergency handbook. ONR's assessment confirmed that the revised emergency plan is consistent with the generic emergency plan for a defueling station and that the detailed emergency planning zone contained in the emergency handbook is consistent with that determined by the local authority.

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Environment Agency Report to the Dungeness Site Stakeholder Group

July 2025

Introduction

This report covers our regulation of Dungeness A and B Sites and related environmental matters for the period January to May 2025.

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 meet jointly with the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) for quarterly update meetings with the Site. At the most recent meeting on 7 May we discussed waste project updates and projects planned for 2025/26. These meetings allow us to focus our regulatory resource on upcoming activities at the site.

Inspections

On the 11 and 12 February 2025 we carried out an inspection focused on management and monitoring of radioactive gaseous discharges. We inspected the arrangements for analysis, quality control, sampling and monitoring. This included reviewing instructions, records and analytical laboratory equipment used. We also viewed the levelling works to support the 'Boilers Down' project which appeared to be well controlled with no visible dust emissions. No non-compliances were identified during the inspection, and we will follow up progress on recommendations and observations made during the assessment.

Aqueous Waste Management

We have continued our engagement with the Operator on their management of current and future arisings of aqueous waste. We are expecting copies of an updated holistic overview of aqueous waste, and a Best Available Techniques (BAT) assessment for the management of reactor void water. We will continue to update the SSG on our discussions with the Operator.

As part of the Operators review of aqueous waste arisings to support decommissioning, a variation to the existing Waste Discharge Activity permit will be submitted shortly. This will be assessed by the national permitting and local area team.

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.

Inspections

An inspection was completed on the 12 and 13 of March 2025 the aim was to assess the monitoring of gaseous discharges to ensure that any discharges are made in accordance with Best Available Techniques (BAT). This is to ensure that both the volume and radioactivity of the discharge are minimised to reduce the impact on people and the environment, aligning with the UK Discharge Strategy and fulfilling our OSPAR commitment for progressive reduction in radioactive discharges, environmental concentrations, and impact. The compliance assessment report is not finalised yet as we are still gathering evidence to demonstrate DNB maintenance and inspection regime of the gaseous discharge infrastructure.

Events and Enforcement

Dungeness A

Site Techniques Document

On 11 September 2024 following an internal audit, Dungeness A identified that updates to a 'Site Techniques Document' (that demonstrates the monitoring techniques employed by the site to undertake discharge monitoring) had not been formally sent to the Environment Agency since 2015. Reporting updates are required as part of the Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR) permit for the site. We have considered the internal investigation report submitted by Dungeness A and concluded that the failure to report updates of this nature contravened several reporting requirements in the EPR permit. We do not consider that this error has impacted on discharges from the site and we have provided a number of actions for Dungeness A to complete to bring the site back into compliance.

Annual Ventilation Inspections

In February, Dungeness A reported that during annual ventilation inspections, a hole approximated 5mm diameter was identified in the reactor blowdown discharge stack (R1A). The hole was located 300mm from the top of the stack. A small crack on the Magnox Dissolution plant on the suction side of the fan was identified. The Operator has rectified and repaired both issues promptly. We welcome the attention to the management of key environmental assets as part of the overall assessment of asset maintenance and management of deterioration. The operator has provided a review of these events and concluded that neither would have an impact of the quality of discharges. We are considering the report and will respond and report back to the SSG at the next meeting.

Wet Waste Transfer Facility Ventilation System

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 (Event date May 2024). 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 are now considering our enforcement response for the wet waste transfer facility ventilation plant and other stack issues discussed above and 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.

Close out of Warning Letter and actions

We have provided a RASCAR to Dungeness A in June 2025, in regard to the Warning Letter and subsequent actions for the Magnox Dissolution Plant Active Drains Leak in October 2022. We have concluded that there are no outstanding actions and therefore this is now closed.

Dungeness B

There are no events or enforcement matters to report.

Environmental Permitting

Dungeness A

We are anticipating a radioactive substances permit variation to be submitted shortly for the provision of additional gaseous stacks at Dungeness A. To accommodate the 'Boilers Down' project a number of waste processing facilities need re-siting. During pre-application discussions Dungeness A have stated that there is no requirement for increases to current permitted limits for discharges.

