

Guidance: Buyers and sellers of first-sale fish and submission of sales notes

Updated: Link added

If you want to fish commercially and sell your fish you may be subject to regulations depending on your fishing method. If you are fishing recreationally or using a charter vessel you are also subject restrictions on selling your catch.

If you want to purchase fish you may need to register and submit sales information to the fisheries authority. The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) registers buyers and sellers operating in England.

Corporate report: Radioactive particles in the environment around Dounreay

Updated: Attached new information leaflet 'Monitoring of beaches near Dounreay'

Particles are fragments of irradiated nuclear fuel discharged to sea as a result of historic practices in reprocessing.

Used fuel from the reactors on site and other research reactors in Britain and abroad was recycled in the site's reprocessing facilities.

The swarf produced during the procedure was discharged from fuel ponds with the water and were released to sea.

It is not known how many particles were released but extensive research suggests that the bulk were released between 1958 and 1984.

The most hazardous fragments are located close to an old discharge point on the seabed.

Their disintegration is believed to be the source of smaller, less hazardous particles detected on local beaches since the early 1980s.

Health risks

Expert laboratory research into the potential health effects of different particles has been carried out by the Health Protection Agency for Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), and studied by the independent Dounreay Particles Advisory Group (DPAG). The work looked at the likely health effects of different particles being swallowed, inhaled or coming into skin contact.

DPAG concluded that only those particles in the significant category pose a realistic potential to cause harm to members of the public, and that the probability of the most frequent beach-users at Sandside coming into contact with a relevant particle is one in 80 million.

A number of studies on the potential effects of particles have been completed by independent bodies.

Explanations of the hazards and risks can be found at:

- SEPA
- Committee on Medical Aspects of Radiation in the Environment (COMARE)
- Food Standards Agency (FSA)

Monitoring

Beach monitoring continues and forms part of the RSA authorisation granted to the site by SEPA. Monitoring of land owned by third parties is subject to agreements on access.

During 2003-2008 an extensive consultation programme was established to identify the best practicable environmental option (BPEO). The consultation led to recommendations to Government bodies on the way forward which is environmentally and publicly acceptable.

This process recognised that recovery of every particle was impractical but that it was feasible to seek recovery of larger, more hazardous particles that pose a significant health risk and which had settled in the sediment close to Dounreay. That, along with on-shore monitoring specifically at Dounreay foreshore and Sandside beach, was identified as the preferred way forward.

Underwater clean-up started in August 2008, targeted at a 60-hectare area of seabed known as the “plume” where the most hazardous particles were located. This work continued each summer until 2012.

This programme was guided by the independent expert Particles Recovery Advisory Group (Dounreay), PRAG(D), which advises both DSRL and SEPA.

All particles recovered from the seabed were returned to Dounreay.

The Dounreay foreshore and Sandside beach in the bay adjacent to the site are monitored on a regular basis. Strathy beach and Murkle beach act as ‘gatekeepers’ and are monitored twice a year to ensure that the offshore work has not adversely impacted the surrounding beaches.

When a particle is detected, it is retrieved and taken to Dounreay for analysis. The regulator is informed, and the find is reported publicly via this website. Any unusual finds are treated in the same manner.

In the 1990s extensive additional surveys of the site were carried out. This included roadside verges, cliff top land and drainage systems. By 2009, these surveys had yielded 89 particles.

Detailed investigations identified a number of areas of the site where more particles could be expected to be found during decommissioning.

The effectiveness of the clean-up is reported by Dounreay to SEPA, PRAG(D) and other interested parties, including the site stakeholder group.

Guidance: Dounreay Communities Fund

Updated: September 2018 summary added to document

The fund is provided by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and administered by Dounreay in association with the Dounreay Stakeholder Group.

