

[News story: PM call with Chancellor Merkel: 10 June 2017](#)

A Downing Street spokesperson said:

The German Chancellor Angela Merkel called the Prime Minister earlier today to offer her congratulations.

The Prime Minister confirmed her intention for Brexit talks to begin as planned in the next couple of weeks and that we would be looking for a reciprocal agreement on the rights of EU citizens and British citizens abroad at an early stage.

[Collection: Sellafield Ltd incident reports and notices](#)

Updated: New incident report added – Soil sampling process

Below you will find details of operational issues and events.

Sellafield incident report – Misrouting of waste metal – 9 July 2018

We closely monitor and audit activities on the Sellafield site.

It was identified due to the diligence of this auditing process that some metallic waste which potentially contained asbestos had been sent to a facility not permitted to handle asbestos.

All of the waste concerned has undergone thorough radiological checks and does not contain any nuclear material.

We are working with the operator of this facility to understand what, if any, consequences arose as a result of the handling of this waste.

This investigation is ongoing and all of the relevant regulatory authorities have been informed.

Sellafield incident report – Soil sampling process – 4th May 2018

During routine sampling and testing of small amounts of soil on the Sellafield site to ensure its suitability for reuse, the relevant project

backfilled the excavated area prior to receiving confirmation that it was suitable for backfill.

The soil in the area where the sampling took place is considered low risk and there are no safety or environmental consequences.

An investigation has been carried out, and we are considering any actions required to address the findings.

Sellafield incident report – Ventilation system maintenance anomaly – 11 April 18

During routine maintenance work on the ventilation system of one of Sellafield Ltd's intermediate level waste stores, an extract damper (valve) was left open resulting in air from the store bypassing the High Efficiency Particulate Air filters.

Once it was identified, the damper was returned to its correct position. The air leaving the store is continuously monitored and there were no safety implications during that time.

Sellafield Ltd is carrying out an investigation, and will take action to address the findings.

Sellafield incident report – water leak – 01 March 2018

Due to freezing temperatures at the beginning of March, there was a water leak from a water pipe on an elevated pipebridge on the Sellafield site.

As a result, water ran into nearby pipe trenches below ground level.

The volume of water resulted in a discharge through a number of non-routine routes, including a leakage to ground. The water carried very low concentrations of radioactive contamination.

The water was removed and safely disposed of via our robust processes. A management investigation has been carried out to understand the root cause and identify learning from the event.

There were no safety implications for the workforce or the general public.

The event carries a Nuclear International Event Scale Level 1 rating (an anomaly) based on 'minor problems with safety components with significant defence in depth remaining.'

Sellafield incident report – Waste spillage – 6 February 2018

During routine sampling work in a product finishing line facility at Sellafield, a small number of contaminated waste items fell through the end of an unsealed bag causing the waste to fall to the floor.

The operator handling the samples was wearing the correct personal protective equipment, and the individual suffered no ill effects. Also, the

contamination was contained within the immediate work area.

The material was immediately made safe and the area subsequently cleared of any contamination.

An investigation has been carried out, and we are considering any actions required to address the findings.

The event carries an International Nuclear Event Scale Level 1 rating (an anomaly) based on 'minor problems with safety components with significant defence in depth remaining.'

Sellafield incident report – powder spillage – 15 January 2018

During routine sampling work in a Sellafield drum filling area, a bottle containing uranium trioxide powder accidentally fell to the floor causing approximately 100-150g to spill out.

The operator handling the samples was wearing the correct personal protective equipment and the correct safety procedures were followed.

There was no personal contamination or ingestion by the operator and the contamination was contained in the immediate work area. An investigation has been carried out, and we are now considering the actions required to address the findings.

The event has been rated 0 (anomaly) on the International Nuclear Events Scale.

Level 1 represents the lowest severity, known as 'anomaly', rising to Level 7: 'major incident'.

Sellafield incident report – personnel contamination event – 28 November 2017

An employee was contaminated during operations in one of our analytical laboratories at Sellafield.

This was identified following routine internal dosimetry monitoring tests which are carried out on our nuclear workers.

An assessment confirmed that the radiation dose received was significantly less than the annual limit allowed for an individual.

The employee suffered no ill effects and did not require any time off work.

Sellafield incident report – powder spillage – 14 June 2017

While carrying out analysis work in a Sellafield site laboratory, a worker spilled approximately 1kg of depleted uranium trioxide powder while moving a container.

The material is not harmful unless ingested or inhaled.

The correct safety procedures were followed and the immediate area was

evacuated before returning to normal service on the same day.

Health checks confirmed the worker suffered no ill effects.

An internal investigation is being carried out.

Sellafield is regulated by the [Office for Nuclear Regulation](#) and the [Environment Agency](#).

Some of these reports are graded using the [International Nuclear and Radiological Event Scale \(INES\)](#).

[See details of incidents at Sellafield before 1 August 2017](#)

[News story: PM calls with Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand: 10 June 2017](#)

The Prime Minister has taken two further telephone calls today from other world leaders.

The Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull called to congratulate the Prime Minister. They agreed the UK and Australia were close partners, and would continue to stand together, particularly in the fight against terrorism which was a shared threat facing us all. The Prime Minister offered her sincere condolences over the two Australians killed in the London Bridge attack, and over the police injuries sustained in the recent Melbourne attack.

New Zealand's Prime Minister Bill English called the Prime Minister to offer his congratulations. The Prime Minister said she was very sorry that a New Zealander had been injured in the London Bridge terrorist attack. They agreed they looked forward to continuing to work together as close partners.

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The Prime Minister has taken two telephone calls today from other world leaders.

The French President Emmanuel Macron called to congratulate the Prime Minister, and said he was pleased that she would continue to be a close partner. The President invited the Prime Minister to visit France at the earliest possible opportunity, and they agreed that the strong friendship between our two countries was important and would endure.

The US President Donald Trump called the Prime Minister to offer his congratulations. Both sides agreed they look forward to continuing the close cooperation between our two countries.

News story: Election 2017: Prime Minister and ministerial appointments

The following Cabinet posts have been confirmed:

- The Rt Hon Philip Hammond MP continues as Chancellor of the Exchequer
- The Rt Hon Amber Rudd MP continues as Secretary of State for the Home Department
- The Rt Hon Boris Johnson MP continues as Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs
- The Rt Hon David Davis MP continues as Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union
- The Rt Hon Sir Michael Fallon KCB MP continues as Secretary of State for Defence

Further appointments will be added to this list as they are announced.