

Hinkley Point B power station

February 2016 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. This newsletter covers **January 2016**.

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 nine years since we experienced a nuclear reportable event and over six years since our last environmental event. It has now been over 1,000 days since the last lost time incident to one of our contract partners.

Station generation

Reactor 3 / turbine 7 operated at nominal full load throughout January, until it was manually shutdown on Friday 22 January to begin a major planned outage maintenance programme. One thousand extra workers have teamed up with the station's existing workforce during the shutdown period, which has been the result of two years of detailed preparation.

The extensive programme of work consisting of over 12,000 separate tasks will also see inspections inside the reactor, as well as installation of new equipment at the plant. The biggest projects include replacing two large gas circulators which help cool the reactor, as well as replacing electrical transformers used to support the transmission of low carbon electricity.



The maintenance periods known as 'statutory outages' take place every three years and are planned in advance with National Grid to ensure that there is no impact on the national electricity supply. Hinkley B's other reactor is due to continue operating normally throughout the period.

Hinkley Point B's Station Director, Peter Evans, said: "This inspection and investment programme is just one part of our much wider commitment to ensuring the continued safe production of low carbon electricity. It's also good news for the local economy as the extra workers bring additional money into local shops, taxis, restaurants, B& Bs and hotels."



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Reactor 4 / turbine 8 operated at nominal full load throughout the month, and has been online since returning to power after its statutory outage on 18 April 2015.

Training programmes gain certification to world class standards

In January twelve of our station training programmes were awarded certification against INPO (Institute of Nuclear Power Operations) objectives by an independent Training Standards Accreditation Board. Reflecting on this success, Peter Evans, Hinkley Point B's 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 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."



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 Bridgwater 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 1,270 applications for its 53 apprentice positions, spread across its eight nuclear power stations, including Hinkley Point B 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 next Site Stakeholder Group meeting will be held on Friday 26 February 2016 from 10am to 1pm at Hillhouse, Otterhampton.

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