Applications to the fund are reviewed on a quarterly basis:

Closing dates for submitting applications	Application review dates
27 June 2018	11 July 2018
22 August 2018	5 September 2018
17 October 2019	31 October 2018
16 January 2019	30 January 2019

Dounreay reserves the right to change this schedule.

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Essential maintenance to Companies House online services

1. 17 November 2022

There will be maintenance work taking place, which may affect Companies House services, between Saturday 19 November and Monday 21 November.

2. 15 November 2022

Maintenance window scheduled for Saturday 19 November from 8am to 10pm may cause disruption to online services

3. 8 November 2022

New maintenance window between 8pm and 9pm this evening (Tuesday 8 November)

4. 5 October 2022

Maintenance work will affect our online services from Friday 14 October to Monday 17 October.

5. 8 September 2022

Essential maintenance to our web services

6. 7 September 2022

Potential disruption because of essential maintenance work.

7. 8 August 2022

Changed date

8. 25 July 2022

Edited to change date of maintenance work to 1 August.

9. 13 July 2022

Maintenance work will affect our online services on Saturday 16 July.

10. 20 June 2022

Maintenance on Saturday 25 June and Sunday 26 June 2022.

11. 13 June 2022

Maintenance work will affect our online services on Saturday 18 June and Sunday 19 June.

12. 6 June 2022

Weekend maintenance work will affect our online services on 11-12 June and 18-19 June 2022.

13. 30 May 2022

Maintenance will affect our online services on Saturday 4 June 2022.

14. 19 May 2022

Disruption to Companies House online services from 10am to 2pm on Saturday 21 May 2022.

15. 10 May 2022

Added Find and update company information to list of affected services.

16. 9 May 2022

All Companies House online services will be unavailable from 8am to 8pm on Sunday 15 May 2022.

17. 4 May 2022

Maintenance will affect our online services on Saturday 7 May.

18. 8 April 2022

Maintenance will affect our online services on Sunday 24 April.

19. 23 March 2022

Maintenance will affect our online services on Saturday 26 March.

20. 7 March 2022

Maintenance will affect our online services on Saturday 12 March.

21. 22 February 2022

Maintenance will affect our online services on Thursday 24 February.

22. 17 February 2022

Our Report a PSC discrepancy and Apply to strike off and dissolve a company

services will be unavailable on Sunday 20 February.

23. 14 February 2022

Maintenance will affect our online services on Sunday 20 February.

24. 8 February 2022

Maintenance will affect our online services on Thursday 10 February.

25. 28 January 2022

Maintenance will affect our online services on Wednesday 2 February.

26. 13 January 2022

Maintenance will affect our online services on Saturday 22 January.

27. 1 December 2021

Maintenance will affect our online services between 7am and 9am on Saturday 4 December.

28. 14 November 2021

Our Webfiling service and XML Gateway will not be available for about 2 hours from 8:30pm on Sunday 14 November.

29. 8 November 2021

Maintenance will affect our online services from Friday 12 November to Monday 15 November.

30. 3 November 2021

Maintenance scheduled for Saturday 6 November has been cancelled. You may experience disruption when using our online services from 8am to midday on Sunday 7 November.

31. 2 November 2021

Maintenance will affect our online services on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 November.

32. 20 October 2021

Maintenance may affect our online services from 7am to 5pm on Saturday 23 October.

33. 11 October 2021

Maintenance may affect our online services from 7am to midday on Saturday 16 October.

34. 28 September 2021

Maintenance may affect our online services from 10am to 1pm on Saturday 9 October.

35. 22 September 2021

Maintenance on Saturday 25 September will affect Companies House Direct (CHD).

36. 6 September 2021

There may be disruption to our online services from 3am to 4am on Sunday 12 September.

37. 3 August 2021

Maintenance will affect our online services from 9am to 1pm on Saturday 7 August.

38. 2 July 2021

Maintenance will affect our online services on Saturday 10 July.

39. 24 June 2021

There may be some disruption to our online payment services from 3am to 4am on Sunday 27 June. Customers may experience disruption of up to 15 minutes when attempting to make payment on our online services during this period.

