



HMNB Devonport and Devonport Royal Dockyard Limited Defence Nuclear Safety Regulator site report

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2. Foreword

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commitment to make information about inspection and regulatory activities relating to the Defence Nuclear Programme¹ available to the Authorisee, the wider Defence stakeholder commu

5. Inspections of the site

5.1. Inspections were undertaken on the sites for the purpose of:

- remain adequate and assurance that their implementation meets the DNSR Authorisation Conditions.
- To drive improved safety performance and behaviours identified in the DNSR Intervention Strategy for the Devonport site.
- maintenance, modifications, inspection findings, regulatory enforcement, safety case changes and other matters that might affect safety.
- Arrangements made and implemented were considered adequate in the areas inspected or appropriate recovery improvement programmes are in place where gaps in compliance were identified. DNSR have continually monitored progress against previously raised issues and sought to influence closure within a suitable timeframe.

5.2. DRDL;

- DNSR have carried out regulatory inspections covering arrangements for Operating Rules, Operating Instructions and also arrangement for ensuring close co-operation with other teams. No significant issues were found.
- DNSR have carried out routine meetings with DRDL staff during monthly site visits to review DRDL activities and monitor compliance with defence regulatory requirements.
- DNSR (In conjunction with ONR) assessed a planned Devonport Emergency exercise demonstration in October & concluded that that the exercise was an adequate test of the emergency arrangements.

5.3. HMNB(D);

- In period, DNSR have carried out regulatory Inspections covering control of work, arrangement for ensuring close co-operation with other teams and maintenance of nuclear equipment. No significant issues were found.
- The Devonport Site Emergency Exercise Assessment (joint with DRDL and HMNB(D)) is covered in section 6.2 above.
- The retired Submarines in 3 Basin continue to be monitored for any signs of degradation. No nuclear safety concerns have been identified.
- Regulatory engagements on a wide range of areas of the site continue on a regular basis with monthly visits to the site taking place.

6. Non

6.1. Authorisees are required to have arrangements to respond to un-planned matters and events, including actions to implement necessary improvements. DNSR reporting criteria and intervention thresholds are consistent with the ONR event reporting criteria and thresholds.

6.2. During this period, there were 5 DINF1 reported (3 on HMNB(D) and 2 on DRDL) and addressed satisfactorily.

7. Permissioning and Enforcement Activity

7.1. On 27/10/23, DNSR (in conjunction with ONR) approved the Devonport Site Emergency Plan Issue 2.

7.2. During this period, DNSR raised no Corrective Action Requirements (CARs) or Improvement Notices. DNSR has raised 8 Recommendations and will monitor progress for addressing these through monthly engagements on Site.

8. Contact

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