

All members
Hinkley Point Site Stakeholder Group

19 November 2020

Dear SSG Member

Hinkley Point B – Operational Update

I hope you are continuing to stay safe and well during these uncertain and extraordinary times.

I am writing as I wanted Site Stakeholder Group members to be amongst the first to know that EDF has today made the decision that Hinkley Point B will move into the defuelling stage of its life no later than 15 July 2022.

This decision will bring clarity about the future to our people, business partners and the local community.

It also signifies the generation end point for this power station after more than 40 years of quietly powering the nation with low carbon electricity.

Hinkley Point B has made a major contribution to the UK since it first synchronised to the national grid back in February 1976, and since then it has produced enough electricity to power every home in the UK for three years. It has also produced more than 300 TWh of electricity – the largest amount generated by any nuclear power plant in the UK. Over its lifetime this station has helped the UK avoid the emission of millions of tonnes of carbon dioxide.

I have been working at this power station for over a decade, and without doubt my time at Hinkley Point B has been the most enjoyable of my career.

As SSG members you have also been a central part of the station's journey and success over the past few years, and I know our openness, transparency and valued dialogue will continue as we approach and enter defuelling.

Many people will have questions about the future of our site, and I'd like to reassure you on the face of it, not much will change at this stage. We will still need our staff to run the defuelling process, and we will still be regulated by the Office for Nuclear Regulation and the Environment Agency.

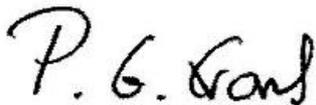
As I reported at last month's SSG meeting, both of our reactors are currently shutdown for extended planned maintenance and inspection programmes. Based on our current estimates and subject to approval from the Office for Nuclear Regulation, reactor 4 will return to service on 26 February 2021 and reactor 3 on 12 March 2021. We are anticipating each of our two reactors will complete two more six-month runs of generating low carbon electricity before they enter defuelling.

Over the coming months our focus will be on safely returning the units to service, delivering the last period of generation and finalising our transition into defuelling. EDF will carry out the task of defuelling, and you will be aware from our meetings that preparations for this have been under way for some time now.

Although there is much change to come at Hinkley Point B over the coming months, this is a moment to be proud of what we have achieved.

I hope this information is useful to you as a member of the Site Stakeholder Group, and I will of course provide a full update on the latest position at our next meeting in February next year. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact either myself or Dave Stokes (Hinkley Point B's Community Liaison Officer) on 01278 654699 / dave.stokes@edf-energy.com.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'P. G. Evans'.

Peter Evans
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