

Springfields Fuels Limited Site Stakeholder Group (SSSG) Update Report

Lancashire County Council Health, Safety & Resilience Service

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General Update

Site Liaison

We have continued to have monthly virtual liaison meetings which were introduced during the COVID response. These meetings allow Lancashire County Council and the Site Operator to keep in touch to shared situational awareness and provide opportunity to raise issues or concerns. These meetings will continue for the foreseeable future.

ONR Liaison

The Office for Nuclear Regulations have also put in regular liaison meetings with all Local Authorities. The purpose of these meetings is to give opportunities for both Local Authorities and the regulators to work closer together and raise any issues as soon as possible. The verbal feedback throughout since the group last met is that the ONR are satisfied in our emergency arrangements and this close liaison will continue in the future. Note, regular monthly meetings will continue over the next 12 months.

National Meetings

Lancashire County Council are a member of the National Local Authority Nuclear Working Group (LANWG) that comprises of our counterparts around the country, the site operators, regulators, and BEIS. The group last met on 17th / 18th May 2022 and the next meeting is scheduled for November 2022.

The Off-Site Plan Updates

Springfields Fuels Limited Off-Site Emergency Plan

The Springfields Fuels Limited Off-Site Emergency Plan went through its 3-yearly review in 2020 and was published in December 2020 as version 7.0. However, documents are periodically amended when new information is available to ensure they are fit for purpose. As such version 7.1 was published in September 2022.

Any revisions are done in consultation with all agencies and organisations who have a role to respond to an off-site emergency at the site. We continue to work closely with colleagues from the Office for Nuclear Regulation and Site. The next full plan review is scheduled to begin in early 2023 and the review will be completed by December 2023.



Familiarisation and Training

The off-site nuclear familiarisation training session was held on 20th September 2021 and was completed virtually through Microsoft Teams. The session is primarily aimed at staff who would be involved in the response to either an off-site nuclear emergency at an operational or tactical level, or those who would be based in their own emergency control/operations centres. The feedback from the participants was extremely positive and our next session is to be held on 22nd November 2022 which will revert to face to face.

Exercises

As per REPPiR, we must test and review the Off-Site Emergency Plan in periods not exceeding the three-yearly cycle. As a reminder following the last SSSG, the last exercise was due on or before 1st October 2021, with the planning commencing in January 2021 with multi-agency partners. Due to COVID-19, a gap analysis was completed, and the exercise was delivered in the form of four exercises all completed virtually. The full multi-agency debrief is to be held on 25th November 2021. The next level 2 off-site exercise is scheduled for October 2024 with the planning beginning in late 2023.

Prior Information

The annual calendars which are given out to those who live and work within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone, will be sent out in December 2022. The calendars have been through a thorough consultation with multi-agency partners to ensure they are compliant with the revised regulations and have been put together by both Lancashire County Council and Springfields Fuels Limited.

Contact

Further information on LCC Resilience Team can be found at:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/strategies-policies-plans/emergency-planning/>

Further information on REPPiR can be found at:

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