Dungeness B

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

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 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.

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.

We identified during review of the Operator's Q3 2024 Environmental Monitoring returns that supplementary information as part of the report from Dungeness A had been omitted. This was a legacy issue and recommendations have been provided to Dungeness A in a RASCAR. We will review progress of these recommendations in the Environmental Monitoring Programme inspection in July 2025.

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). RIFE-29 provides data for the year 2023.

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 RIFE-29 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 sites, the 'Total Dose' for the representative person from radioactivity in the environment was less than 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% of the public dose limit (1 mSv)). For comparison, a typical dental X-ray gives a dose of 0.005 mSv.

Other Environment Agency updates

Chief Regulator's Report

We've published the first Chief Regulator's report. It summarises the performance of the businesses and activities regulated by the Environment Agency in England in 2023-24. It outlines key outcomes of our regulation, providing assurance and transparency across our wide regulatory remit, and it sets out the aims and ambitions of our Chief Regulator, Dr Jo Nettleton.

The report covers our work regulating the nuclear industry and radioactive substances during 2023-24.

[Environment Agency Chief Regulator's report 2023-24 - GOV.UK](#)

Geological disposal: scrutiny of Nuclear Waste Services' work - annual reports

Our annual report was published on GOV.UK in October 2024.

[Geological disposal: scrutiny of Nuclear Waste Services' work - annual reports - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Through our joint scrutiny work, the Environment Agency and the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) provide regulatory advice to Nuclear Waste Services about implementing geological disposal.

These annual reports explain what we examined through our scrutiny work and the main comments provided to Nuclear Waste Services. They also highlight areas where Nuclear Waste Services needs to improve.

The Environment Agency and ONR will make sure that any future geological disposal facility meets our high standards for environmental protection, safety, security, radioactive waste transportation and safeguards.

Assessing new nuclear power station designs – Have your say

Customer service line 03708 506 506
Incident hotline 0800 80 70 60

Floodline 03459 88 11 88

Generic Design Assessment (GDA) is an open and transparent process. A nuclear power station design company going through GDA must set up a website to:

- publish information about the design
- invite the public to ask questions and make comments

The design company must respond to any comments or questions they receive. The regulators will see the comments and questions and the responses provided. We can also use this information to help inform our assessment work.

The Environment Agency has:

- completed step 2 and started step 3 of the [Generic Design Assessment](#) on Rolls-Royce SMR Limited's 470MWe small modular reactor on 30 July 2024. The [public comments process](#) for this GDA opened at the start of Step 2 and you can make a comment through the company website.
- completed step 1 and started step 2 of the [Generic Design Assessment](#) on Holtec International's small modular reactor SMR-300 on 1 August 2024. The [public comments process](#) for this GDA opened at the start of Step 2 and you can make a comment through the company website.
- completed step 1 and started step 2 of the [Generic Design Assessment](#) on GE-Hitachi Nuclear Energy's BWRX-300 small modular reactor on 12 December 2024. [GDA Step 1 of the GE-Hitachi SMR: statement of findings - GOV.UK](#) The [public comments process](#) for this GDA opened at the start of Step 2 and you can make a comment through the company website.

Learn more about assessing new reactor designs [New nuclear power stations: assessing reactor designs - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Read our blogs

[How the Environment Agency is assessing new nuclear power station designs – Creating a better place](#)

[Ensuring nuclear reactor designs meet high standards of environmental protection – Creating a better place \(blog.gov.uk\)](#)

Updated guidance: Monitoring the effects of permitted discharges from nuclear sites

We've published revised guidance on how to design and carry out an environmental radiological monitoring programme.

A radiological monitoring programme is a requirement of a radioactive substances activity permit which is held by operators of nuclear sites in England and Wales.

The guidance will also be used by the Environment Agency and other regulators and organisations who have or participate in independent environmental radiological monitoring programmes.

An operator's monitoring programme includes what they'll monitor, where and how often and the monitoring and sampling techniques.

