



I do hope you are well in these challenging times. We thought we would give you a brief update of how Magnox has been progressing since the outbreak of COVID-19 caused us to change our working practices.

We hope you find this an interesting read, and sincere apologies that we are not able to meet with you in person as we would normally do through our regular meetings.

We hope we will be in a position to resume these as soon as it is safe to do so, but in the meantime please do look after yourselves and your families.

Gwen Parry-Jones, Chief Executive

Our sites and staff

The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has affected every person and every organisation in the country, including Magnox.

Just over a month ago we paused all non-essential activities at our sites and asked staff to work from home, wherever possible, in line with the government's guidance for the entire UK.

In that short time, our sites have fallen silent, but they remain safe, secure and compliant, thanks to well-practised emergency and resilience planning. Our security teams are in place 24 hours a day to maintain vigilance.

Home-based staff, meanwhile, are using Magnox laptops and IT-enabled digital systems to continue working while keeping in touch with colleagues and line managers.

We have also been implementing measures to protect our people, their families and communities.

Before the lock-down, we had already identified colleagues who were especially vulnerable and those with caring responsibilities, directing them to work from home to minimise their risk of falling ill.

Mental health and well-being are, as always, a priority and we have reminded staff about the range of different support options if they are feeling isolated, anxious or alone in these new, somewhat strange times.

Personal protective equipment (PPE) donations to the NHS

We are keen to do all we can to support doctors, nurses and care workers as they deal with the crisis, and to date, our sites have donated more than 66,000 items of protective equipment.

This is in line with the priorities established by the network of local resilience forums across the country and includes disposable respirators, suits and gloves that have come from all Magnox sites, as well as our contractors and suppliers.

There will be no impact on nuclear safety or our emergency preparedness.



The equipment would ordinarily be used to support work on our sites, however much of this work has been temporarily paused.

A key part of our response to COVID-19 is to help other organisations deal with the pandemic wherever we can.

Clearly the need for PPE across the UK is urgent and our sites have done a fantastic job to identify stock held in stores that could safely be shared to support front line response work.

The donations are part of a Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) group-wide initiative to co-ordinate contributions from all Site Licence Companies.



Volunteering in our communities

Magnox has also encouraged staff to volunteer in the community, if they're able to, and approximately 50 have so far offered their time in various ways throughout their local areas. This includes shopping for the elderly and vulnerable, delivering prescriptions, setting up foodbanks, making up food boxes, cleaning, using 3D printers to make PPE and sewing scrub bags for NHS workers.

For example, close to both Sizewell A and Chapelcross sites, employees have been delivering prescriptions from doctors' surgeries to vulnerable members of the community.

Some staff have taken up volunteering roles in local surgeries and those who already volunteered for vital services like Blood Bikes have increased the work they are doing to meet demand.

£300,000 funding support

Magnox, working together with the NDA, has announced that it will provide £300,000 in funding to help support communities during the coronavirus pandemic. The 12 grants of £25,000 have each been offered to local authorities or charities where a Magnox site is located across the UK, and will be used to help support vulnerable groups.



Around Bradwell, Maldon Council has already secured one of the grants and plans to work with Maldon and District Community Voluntary Service (CVS); The Salvation Army; The Essex Alliance; The Maldon Food Pantry and local businesses. Their activities include distributing critical provisions to vulnerable and isolated residents, assisting residents in accessing safe delivery of services and food to their homes, supporting individuals' mental health during social isolation and improving resilience in local charities and businesses.

A message from Cllr Aled Morris Jones, Chair of UK Chairs Forum and Chair of Wylfa Site Stakeholder Group

“What Magnox and the NDA have done to support communities, financially and through provision of equipment, is very generous. That staff have given of their time to volunteer to assist in their communities is inspirational. It shows the nuclear family coming together to support each other. We will beat this virus together and we will all meet again in happier times.”