

Revised Guidance for Site Annual Reviews

Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR)

RPC rating: **fit for purpose**

Description of proposal

ONR plans to revise its guidance for ONR inspectors on the conduct of Site Annual Review meetings. These meetings are a requirement placed by the regulator on licensed nuclear sites, where licensees and regulators reflect on the previous year and set priorities for the coming year. The change in guidance will introduce some flexibilities and will bring the guidance into line with existing industry practice. In particular, it will allow Safety and Environment Site Annual Review meetings to be combined and will allow meetings for low-risk sites, with similar characteristics, to be handled in a single regional meeting.

Impacts of proposal

37 duty-holders with responsibility for groups of nuclear sites will be affected. Each duty-holder will incur familiarisation costs and some will also receive benefits as a result of the new flexibilities introduced by the guidance. The principal beneficiaries are likely to be the duty-holders for the Magnox reactor fleet, for which the flexibility to combine meetings is particularly likely to apply; other duty-holders are less likely to have suitable groups of sites, or are known already to be applying this approach. ONR has estimated savings for the Magnox fleet of £17,230 per annum.

Quality of submission

As originally submitted, the assessment did not evidence sufficiently clearly the assumptions underpinning ONR's benefit calculations; ONR has now set out, in sufficient detail, its assumptions and evidence to allow the RPC to validate an EANDCB of zero and, in particular, has explained why it believes that the duty-holders for the Magnox fleet are a slightly unusual case.

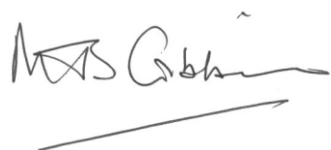
Departmental assessment

Classification	Qualifying regulatory provision
Equivalent annual net cost to business (EANCB)	£0.0 million

Business net present value	-£0.0 million
Societal net present value	-£0.0 million

RPC assessment

Classification	Qualifying regulatory provision
EANCB – RPC validated ¹	£0.0 million
Business Impact Target (BIT) Score ¹	£0.0 million
Small and micro business assessment	Not required



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¹ For reporting purposes, the RPC validates EANDCB and BIT score figures to the nearest £100,000.