40. 20 May 2021

There may be disruption to some of our online services from 8pm on Monday 24 May to 6am on Tuesday 25 May.

41. 12 May 2021

There may be disruption to some of our online services from 10pm on Monday 17 May to 4am on Tuesday 18 May.

42. 11 May 2021

Maintenance will affect some of our online services from 8am to 4pm on Saturday 15 May, and 8am to 4pm on Sunday 16 May.

43. 6 May 2021

Maintenance may affect some of our online services from 8pm on Saturday 8 May to 6am on Sunday 9 May.

44. 1 April 2021

Maintenance will affect our online services from 8am to 4pm on Saturday 17 April.

45. 25 March 2021

Our WebFiling service and XML gateway (software filing and search) may not be available from 8pm on Friday 26 March to 6am on Saturday 27 March, and from 8pm on Saturday 27 March to 6am on Sunday 28 March.

46. 22 March 2021

Maintenance on Wednesday 24 March will affect our online filing and software services.

47. 18 March 2021

Updated as scheduled maintainance has been cancelled

48. 15 March 2021

Maintenance will affect our online filing and software services on Saturday 20 March.

49. 1 March 2021

Online filing and XML gateway will not be available on Saturday 6 March.

50. 17 February 2021

Possible disruption to our online and software filing services between 8am and 10am on Saturday 20 February.

51. 8 February 2021

Moving our XML database to the cloud on Saturday 13 February as part of the cloud migration work.

52. 2 February 2021

Maintenance on Sunday 7 February will affect Companies House service (CHS).

53. 18 January 2021

Maintenance on Saturday 23 January will affect confirmation receipts for online filing.

54. 14 January 2021

Maintenance scheduled for Saturday 16 January cancelled.

55. 11 January 2021

Maintenance on Saturday 23 January from 8am to 8pm will delay confirmation receipts for online filing.

56. 7 January 2021

Maintenance may affect our online services on Saturday 9 January.

57. 22 December 2020

Maintenance may affect our online services from 7pm on Thursday 31 December to 7am on Friday 1 January 2021.

58. 9 December 2020

Maintenance from 8am to 2pm on Saturday 12 December.

59. 8 October 2020

Maintenance from 7am to 12pm on Saturday 10 October.

60. 30 September 2020

Maintenance to Companies House Service (CHS) from 9am to 3pm on Saturday 3 October.

61. 11 June 2020

Maintenance work will affect our online services from 8am to 12pm on Sunday 14 June.

62. 27 May 2020

Maintenance cancelled for Sunday 31 May.

63. 26 May 2020

Planned maintenance to Companies House Service at 8am on Sunday 31 May.

64. 8 April 2020

Maintenance to the online extensions service at 8pm on Wednesday 8 April.

65. 3 April 2020

Maintenance to the online extensions service at 9am on Sunday 5 April.

66. 2 April 2020

Maintenance to extensions service at 8pm on Thursday 2 April.

67. 1 April 2020

Maintenance to extensions service at 8pm on Wednesday 1 April.

68. 5 March 2020

Maintenance planned for Saturday 7 March and Sunday 8 March.

69. 11 November 2019

Maintenance work to CHS on Thursday 14 November.

70. 5 November 2019

Maintenance planned for Saturday 9 November.

71. 31 October 2019

Maintenance to CHS on Monday 4 November.

72. 16 October 2019

Maintenance for Wednesday 16 October cancelled.

73. 11 October 2019

Maintenance on Wednesday 16 October.

74. 3 October 2019

Maintenance for Saturday 5 October cancelled.

75. 1 October 2019

Added translation

76. 30 September 2019

Planned online maintenance on Saturday 5 October.

77. 31 July 2019

Maintenance on Saturday 3 August.

78. 1 May 2019

Maintenance on Saturday 4 May 2019.

