

Sizewell B Power Station

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Station News

Operational update - Sizewell B outage

A decision was taken on 17 March 2010 to manually shut down Sizewell B in response to indications of higher than normal moisture levels within the containment building.

It was established that the issue related to one of the heaters associated with a component known as the pressuriser. The component is not part of the reactor pressure vessel but is connected to the cooling circuit. The early indications showed that repair techniques previously deployed at similar power stations could be carried out at Sizewell B in relatively short timescales. Detailed inspections have shown that the existing repair techniques will need to be developed further before being deployed. Until this development work has been completed the timing of the return to service is subject to some uncertainty. The total loss arising from this issue may be in the region of 2TWh to 3TWh.

Quarterly disclosure

In line with its disclosure obligations under the Conditions of the CVRs, Lake Acquisitions Limited expects to issue a Quarterly Information Statement for the first quarter of 2010 within 15 business days of 31 March 2010.

We will be providing a report at the next Site Stakeholder Group in June which will include any updated information.

So far this financial year (Jan 2010 to date) the station has produced 2.14TWhrs (1,000,000,000 units of electricity).

Third RoSPA Presidents award for Occupational Health & Safety

Sizewell B is proud to be awarded its third RoSPA Presidents Safety Award (Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents).

Since 1956, RoSPA has organised its prestigious national award scheme to recognise excellence in work-related health and safety performance by private and public sector organisations.

The scheme is based on assessment of a broad portfolio of evidence about the level of development and performance of an entrant's occupational health and safety management system, and also takes into account the entrant's reportable accident rate and enforcement experience.

Energy company chief visits Sizewell

As EDF Energy prepares to talk to local people later this year about its hopes for a new nuclear power station next to Sizewell B, the company's chief executive has visited the site.

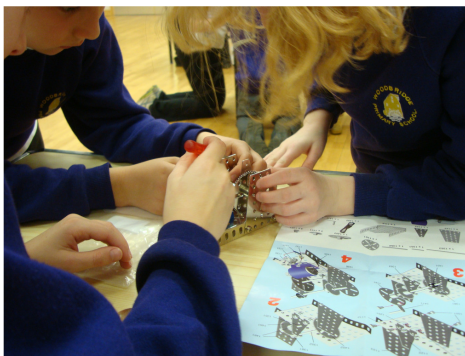
Vincent de Rivaz, who trained as an engineer before joining EDF in France in 1977, became chief executive of its UK company EDF Energy in 2002. He was given the opportunity to meet with some of the station's third and fourth year apprentices at Sizewell B during his visit.



Staff support National Science week

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths) Ambassadors from Sizewell B were delighted to be invited to take part in a National Science Week event recently held at Woodbridge Primary School.

'Electricity Made Fun' was the theme of the event. Students ranging from ages 8 to 11 years old took part in the workshops where they learnt about how electricity was made and how it is used in our daily lives. As part of the workshop the students were given the opportunity to build their own generator.



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