



**REPORT TO THE WEST CUMBRIA SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP
EMERGENCY PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE ON EMERGENCY
EXERCISES HELD ON THE UKAEA WINDSCALE SITE DURING THE
PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2006 – MARCH 2007**

INTRODUCTION

UNDER THE TERMS OF ITS NUCLEAR SITE LICENCE, UKAEA WINDSCALE IS REQUIRED TO STAGE AN ANNUAL LEVEL I DEMONSTRATION EXERCISE TO BE WITNESSED BY HM NUCLEAR INSPECTORATE. THIS REPORT SUMMARISES THE FINDINGS OF LEVEL I EXERCISES (IF APPLICABLE) HELD DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. UKAEA IS ALSO SUBJECT TO THE NUCLEAR INDUSTRY SECURITY REGULATIONS 2003 AND IS REQUIRED TO STAGE AN ANNUAL COUNTER TERRORIST (CT) SECURITY EXERCISE TO BE WITNESSED BY INSPECTORS FROM OCNS. THERE HAS BEEN ONE CT EXERCISES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD.

EXERCISES HELD

THERE WERE NO LEVEL I EXERCISES STAGED DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD

28 SEPTEMBER: EXERCISE ‘RAZORBILL’

Exercise ‘Razorbill’ was the annual Counter Terrorist exercise as required under the Nuclear Industry Security Regulations. The Exercise was witnessed by inspectors from the Office for Civil Nuclear Security (OCNS)

The exercise was designed to test the arrangements for responding to the discovery of a suspect package after carrying out a site-wide (Windscale) search based on a description supplied by the Site Shift Manager following an assumed, earlier event on the BNG site. The package, containing a dummy Improvised Explosive Device, was eventually located in the WAGR area and, following examination by the CNC, resulted in the need to evacuate all the occupants (about 60 persons) from this area to a safe location. Once all persons had been relocated and accounted for and the CNC had initiated their own arrangements for dealing with the device, the exercise was terminated.

At the subsequent debrief with OCNS, the inspectors expressed their satisfaction with both the planning and staging of this exercise, and the response of UKAEA emergency teams and other staff, although there had been some evidence of insufficient training/awareness amongst the latter



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group, which would need to be addressed. An action plan is in hand to address this.

Future Exercises

The annual Level 1 exercise for the Windscale site is scheduled to take place during May/June but details have yet to be agreed with HM Nuclear Inspectorate

M R Richardson
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