



HINKLEY POINT A SITE

Site Stakeholder Group

Site Report

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1. Introduction

Since the last SSG Hinkley Point A has made significant progress regarding Safety Rep recruitment and training. While we have had a number of minor events, our Safety, Security and Environmental performance remains good, and our Project delivery is broadly on track for reaching our year end goals.

The Government spending review has brought some unexpected news to the fleet, however the impact at Hinkley is minimal.

A piece of work called TOM (Target Operating Model) is concluding, this piece of work is required as we integrate the old Magnox and research fleet and Dounreay with the AGR's as they come over to NRS.

Two Business Groups will be created with Hinkley A and B eventually being in the same Business Group under the same Managing Director.

2. Safety Security and Environment

I'm pleased to say that Hinkley Point A now has a full complement of Safety Reps and the associated committee meetings are now being held.

The damage caused by Storm Darragh has been the most significant recent event. The site recorded 93mph winds at peak and the Document Centre building roof was severely affected.



I was very pleased with how the site handled the event, immediate repairs and clean up. Permanent repairs to the roof are now underway.



Reporting levels remain high and action close out has improved. These will remain a focus area of mine along with Leadership visibility out in the field.

A series of local “Golden Rules” for the site has been introduced to ensure Safety always remains at the forefront of people’s minds.

- Respect Procedures
- Use the correct Equipment for the task.
- Follow dedicated walkways without distraction
- “Be here now”
- Look out for each other

3. Key Projects

Critical path activities continue to make good progress. Wet Vault retrievals have exceeded the target set of 3.2te currently at 5.9te.

Commissioning and handover of key ILW processing facilities continues, training for Operators and Maintenance staff is going well. These steps are crucial to us getting our first completed package in the store in 2025.

Enabling work to allow access into the Dry Vaults is continuing well, Cavendish Nuclear who will be doing the bulk of the installation work will mobilise onsite through the summer.

Characterisation of the Sludge Canning Building tanks continue with agreed samples taken.

Asset Care projects continue, we have one work pack slightly behind target (Installation of a wireless fire alarm system). This work will continue into next year. The current system remains operational.

Asbestos remedial work of the boilers is now complete with the project now formally closed out.

4. Spending Review

NRS funding levels remain significant however when considering the current rates of inflation and instability of global markets affecting labour and material costs, we cannot progress at the pace previously planned. Following an extensive review process some projects around the fleet will be paused. The impact on Hinkley Point A is minimal.

Work is now underway to consider the spend requirements from April 2026 through to 2029.

5. Staff

a. Apprentices



I sponsored a National Apprenticeship Week event at the NRS Bristol Hub to celebrate our business wide 35 successful graduates. All are now in their permanent roles; some are already studying for their next qualifications. We're proud of all of them but I'm particularly proud of our team of 4 successful Nuclear waste Operative apprentices who passed out in September and are now performing well in their full time jobs.

Our apprentice programme continues; the next cohort are progressing with their training, and we are currently reviewing the number of apprentices we will recruit in 2025. Six Nuclear Operatives and One maintenance technician are currently agreed.

b. Recruitment

The Hinkley plans require 25 more staff to be recruited from April 2025. Mainly associated with the new processing facilities that come online in 2025. Its crucial we have enough technical support to keep these plants operational.

6. Community News

a. Sponsorship and Donations

- Hinkley A Good Neighbour level
- £2,000 - ACTS – Purchased a mobile stage for community shows and performances.
- £1,150 - BMX Club in Burnham on Sea – Laptop and a TV display screen
- £1,758 - Cannington Brownies – Camping equipment
- £1,907 - Freewheelers (voluntary blood bike service) - banners and feather flags to support fundraising

b. Charity

This year's chosen charity is "Children's Hospice Southwest". As always, we will run small events through the year along with a Charity Golf Day in June at Brean. This event is always well received making £5000 alone last year.

c. Visits

18th February Rachel Gilmore MP

27th February NRS Managing Director and Nuclear Operations Director

d. Events



Celebrating that 60 years ago Hinkley Point A became fully operational from both reactors.



Actions

Action Number	Detail	Target Date
1	Provide a copy of the Demin Tank Root Cause Investigation	Next SSG 3 rd March