What's new

- no longer has separate objectives for operators and regulators in relation to understanding doses to people and wildlife
- one of the criteria for defining a site's impact is the level of dose to the representative person. The change to the threshold of optimisation ([Managing Radioactive Substances and Nuclear Decommissioning: UK policy framework](#)) from 0.02 mSv/y to 0.01 mSv/y has been adopted in the guidance when it comes to defining a site's impact and for including the need to "assess total representative person dose" as an objective.
- recognition of innovation and new techniques – we're happy to consider proposals from operators
- inclusion of programmes for sites with a potential for variable impact (such as decommissioning sites)
- example programmes as guidance to what an appropriate programme could comprise for different impact sites for those designing programmes
- how to consider sustainability such as minimising the sampling of living wildlife and habitats
- accessible format on GOV.UK

Read the guidance [Environmental radiological monitoring: planning and implementing your programme - Guidance - GOV.UK](#)

Read about our monitoring programmes [Monitoring radioactivity - GOV.UK](#)

Read the annual Radioactivity in Food and the Environment (RIFE) report. [Radioactivity in food and the environment \(RIFE\) report - GOV.UK](#) RIFE provides a detailed assessment of radioactivity in food and the environment and the public's exposure to radiation during a specific year. It brings together the nationwide monitoring programmes of the UK's environment and food standard agencies.

Updated guidance: Regulatory expectations for successful land quality management at nuclear licensed sites

The environment agencies and the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) have [published updated guidance](#) that sets out our high-level regulatory expectations for the prevention and management of radioactive and non-radioactive contamination of the ground and water on nuclear licensed sites.

It updates joint guidance issued in 2014, reflecting how some land quality issues can also now be covered through the Site Wide Environmental Safety Cases and Waste Management Plans created under our guidance on "Management of radioactive waste

from decommissioning of nuclear sites: Guidance on Requirements for Release from Radioactive Substances Regulation” (the GRR).

The guidance highlights the five key principles that we expect operators / licensees to consider when preventing and managing land and water contamination, namely:

1. establish strategies and plans for land quality management
2. prevent new contamination of land or the water environment
3. understand the land quality and contamination characteristics of the site
4. manage land quality to mitigate safety and environmental risks
5. work with stakeholders and other interested parties

The guidance describes our shared and complementary interests in land quality matters, explains how we expect climate change and sustainability to be taken into account and provides a reference list of further reading.

[Land quality management | Office for Nuclear Regulation](#)

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's for the Dungeness A site are Vanessa McKay (Lead Regulator) and Miriam Allardice (Assistant Regulator). The Environment Agency's Lead Regulator for the Dungeness B site is Kezia White.

Vanessa, Miriam and Kezia are Nuclear Regulators and 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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The NDA group Draft Strategy

Published July 2025 for consultation

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Background

- This session will give a high-level overview and provide some context to our Draft Strategy, which is out for consultation until 29 September 2025
- We're here to inform you but also, more importantly, to listen, and gather feedback on NDA's future strategy
- We'll have a brief presentation and then there's a chance for questions and comments



Context

- Our mission is to clean-up the UK's earliest nuclear sites, safely, securely and cost-effectively
- We currently deal with 17 sites dating from the 1940s, and all their associated facilities, spent fuels, nuclear materials and waste
- Our strategy sets out how we'll manage these sites, fuels, materials and waste to an end point, while working with others in support of future aspirations on and around our sites
- The Energy Act (2004) requires us to develop a strategy for our mission and to review it at least every five years
- This is our fifth Strategy and will be published by March 2026. It will be reviewed again by March 2031

17
nuclear sites
across the UK

947
hectares of
designated land on
nuclear licensed
sites

17,500*
employees across
the group

800+
buildings to be
demolished

* permanent
employees



Strategy development

- Our review of strategy involves collaboration across the group and with our regulators and government
- We continuously keep our strategy under review, learning as we go and mindful of developments around us
- It guides our decision-making on delivering safe, sustainable decommissioning and remediation
- It outlines our role as a foundational organisation for the whole nuclear sector
- It aligns with UK government policy, safety and environmental standards, and public expectations
- In parallel we are also consulting on Integrated Impact Assessments (IIAs)



Structure

It's built around four driving themes:



Site Decommissioning and Remediation

Ensuring the safe, sustainable management of our estate, dismantling old facilities, and preparing land for future use



Spent Fuels

Ensuring the safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of our Spent Fuels



Nuclear Materials

Delivering long-term plans for materials like plutonium and uranium



Integrated Waste Management

Ensuring consistent, safe handling and management of all waste across our estate

Supporting these are Critical Enablers – for example, People and Cyber Security.

