

Torness monthly report

October 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 144 free days up to 31 October and contract partners have had 844 LTI free days up to 31 October.
- The station had no emergency services call outs during October.
- There were two first aid injuries at the station in October.
- The station had no environmental events during October and has gone 2,086 days without an environmental event (over five years).

Station output

Two flasks containing spent fuel were safely transported to Sellafield for reprocessing during the period.

Reactor 1 and reactor 2 were operational for the whole month.

On Tuesday, 18 October, Torness reactor 1 passed the best ever continuous run at Torness of 824 days previously held by reactor 2. By hitting 825 days reactor 1 has generated over 11.19 TWh which is enough low carbon electricity to power over 2.6 million homes.

Station news

Search begins for new Torness apprentices

Torness power station has started the search for apprentices to join EDF Energy next September.

During the autumn, staff from the power station will be visiting schools and colleges to promote the four-year training scheme. The Visitor Centre will also be hosting information sessions for those interested in becoming apprentices.

The start of the apprentice recruitment process coincides with a relaunch of the national campaign to change teenage girls' perceptions of science and inspire them to pursue science-based careers.

Last year, EDF Energy launched #PrettyCurious, a long-term programme to encourage more teenage girls to study STEM. The programme aims to give girls hands-on experiences and provide them with opportunities to learn about the wide range of careers available in STEM.

Torness power station, which took on six apprentices this year, is running information sessions at the Visitor Centre on 5 November and 4 December.



The closure date for applications is early in January 2017, when successful applicants will first take tests, followed by interviews and then join an assessment centre before the final selection is made.

Apprentice co-ordinator Gillian Farquhar, said: "We are determined to find the best people for the programme so the selection process is pretty rigorous but I would encourage anyone who thinks they would be interested to book a place on one of the information sessions."

After the 2017 apprentices are chosen they and their families will be taken to see HMS Sultan – the Portsmouth-based training facility where the apprentices will spend their first two years.

Gillian said: "We know that for many of our new apprentices that it will be first time they will have left home.

"So it is important that they and their parents see what's on offer at HMS Sultan, the accommodation as well as the leisure facilities."

Away from the classroom the apprentices will enjoy excellent sports and leisure facilities under the watchful eye of the centre's own team. EDF Energy's apprentices also undertake an extensive life skills package along with some cultural visits to European cities.

After two years, the apprentices return to their home sites to complete their apprenticeship with on-the-job training.

- Applications for the apprentice programme will open on 1 November, and will be through the EDF Energy careers website. <http://www.edfenergy.com/careers/>
- To book a place on the information sessions contact Torness power station email ashleigh.dickson@edf-energy.com.

Company news

New charity partnership launched

Breast Cancer Now and EDF Energy have launched a three year partnership; with the aim of raising nearly half a million pounds for vital research into the disease.

Breast Cancer Now, the UK's largest breast cancer charity, was chosen as EDF Energy's next charity partner in an employee vote, with thousands of employees across the company taking part.

Their vote to join forces with Breast Cancer Now makes the company an important part of reaching the charity's stated ambition: that by 2050, everyone who develops breast cancer will live.

Hinkley Point C widens apprentices opportunities

BUILDING Hinkley Point C project will create 1000 apprenticeships during its construction, EDF Energy's chief executive Vincent de Rivaz told an audience of graduating EDF Energy apprentices and their families.

He also said the company was committed to playing its part in filling the UK's skills gap and innovating in its approach towards apprenticeships.

At the ceremony in Droitwich each of EDF Energy's 61 final-year engineering apprentices, along with two business apprentices, received graduation certificates from Stuart Crooks, EDF Energy's Managing Director of Generation.

Vincent de Rivaz awarded the apprentice of the year trophy, this year it went to Joe Dickinson, 22, from Heysham 1 power station in Lancashire.



Next local community meeting

The Local Community Liaison Committee meeting will be held on 16 March 2017 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)