

Torness monthly report

January 2016

Introduction

We are keen to hear the views of our local communities. We recognise that good communication is a two way process and we welcome your feedback and comments. While we will do our best to always use plain English, talking about our business sometimes involves specific terminology, and you will find a glossary of any terms used at the end of each monthly report.

Safety

- The station had zero lost time incidents (LTI) during the reporting period and EDF Energy staff have had 2,570 free days up to 31 January (more than seven years) and contract partners have had 569 LTI free days up to 31 January.
- The station had no emergency services call outs during January.
- There were two first aid injuries at the station in January.
- The station had no environmental events during January and has gone 1,811 days without an environmental event (over four years).

Station output

One flask containing spent fuel was safely transported to Sellafield for reprocessing during the period.

Reactor 1 and 2 were operational for the whole month.

Station news

Staff raise record amounts for charity

It has been a busy year for fundraisers at Torness power station, as we have now raised over £27 000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care through various events. The charity has been EDF Energy's partner since May 2013 and this will continue until April 2016.

The station has held several fundraising events and many employees have completed their own challenges to raise cash. There have been cake sales, dress down days, sponsored walks, daffodil planting, calendar selling, raffles and much more. Earlier on last year, staff raised over £800 on Diversity Day. During the outage, staff raised £540 with the outage duck and recognition prize winners donated a further £300.



The Women's Network led a daffodil planting campaign and raised over £1000. They planted 1300 bulbs on the verge of the approach road and come spring time there will be a lovely display of bright yellow daffodils. There is also a 'memory book' where personal messages have been written and this will be held in the visitor centre.

The power station has also held a very successful Christmas fair and raffle.

Station director, Paul Winkle, said, "The employees here at Torness have certainly risen to the challenge of raising as much money as they possibly can for a cause that is close to many people's hearts. I would like to thank them all for their contributions no matter how big or small and I am confident the fundraising will continue over the next couple of years."

Staff have also supported Marie Curie in the community; taking part in a Helping Hands at the Edinburgh hospice and supporting street collections.

Money raised by Torness staff has provided the equivalent funding for nearly three full time nurses, enabling Marie Curie to provide over 4,000 hours of nursing care for 103 individuals living with a terminal illness in East Lothian.

Company news

New fixed tariff launched

Blue+Price Promise February 2017 will replace the company's existing fixed-price tariff, Blue+Price Promise January 2017, and is at the lower cost of £841 a year for a typical dual fuel direct debit customer, based on a national average of regional prices.

Customers signing up to Blue+Price Promise February 2017 will get a number of benefits including: fixed prices for 13 months until 28 February 2017; no exit fees at any time and no charge for calling the UK-based call centres.

The current Blue+Price Freeeze January 2018, which offers customers the chance to fix their energy prices for a longer period, is still available.

EDF Energy leases new office in Bristol to support the Hinkley Point C project

EDF Energy has leased offices in Bridgewater House in Bristol to provide a base for a large part of its Hinkley Point C project team. Their work will support the construction of the proposed new nuclear power station in Somerset which will create thousands of jobs and boost the economy in the South-West.

Once fully mobilised, Hinkley Point C will be one of the largest and most complex major infrastructure projects in Europe. The offices in Bristol will be fitted out in the next few months.

EDF Energy has already invested in facilities in Somerset, including a new national training centre at Cannington Court and through its involvement in Bridgewater College's Construction Skills Centre.

Hundreds apply for apprentice places

Sites within EDF Energy's generation fleet saw a late rush of applications for the 2016 apprentice recruitment programme.

The company saw more than 1270 applications for its 53 apprentice positions, spread across its eight nuclear power stations, and the coal and gas stations in Nottinghamshire.

The next stage for the successful applicants will be a series of assessments, followed by formal interviews.

Those offered a place will spend the first two years of the four-year training programme at HMS Sultan, near Portsmouth, before returning to their base stations.



Next local community meeting

The Local Community Liaison Council meeting will be held on 7 April 2016 at Torness power station.

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Glossary of terms

Term	Definition
Nuclear reportable event or incident	Nuclear reportable events are events reported to the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) in compliance with EDF Energy's nuclear site licences.
Environmental event or incident	Environmental events arise from wastes or discharges above permitted levels or breaches of permitted conditions.
Outage	A period during which a reactor is shut down. The periodic shutdown of a reactor including for maintenance, inspection and testing or, in some cases, for refuelling is known as a planned outage. In the UK, some planned outages are known as statutory outages and are required by the conditions attached to the nuclear site licence needed to operate the station. Unscheduled shutdown of a reactor for a period is known as an unplanned outage.
Unit	A unit refers to one of the reactors at the power station and its generating turbine.
LTI	When a member of staff injures themselves at work, and is absent from work for one day or more, this is referred to as a lost-time incident (LTI)