Our strategy addresses our work across the group as well as our collaboration across the nuclear sector.

Progress

Since our last Strategy in 2021, we've made major progress:

- Completed reprocessing operations at Sellafield
- Commenced waste retrievals from all four legacy ponds and silos at Sellafield
- Consolidated nuclear materials for safer management
- Helped shape national nuclear decommissioning and waste policy
- Helped secure legislation to enable the proportionate regulation of decommissioning and clean-up
- Supported the UK Government to finalise and publish the plutonium disposition policy
- Been trusted to do more by government and expanded our remit to include decommissioning the fleet of Advanced Gas-cooled Reactors (AGR) and defence work
- We have also brought our group closer together, as One NDA establishing, among other things, Group Action Plans for our key strategic initiatives



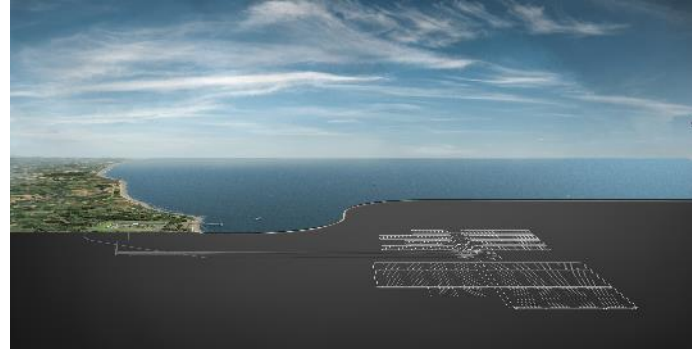
Ambitions

Our mission will take a long time to deliver – over a century

However, this Strategy sets out, for the first time, what we expect to achieve by 2050:

Over the next 25 years we expect to have:

- Retrieved most of our radioactive waste from high-hazard facilities at Sellafield
- Repackaged a proportion of plutonium and begun to convert it into a disposable form
- Delicensed most of our former Magnox reactor sites
- Established a number of new storage centres
- Identified a suitable site for a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF), and
- Enabled new development opportunities around our sites



Our guiding principles

To deliver our ambitions we will apply four guiding principles -

Mission first

We will always put the NDA mission first while recognising the need to enable the wider government nuclear enterprise and associated policy objectives. We will continue to work with government to understand and evaluate the potential impacts on our core mission and deliver our role in supporting the broader nuclear endeavour across civil energy and defence.



Proportionality

We will apply proportionate approaches to both the extent of decommissioning required to enable the next planned use, and the arrangements we put in place to achieve this.



Waste-informed decommissioning

We will progress the decommissioning of our assets unconstrained by unknowns in the latter lifecycle stages, specifically the uncertainties in some downstream final waste management routes. We will continue to be mindful of waste opportunities and to make best use of existing waste management routes.



Efficient use of group resources

We will share the people, assets and capabilities that make up our group resources where appropriate. This includes, for example, sharing waste treatment and storage capabilities to avoid constructing new facilities and reusing or repurposing facilities where economic and practicable.



What's new

- Our previous Strategy recognised sustainability as an enabler. For the first time, we've now embedded **sustainability** throughout as a core principle guiding not only what we do but how we do it.
- We've **refined our Critical Enablers** to better reflect the key areas of focus needed to enable our mission delivery
- We've highlighted the transition from Parent Body Organisation to NDA group structure and its benefits
- We've highlighted we are playing a wider role in the UK's nuclear future with an increased portfolio of work



What's new

New Government Policy – Plutonium Disposition

- In 2025, Government confirmed immobilisation as the policy for UK civil separated plutonium
- Our Draft Strategy reflects this shift and outlines long-term delivery at Sellafield
- This will involve:
 - **Major facility investment at Sellafield**
 - **Long-term job creation and**
 - **Long-term investments to the region**



