

Didcot A Power Station Demolition Update

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The demolition of Didcot A started almost 2 years ago and the site has significantly changed during this time. Coleman & Company are now half way through the project.

The programme has included the explosive demolition of three of the six cooling towers in July last year, and works have progressed to include the turbine hall, external ductwork, removal of external fuel tanks and demolition of a number of ancillary buildings.

On Saturday 26 September the first of two explosive activities required to demolish the main building will take place, the second will happen later this year. The smaller north side of the main building (the tank and bunker bay) will be brought down by explosives in the morning to minimise any impact on local businesses, community and local traffic.

The exclusion zone for demolition is within the power station boundary fence. However, to ensure safety of all concerned a small section of the A4130 will be closed between Southmead Industrial Estate for up to two hours. Road diversions will be in place throughout the road closure.

The structure is made mostly of steel and is more than half the size of the cooling towers. The explosion and collapse may be heard off site and any noise will be over in under a minute. The structure will be washed down prior to demolition to minimise dust and road sweepers and road cleaners will be on hand should they be required.

Due to the low impact of the tanker bay demolition, it has been agreed with local authorities that the emergency services and Police will not be required onsite.

Steve Boughton, Head of business development UK said, "Coleman & Company have worked on these demolition plans for the past five months in order to minimise local disruption. We will ensure we keep local people informed of future project developments."

The north cooling towers and chimney are scheduled for explosive demolition in spring and summer 2016, and further details on these milestones will be provided nearer the time. The complete demolition of the site is still expected towards the end of September 2016.

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Notes to editors;

- Since 1 January 2013, all generation in the RWE Group has been steered by RWE Generation SE, enabling the pooling of the generation and engineering expertise of RWE Power in Germany, RWE Essent in the Netherlands, and RWE Generation UK, RWE has around 15,000 employees in its generation business and more than 40GW of power generation capacity.