

Hinkley Point B power station

May 2013 monthly report

Introduction

This is our latest monthly report, sharing news with our local community stakeholder groups and local councils. This forms part of our commitment to being an open and transparent business. These reports are also available to all members of the public on www.edfenergy.com website.

Safety update

Hinkley Point B measures its safety performance against top tier indicators, including nuclear reportable events, environmental events, and staff and contract partner recordable injuries. It is now over 1920 days since we experienced a nuclear reportable event, and over 1460 days since the last environmental event.

On 10 May a member of staff was injured after he was knocked by an open door of an electric vehicle which suddenly moved forward. Station first aiders attended the event before the individual was taken to Musgrove Park Hospital, where he was later released. The station has initiated an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the event.

Information relating to Hinkley Point B power station's environmental discharges is available from the Environment Agency website (www.environment-agency.gov.uk).

Visit by World Association of Nuclear Operators (WANO) – follow up peer review

An international team of nuclear experts spent a week at Hinkley Point B in May, as part of a WANO follow up peer review. The team of 10, representing countries from all over the world, visited the site between 6 and 10 May reviewing and assessing the progress the station has made against specified objectives and criteria since our last full peer review in May 2011.

WANO was formed in 1989, and it encourages nuclear operators worldwide to exchange operating experience in a culture of openness. A WANO peer review is conducted at each nuclear power plant every four years and identifies a number of areas for improvement (AFIs).

Station generation

Reactor 3 has been on line since 21 December 2012, and operated at nominal full load throughout May.



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Reactor 4 operated at nominal full load throughout the month, until it was manually shutdown on Friday 17 May to begin a short planned interim outage to undertake maintenance activities and reactor core inspections.

Charity news

Marie Curie Cancer Care fundraising

Hinkley Point B signified the start of EDF Energy's new charity partnership with Marie Curie Cancer Care by holding a *'wear something yellow day'* on Wednesday 1 May. Station staff and contract partners were joined by the charity's popular mascot *Daffy* to help support the activities (see photo, right).



Since the launch, the station has raised over £3,000 (which will be match funded by the company) for the charity through organised fundraisers, including:-

- Station Director, Mike Harrison, took part in the Stratford Upon Avon half marathon
- Work Management Engineer, Graham Grief, held a collection at his retirement party
- Operations Engineers, Richard Lindner, Chris Powell, Joe Crumlish, Pete Vaiders, Sean Newton, Dave Holland and Kev Sharp completed a 60k sponsored walk along the South Downs in Sussex (see photo, left)

Community news

Station Visits

Visitors to the power station during May included students from Bridgwater College and representatives from the Devon and Cornwall Energy & Environment's management group. All visitors received presentations on the power station before being taken on a guided tour of the site. So far this year, over 800 people have visited Hinkley Point B.

The Royal Bath and West Show

EDF Energy staff played an active part at the popular Royal Bath and West Show which took place at the end of May. Hinkley B apprentices, graduates and visitor centre staff were joined by representatives from the company's New Nuclear Build team, and engaged with over 19,500 people who visited the EDF Energy stand in the Imagineering tent at the Agricultural event.

Talk Service events

The company offers a service where Hinkley Point B employees give presentations to the local community about nuclear power, EDF Energy, the power station and careers. A presentation was made during May to Westonzoyland Primary School. Talk Service speakers can be booked by contacting Dave Stokes on 01278 654699 or by email to: dave.stokes@edf-energy.com.

Hinkley Point visitor centre

Members of the public and organised groups have been taking the opportunity to visit Hinkley Point's new visitor centre since it was officially opened last December. Over 4,150 people have visited the interactive centre which is based in Bridgwater's Angel Place Shopping Centre. The visitor centre is open six days a week, Monday to Friday 09:30 to 16:00 and on Saturdays between 09:30 and 13:00. An EDF Energy customer services representative is also in the visitor centre every Wednesday between 10:00 and 15:00 answering customer queries. To find out more information about the visitor centre or to book a tour of Hinkley Point B power station, email hinkleybtours@edf-energy.com or telephone 01278 429225 / 01278 428988.

Company news

Torness power station opens visitor centre

A new visitor centre has opened its doors at Torness power station which will allow visitors to see nuclear power for themselves. The centre is designed to capture the imagination of children and adults alike with hands-on displays and guided tours of the power station. EDF Energy's managing director nuclear generation Andy Spurr and local MSP, Iain Gray launched the new centre which is on the Torness site.

It is the latest of seven planned centres to be opened by EDF Energy and is part of the company's commitment to increasing openness at its nuclear power stations across the UK.

Meeting carbon emissions targets

Ofgem has verified EDF Energy's work on the Community Energy Savings Programme (CESP) and Carbon Emissions Reduction Target (CERT). The company installed a total of 900,000 insulation measures in homes across the country, helping to keep homes warmer and fuel bills lower in the process.

The regulator had challenged suppliers (and electricity generators in CESP) to achieve savings of 293 million lifetime tonnes of carbon dioxide in CERT and 19.25 million lifetime tonnes of carbon dioxide in CESP through the installation of energy efficiency measures.

In its report to the Secretary of State, Ofgem said EDF Energy had performed above the targets set.

Next local community meeting

The next Site Stakeholder Group meeting will be held on Friday 28 June 2013 from 10:00 hours to 13:00 hours at Combe House Hotel, Holford.

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