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Foreword

This report is issued as part of our commitment to make information about inspection and regulatory activities relating to the above site available to the public. Reports are distributed to members for the Devonport Local Liaison Committee (LLC) and are also available on the ONR website (<http://www.onr.org.uk/llc/>).

Our site inspectors usually attend Devonport LLC meetings where these reports are presented and will respond to any questions raised there. Any person wishing to inquire about matters covered by this report should email contact@onr.gov.uk.

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1. Inspections

1.1. Date(s) of inspection

Our site inspector made inspections on the following dates during the report period 1 January to 30 June 2024:

- 10 January
- 23 January
- 6 February

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 Devonport Royal Dockyard covered the following:

- examination, maintenance, inspection and testing
- conventional (non-nuclear) health and safety

Members of the public, who would like further information about our inspection activities during the reporting period, can view site Intervention Reports at www.onr.org.uk/intervention-records.

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

2.2. Other work

The site inspector held a periodic meeting with safety representatives, to support their function of representing employees and receiving information on matters affecting their health, safety and welfare at work. Other regular routine interventions with the site during the period covered:

- follow-up to enforcement actions placed on the site
- current and future modifications and submissions to ONR

- follow-up on safety management matters
- annual review of safety
- radiological waste management
- asset management

3. Non-routine matters

Licensees are required to have arrangements to respond to non-routine matters and events. Our inspectors judge the adequacy of the licensee's response, including actions taken to implement any necessary improvements.

Matters and events of particular note during the period were that Devonport Royal Dockyard Limited (DRDL) and a contractor, Kaefer Limited were fined a total of £896,660 after a scaffolder was seriously injured when he fell through an unprotected hole on a Royal Navy warship. Further details can be found via the news section of our website www.onr.org.uk.

4. Regulatory activity

We may issue formal documents to ensure compliance with regulatory requirements. Under nuclear site licence conditions, we issue 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.

The following LIs, 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	Ref. No.	Description
15/02/24	Enforcement letter	ONR-EL-23-045	Enforcement requiring improvements to DRDL's arrangements for compliance with Articles 8(1)(a)(b), 9(1) and 11(1) of the Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005.

Reports detailing the above regulatory decisions can be found on our website at <http://www.onr.org.uk/pars/>.

5. News from ONR

For the latest news and information from us, please read and subscribe to our regular email newsletter 'ONR News' at www.onr.org.uk/onrnews.

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