What's new

NDA's Role Across the UK Nuclear Enterprise

Draft Strategy formalises NDA's broader contributions:

- **Supporting national government programmes (e.g. net zero, energy security, defence, innovation)**
- **Making available infrastructure, assets, skills**
- Specific examples:
 - **AGR station transfers from EDF (starting with Hunterston B in 2026)**
 - **Proposed transfer of MOD's Vulcan site to NDA**
- Core mission remains unchanged: safe decommissioning is still the priority

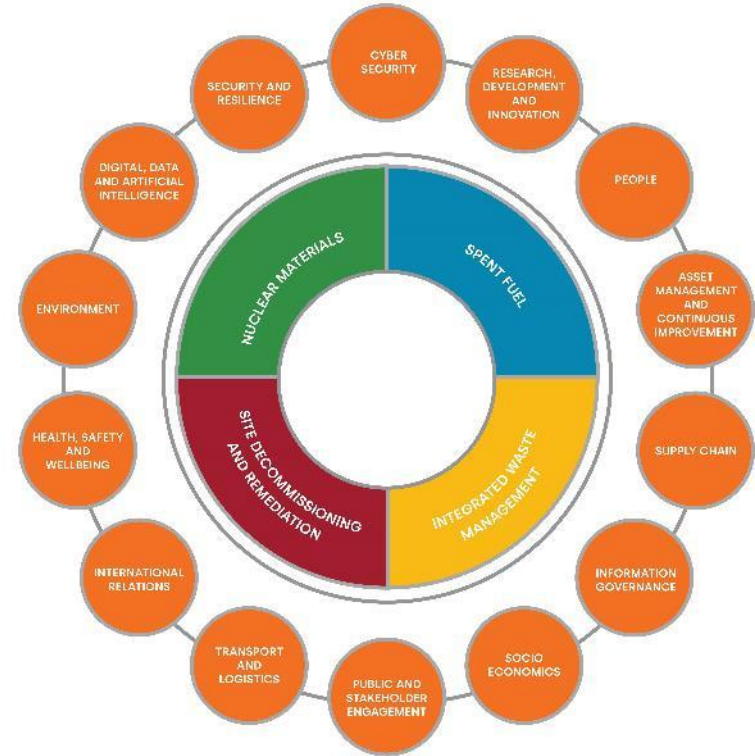


What's new

Refreshed Set of Critical Enablers

Critical Enablers support all strategic themes

- Key updates in the Draft Strategy include:
 - **Separation of *Health, Safety and Wellbeing* and *Environment* into two**
 - **New enabler: *Digital, Data and AI***
 - **Repositioning of *Sustainability* as a cross-cutting principle**
 - **Grouping together of *Asset Management* and *Continuous Improvement***
 - ***The change from Supply Chain to Commercial and Supply Chain***
- Developed in consultation with stakeholders and reflect today's challenges



Have your say

- We've asked questions to guide feedback and comment towards some of the changes we've made
- There are a total of nine under four headline topics
- These broadly cover:
 - Our strategic purpose and vision
 - Putting sustainability at the heart of what we do
 - Our roles in Safe Stewardship and Waste Management, and
 - How we're working to enable our success

Q1.

Do you think the introduction to our Draft Strategy provides a clear and accessible overview of our purpose, challenges, and approach? Is there any other context or information you would find helpful?

Q4.

Do you think our aspirations for 'Safe Stewardship' – the safe and sustainable management of our estate – are clear and appropriate? What other aspirations should we consider?

Have your say

- We're inviting your feedback through our 12-week public consultation, which ends on 29 September 2025.
- We've created two companion documents to help further understanding of our strategy (an Executive Summary of the Strategy and a set of case studies)
- We will have a deeper dive into the strategic themes through two webinars: 2nd and 5th September 2025
- Your feedback will help us refine the Strategy before it goes to government for approval and then publication in March 2026.
- Both the draft Strategy and our Integrated Impact Assessment reports are available on our website along with the companion documents
- Have your say: strategy5@nda.gov.uk



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Thank you and let's discuss

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