79. 10 April 2019

Maintenance on Friday 12 April and Saturday 13 April.

80. 25 March 2019

Maintenance extended to 7am Wednesday 27 March.

81. 21 March 2019

Maintenance on Monday 25 March to Tuesday 26 March.

82. 21 February 2019

Maintenance on Saturday 23 February 2019.

83. 29 January 2019

Maintenance on Sun 3 Feb and Sat 16 Feb.

84. 22 January 2019

Maintenance on Saturday 16 February.

85. 16 January 2019

Maintenance to our online strike off service from 19 to 20 January.

86. 11 January 2019

Maintenance for Sunday 13 January cancelled.

87. 9 January 2019

Maintenance to our services on Sunday 13 January 2019.

88. 28 November 2018

Maintenance on Saturday 1 December.

89. 19 November 2018

Maintenance on Wednesday 21 November.

90. 12 November 2018

Maintenance on Wednesday 14 November.

91. 7 November 2018

E-billing service unavailable from 9am to 1pm on Sunday 11 November.

92. 5 November 2018

Maintenance on Saturday 10 November and Sunday 11 November.

93. 2 November 2018

Maintenance scheduled for Saturday 10 November and Sunday 11 November.

94. 26 October 2018

Maintenance planned for Saturday 3 November 2018.

95. 26 October 2018

Issue with our phone lines.

96. 26 October 2018

Maintenance planned for Saturday 3 November 2018.

97. 21 September 2018

Essential maintenance planned for Tuesday 25 September.

98. 22 August 2018

Essential upgrades to our incorporation services on 8 September 2018.

99. 5 August 2018

Issues with WebFiling, CHD and WebCheck

100. 1 August 2018

Maintenance window

101. 23 July 2018

Maintenance window

102. 19 July 2018

Essential maintenance

103. 27 June 2018

Essential maintenance notice

104. 6 March 2018

Maintenance message

105. 4 March 2018

Updated as office reopen.

106. 2 March 2018

Update to our opening times.

107. 1 March 2018

Updated to include press contact details.

108. 1 March 2018

Companies House offices closed due to weather.

109. 7 February 2018

CHS issues.

110. 23 January 2018

Notice about issues with our finance systems.

111. 8 January 2018

CHS issues resolved

112. 8 January 2018

Problems with CHS

113. 18 December 2017

Possible disruption to Companies House Service

114. 1 December 2017

Power issues now resolved.

115. 1 December 2017

Update.

116. 1 December 2017

Issue at our Edinburgh office.

117. 9 November 2017

Maintenance planned for 11 November.

118. 3 November 2017

Maintenance cancelled.

119. 30 October 2017

Planned maintenance 4 November.

120. 30 October 2017

Maintenance planned for 4 November.

121. 23 October 2017

Alert about service maintenance.

122. 11 October 2017

Essential maintenance message

123. 25 September 2017

Additional maintenance required

124. 18 September 2017

Update to article

125. 21 June 2017

Planned maintenance 25 June 2017

126. 18 April 2017

Planned maintenance successfully completed and all services back on line.

127. 13 April 2017

CHS now not available from 4pm on 13 April

128. 11 April 2017

Added note that Follow won't be available during the maintenance.

129. 20 March 2017

Essential maintenance from 11:59pm on Thursday 13 April to 7am on Tuesday 18 April.

130. 6 December 2016

Planned maintenance completed successfully.

131. 30 November 2016

Maintenance planned between Friday 2 December to Sunday 4 December

132. 11 October 2016

Essential online maintenance between 7am-8pm Saturday 15 October 2016

133. 18 April 2016

Planned maintenance message removed.

134. 4 April 2016

First published.

Press release: UK, US and EU sign landmark deal to turn nuclear material into cancer-fighting treatment

The Prime Minister will announce an agreement on a multilateral swap of nuclear material that will help to diagnose and treat cancer.