

# Devonport Local Liaison Committee Report

18 July 2024

## January 2024 - June 2024

### Introduction

This report covers our nuclear regulation at both Devonport Royal Dockyard Limited (DRDL) and HM Naval Base (HMNB) Devonport. The Environment Agency's lead nuclear regulator for both sites is Richard Lee, supported by Anastasia (Annie) Clark-Massey.

Richard and Annie are both members of the Environment Agency's Nuclear Regulation Group (NRG) South, which is based near Wallingford in Oxfordshire, although Richard is based in Exeter.

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### Attendance at site

We visit the site on a monthly basis but take part in some meetings remotely where this is more efficient. We carried out two interventions in this period: we took part in a joint review, working with ONR and DNSR, of DRDL's organisational capability in March, and we inspected DRDL's gaseous waste management arrangements (remotely) in June. We maintain regular contact with both DRDL and HMNB by telephone and e-mail in addition to formal correspondence. The Environment Agency receives reports from DRDL and HMNB on radioactive discharges and environmental monitoring; these reports and our compliance assessments are placed on the public register.

### Current regulatory issues

#### Radioactive discharges and disposals

customer service line  
03708 506 506

incident hotline  
0800 80 70 60

floodline  
03459 88 11 88

All routine radioactive discharges and disposals from the Devonport site remain well within the limits set by our Environmental Permit (DRDL) and Approval (HMNB).

### **Other regulatory regimes**

In addition to nuclear regulation, the Environment Agency regulates both DRDL and HMNB under other regulatory regimes. These include:

- Non-radioactive emissions to air from combustion activities
- Non-radioactive discharges and emissions from certain chemical processes
- Non-radioactive discharges in general to the Hamoaze
- Storage, treatment, recovery, and disposal of non-radioactive wastes
- Pollution prevention from routine dockyard operations

Compliance with these regimes is managed by teams from our Devon, Cornwall, and Isles of Scilly (DCIS) Area, which has its main office in Exeter. We would be pleased to provide contact details if anyone has queries about these other regulatory regimes.

### **Compliance assessment**

The gaseous waste inspection in June identified two minor non-compliances with no adverse impact on the environment. DRDL will make changes to their written arrangements to restore compliance. In February we tasked DRDL with carrying out a Best Available Techniques assessment relating to particulates in future gaseous waste discharges from 10 Dock. We were satisfied with the outcome of the assessment.

### **Other items of note**

A group of relatively new nuclear regulators from the Environment Agency spent a day at Devonport in March as part of their learning and development. We are grateful for the support of both DRDL and HMNB which made this a very interesting and informative day for our colleagues.

### **Actions and points of clarification from previous meetings**

None

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