

A Journey To Excellence;

Transforming the EDF Energy (Existing Nuclear UK) Radiological Protection Programme

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Background

EDF Energy – Existing Nuclear

EDF Energy - Existing Nuclear (UK) own and operate eight nuclear power stations in the UK with a combined capacity of around 9000 megawatts. We operate two types of nuclear reactors; **fourteen** advanced gas-cooled reactors (AGR) and **one** pressurised water reactor (PWR).

Our approach to radiological protection is to continually strive to improve standards and emulate best practices.





Background (cont'd): 3 Year WANO Collective Radiation Exposure results

WANO Results 4th Quarter 2009 - 3 Year Collective Radiation Exposure



Chart shows position of Existing Nuclear Stations

By comparison with other Nuclear Operators the cumulative radiation dose received by workers at British Energy is relatively low – primarily due to the design of the AGR's and excellent PWR dose performance.

HPB and HNB are the only two sites that undertake high dose boiler repair work.



Background (cont'd): Highest individual dose 2006 – 2010 to date

Year	EDF Energy (Existing Nuclear) Highest individual dose	Number of workers above						
	mSv	10 mSv	15 mSv					
2010 to date	4.4	0	0					
2009	8.7	0	0					
2008	9.1	0	0					
2007	5.9	0	0					
2006	11.7	73	0					
Company Dose Restriction level (CDRL) = 10 mSv/a. Company Dose Investigation level = 15 mSv/a. Legal limit = 20 mSv/a								

No worker (including Outage contract partners) has exceeded the Company CDRL post 2006. This is attributed to excellent dose and work management controls across all sites.

The Challenge facing the RP function

- Complacency resulting from excellent dose performance.
- Profile of radiological protection.
- Eight stations with different ways of doing things reluctant to change.
- Robust with regard to legal compliance but lagging Industry best practices.
- Obsolete instrumentation, radworker practices and contam control.
- Radiological protection performance not objectively assessed and reported at executive level.
- About to embark on extremely high dose maintenance work.
- Transitioning the Corporate function from policy making to support and continuous improvement.





Way Forward – as determined by the RP Peer Group

- Provide infrastructure and terms of reference debate issues, but support decisions once agreed.
- Develope a the process model.
- Improve reporting at Stations and Corporate level.
- Implement an Improvement Plan to deploy and embed best practices across the Company.
- Align to a Company standard.
- Revise Metrics, Performance Indicators and Reports more objective.
- Obtain Executive support.





Infrastructure: Radiological Protection Peer Group and Task Teams



Radiological Protection Process Model



Reporting structure



Stations compile a quarterly Station Health Report to analyse performance and identify gaps, trends and corrective actions. The Station Health Reports are rolled up into a Fleet Health Report that is reported as a "Deep Dive" reflecting fleet programme health and progress to deploy improvement initiatives. A comprehensive **annual** report is presented to the Company Safety Oversight Delivery Team together with monthly updates.

Drive to excellence: Radiological Protection Improvement Plan



PROCESSES

TRAINING

Improvements: The fleet is working towards implementing 53 initiatives aimed at standardisation and improvement



Standard coveralls, standard for dressing/undressing and personal monitoring requirements.







Standard for Radiation Controlled Area exit layout.



Bagging and tagging standard..



Improvements (cont'd) : Control of high radiation dose work



Teledosimetry, communication and camera systems have been implemented at stations engaged in high dose work to monitor and control the dose received by workers engaging in high dose work.



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Improved access controls for high radiation areas.



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Improved radiography controls: signage, checksheets and coaching cards.

Improvements (cont'd): Initiatives to keep doses as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP)



Gateshead training facility for in vessel work



SZB Pressuriser mock up training



Remote welding

Use of mock up training for all high dose work have made a significant contribution to keeping doses ALARP.

Improvements: Use of close proximity radiography





Use of Close Proximity Radiography (SCAR and Saferad) drastically reduces the radiological risk and only requires a very small exclusion area compared to conventional open site radiography – also improving productivity. Can be performed 24/7.



Improvements (cont'd): Initiatives to improve contamination control and worker practices



Contamination Controlled Area (C2) simulator training - training to a Company standard.



Lockers on route to the Radiation Controlled Area (RCA) to support the Pocket Restriction Policy ie only take the items you require for the job into a RCA.



