



Hinkley Point B

Station Director's Site Stakeholder Group Report
March 2026





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Safety and Environmental Performance

- ❑ **1** top tier environmental reportable event in **15** years
- ❑ **0** Lost Time Incidents (LTI) since the last meeting (**1** x LTI in the past 12 months)
- ❑ **3** first aid injuries (all of a minor nature) since the last SSG meeting (**0** in 2026)
- ❑ Held very successful Zero Harm Week
- ❑ Progressing well with our hazard reduction programme – (plenary session)
- ❑ Work on our EIADR (Nuclear Reactors Environmental Impact Assessment for Decommissioning Regulations) programme continues, and we are developing the Environmental Management Plan
- ❑ Introducing revised emergency arrangements to reflect reduction in site risk profile



Defueling complete at Hinkley Point B

Since the last meeting, we finished the removal of fuel from reactor 3 and our buffer store, and on **28 November 2025** we dispatched our final flask containing spent fuel from the site, signifying the end of a chapter at Hinkley Point B.

The first flask containing spent fuel left Hinkley Point B on 3 April 1984, and since then a total of 2090 flasks were safely dispatched from the station and transported to Sellafield.

On **12 January 2026**, we received formal notification the defueling programme was officially complete, after the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) granted Fuel Free Verification status for the site.



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**NOW
FUEL FREE
VERIFIED**



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Removed

4,928

fuel elements from
the two reactors

Sent

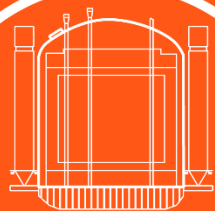
360 flasks



of spent fuel to
Sellafield by rail

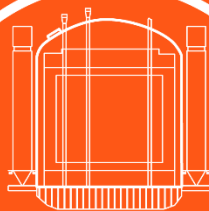
Removed

3 stringers with
'difficult fuel'



Defueled
Reactor 4 in...

663
DAYS



Defueled
Reactor 3 in...

420
DAYS

That's an
improvement of
243 days
between reactors!

Transition and Decommissioning

- ❑ Collaborative work with NRS is continuing, and we are regularly talking to our staff about their future aspirations as we look ahead to transferring to NRS on **1 October 2026**
- ❑ Plans are being developed to extend our active effluent discharge line, so we can undertake decommissioning activities once our cooling systems are shutdown
- ❑ A new 'model office' has been setup at Hinkley Point B – a training environment for NRS computer systems
- ❑ We are continuing to inspect the material condition of buildings and plant
- ❑ We have started to implement the station's deconstruction organisational structure



Hinkley Point B – Deconstruction Structure

Station Lead Team Members



Matt Ball
Site Integration Manager



Hannah Dyer
Waste Manager



Marc Paling
Engineering Manager



Karen Lesson
Programme Manager



Simon Patterson
**Technical & Safety Support
Manager**

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EDF employees – 391, Contract Partners – 200, Agency staff - 11



Other News

- ❑ Welcomed four apprentices who are part of a special NRS / EDF collaboration scheme to secure skills for the future
- ❑ Celebrated the 50th anniversary of Hinkley Point B first synchronising to the national grid
- ❑ Hosted visits from a variety of stakeholders
- ❑ Welcomed 'family and friends from both Hinkley Point A and B to specially arranged 'open days'
- ❑ Supported local charities and organisations with sponsorships and donations
- ❑ Raised over £31,000 for The Alzheimer's Society since the partnership began in January 2024
- ❑ Featured in various media channels following end of defueling





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