

Hinkley Point B power station

July 2014 monthly report

Introduction

This is our latest monthly report, sharing news with our local community stakeholder groups and local councils. This forms part of our commitment to being an open and transparent business. These reports are also available to all members of the public on www.edfenergy.com website.

Safety update

We measure our safety performance against top tier indicators, including nuclear reportable events, environmental events, and staff and contract partner recordable injuries. It is now over seven and a half years since we experienced a nuclear reportable event, and over five years since our last environmental event.

During July we received national recognition for our overall safety management arrangements after winning a fifth consecutive President's Award from RoSPA (The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents).

Station generation

Reactor 3 has been on line since 19 March 2014, and operated at nominal full load throughout July.

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Station news

8 station training programmes gain recertification to world class standards

In July eight of our operations training programmes were awarded recertification against INPO (Institute of Nuclear Power Operations) objectives by an independent Training Standards Accreditation Board consisting of international representatives.

Reflecting on this success, Peter Evans, Hinkley Point B's acting station director, said: "This is another step on our journey to excellence, and I am delighted for 'Team Hinkley' on this wonderful achievement. It has been the culmination of a huge amount of effort over the past two years from station staff and fleet support, and it's important we maintain and continue to build on these high standards of training we have set ourselves. Accreditation is an essential part of the training programme cycle and demonstrates to an independent board the training undertaken is supporting performance improvement."



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Hinkley Point B holds first Diversity and Inclusion Networks Day

We welcomed Paralympics GB athlete, Gabi Down, as we celebrated our first diversity and inclusion networks day at the power station. Designed to promote the five current company internal networks - LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender), BAME (Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic), women's, disability and carers and working parents, - the event gave staff the opportunity to learn more about how these networks can support a more diverse workforce.

As well as hosting representatives of the five networks, other outside organisations that supported the event included Help for Heroes and Stonewall - the lesbian, gay and bisexual charity.

We raised over £250 for Help for Heroes at the event through donations and the purchase of official merchandise

Community news

Hinkley Point Fun Run

Staff and contract partners took part in the annual Hinkley Point fun run on Monday 21 July and raised thousands of pounds for charity. 65 competitors from across the three Hinkley sites (A, B and C) completed the 6.8 mile route to Cannington, and helped maintain the special tradition of the fun run which started back in the early 1980s.

Hinkley B project engineer, James Beach, took the accolade of being the fastest station entrant and came third overall after completing the run in 43 minutes and 9 seconds, 2 minutes and 27 seconds behind the winner. There was also a novelty award for Peter Evans, Hinkley B's acting station director, who won the best fancy dressed competitor class after running the entire race dressed in a Zingy costume.



It is hoped approximately £4,000 has been raised by Hinkley Point B staff and contract partners, and this will go towards Marie Curie Cancer Care, EDF Energy's charity of the year.

Sponsorship news

We continue to support local charities and organisations through the activities of our sponsorship and donations committee. Beneficiaries in July include:-

Cannington Baptist Church – the use of 40 x safety helmets for the children’s holiday club

Company news

EDF Energy launches Blue+Fixed Prepay October 2016

EDF Energy, the UK’s largest producer of low carbon electricity, has announced the launch of Blue+Fixed Prepay October 2016 – a new energy tariff that enables prepay customers to have access to fixed price energy for 27 months, with no exit fees.

With only four fixed prepay tariffs available on the market, customers on prepay meters have previously had limited choice when it comes to fixing their energy prices – despite 19% being in fuel poverty.

The launch of Blue+Fixed Prepay October 2016 will allow 7.5 million prepay customers nationwide to fix their energy in line with EDF Energy’s current Standard Variable prices (the cheapest on average of the major suppliers), enabling them to better manage their, often squeezed, household budgets and avoid the ups and downs of energy prices.

‘Step in to work’ at Barnwood

Seven students from the Cheltenham-based National Star College this month celebrated completing a pilot intern programme at the Barnwood offices of EDF Energy.

EDF Energy supported the ‘Steps into Work’ programme developed by National Star College as a route to employment for adults with disabilities.

The students began their internships in January and joined the 1,600 EDF Energy employees based locally by working within teams specialising in electricity generation, training, customer service and business support.

Job ‘buddies’ were identified to work alongside the students and with the support of National Star College tutor Matt Robert and Remploy job coach Tony Mellows they quickly settled into their roles.

Many of the students became familiar faces around the Barnwood offices and impressed colleagues with their hard work and commitment to the programme. During the programme, the students were taken on a guided tour of Hinkley Point B power station.

Rare moth conservation success at Dungeness

A project to conserve the Sussex emerald moth at Dungeness has seen some exciting results this summer.

The Sussex emerald moth is unique to Dungeness and recent years have its seen numbers falling. The moth feeds on wild carrot, which is also a favourite for local rabbits.

Local landowners EDF Energy, Magnox Limited, RSPB and Cemex have been working with Natural England Butterfly Conservation and Romney Marsh Countryside Partnership to grow wild carrot in trial areas, and their efforts have been rewarded with moth larvae recorded in each of the plots.

Christine Blythe, Biodiversity Manager at EDF Energy, said: "We proved last year that we can get wild carrot to grow on the shingle from seed and now, by finding the larvae, we have shown that the population of Sussex emerald moth is benefiting."

Next local community meeting

The next Site Stakeholder Group meeting will be held on Friday 31 October 2014 from 10am to 1pm at a venue to be confirmed.

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