Empty pocket policy. All personal items, including those in pockets to be monitored in a Small Article Monitor when exiting a RCA.



Laundrable barrier covers introduced to prevent the spread of contamination



Radiation Controlled Area tool stores: Not having to remove tools from the RCA reduces the risk of inadvertently spreading contamination beyond the RCA boundary and improves all-round productivity.



Laundrable contamination control mats: To provide a clean working surface in a Contamination Controlled (C2) Area.



Improvements (cont'd): Standardisation and replacing obsolete instrumentation



Replace RCA whole body exit monitors.

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Two Step monitors for sub change areas. Major improvement over the old hand and foot monitors.



Standard portable instrument for personnel to monitor themselves at temporary Contamination Controlled Area (C2) barriers.

All stations now using Siemens Mk2 Dosemeters as Legal Electronic Personal Dosemeter.



All stations now using Small Article Monitors.





Gate drive through monitors.



There has been significant investment and progress to replace the most critical radiological protection instrumentation.



Stations only permitted

Company approved list

to purchase RP

instruments on

Deploying best practises across the fleet – control sheet.

Implementation	Core	Stn 1	Stn 2	Stn 3	Stn 4	Stn 5	Stn 6	Stn 7	Stn 8		
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Assessing progress (out of 53) – Overall performance.

Initiatives Implemented								
	Stn 1	Stn 2	Stn 3	Stn 4	Stn 5	Stn 6	Stn 7	Stn 8
Improvement Plan	23	29	21	23	19	22	24	25
Support Work	11	18	8	12	12	13	13	12
Total Implemented	34	47	29	35	31	35	37	37

Overall good progress being made to implement fleet improvement initiatives. Excellent progress by Stn 2.

Corporate verification								
	Stn 1	Stn 2	Stn 3	Stn 4	Stn 5	Stn 6	Stn 7	Stn 8
Adequately Implemented	30	31	16	3	3	7	30	11
Some refinement required								
	2	7	7	1	0	0	5	2
Not adequately implemented	-			_		_	_	
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Total Assessed	33	38	24	6	4	7	35	13

Corporate implementation plan surveillances indicate that the majority of initiatives are being implemented to the Company standard.





Indicators: Station Radiological Protection Program Health Indicators - aligned to WANO PO&Cs and measured against 28 parameters – set to drive excellence.



Indicators: Fleet Radiological Protection Program Health measured against excellence/best practice



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Red: Requires action Amber: Requires focus Green: Objectives mostly met



Indicators (cont'd): Other parameters

Health reports

		Stn 1	Stn	2	Stn 3	Stn	4	Stn 5	Stn 6	Stn	7	Stn 8
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Key Lessons Learnt

Management

- The Company Executive must have an understanding of what underpins a RP programme and understand the RP vision. They also need to be aware of performance (health of the programme), problem areas, corrective actions, what support is required and why.
- Deploying instrumentation with an improved detection capability and introducing an empty pocket policy will inevitably result in an increase in contamination events, requiring stakeholder management.

Fleet approach

- A fleet approach based on consensus ultimately delivers the desired results, but is time consuming and "painful".
- Working to a common Company standard has proven to have many advantages.
- Involving workers at the rock face in Task Teams is a recipe for success.
- □ Success breeds success the 20/80 rule is not always appropriate.
- What gets measured gets done. Recognise and publicise successes.



Metrics

- The health of the RP programme must be based on objective metrics. It is important that significant events or near misses are high-lighted and brought to management's attention (averaging is not always appropriate).
- □ Balanced reporting = Improved focus and credibility.

Training/Worker practices

- □ The use of simulators to train workers undertaking high dose work has resulted in significant dose savings.
- Initial observations have indicated that training workers to a common standard in a contamination area simulator is fundamental to improving worker behaviours in the field – do workers know what is required of them?

Radiography

Use of close proximity radiography reduces the overall radiological risk and improves productivity.

Dose control

Individual doses can be maintained below 10 mSv/annum.





Closing Comments

- Steady progress has been made to deploy Radiological Protection Improvement Plan initiatives across all EDF Energy Existing Nuclear (UK) Sites.
- This has contributed to overall improvement in Radiological Protection standards across the Company.
- The challenge for the Company is to maintain this level of improvement.
- The achievements to date, would not have been possible without ongoing management involvement and support.
- Our journey to excellence has just begun.

Road to excellence