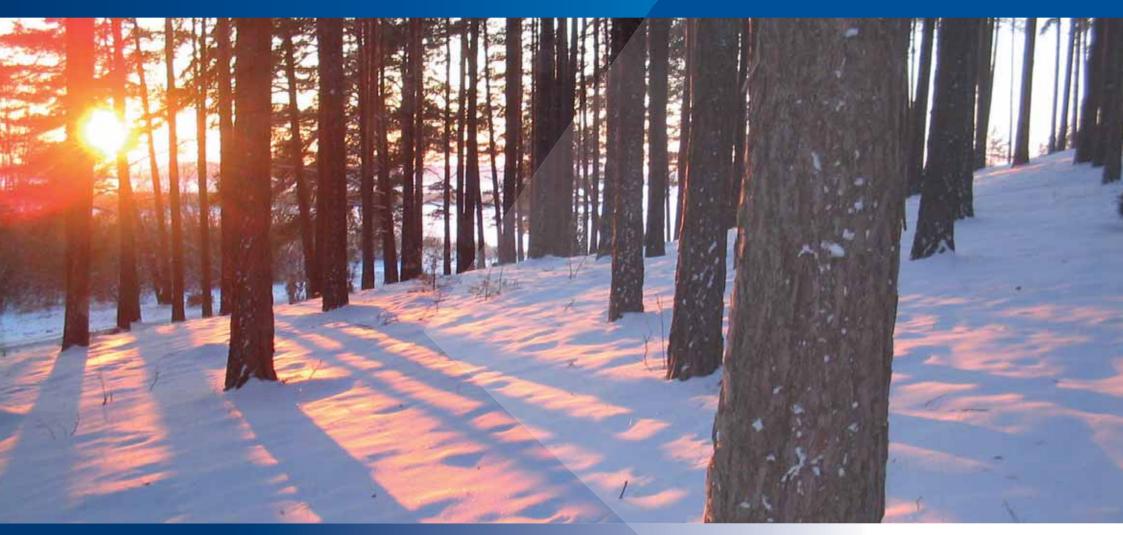
# 2023

Emergency Information for Local Residents

Springfields







### Introduction

You have received this information because your residential/business premises lie within the Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ) of Springfields Fuels Ltd. The information describes how a chemical and/or a radiation emergency at Springfields might affect you as a local resident, visitor or worker and has been issued by Lancashire County Council and Springfields Fuels Ltd in accordance with the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations (COMAH) 2015 and the Radiation Emergency Preparedness and Public Information Regulations (REPPIR) 2019.

### **Public Safety**

Springfields is an industrial chemical site which produces and supplies nuclear fuel and intermediates for civil nuclear programmes at home and abroad.

From 1946, when operations began at Springfields, there has never been a release which has affected people off site and it is important to understand that the possibility of such an incident is very remote.

The plant is designed and operated to the highest safety standards.

However, it is still important that local residents understand the potential hazard associated with the materials handled at Springfields and know what to do in an emergency, no matter how remote. You are therefore asked to read this information carefully and keep it in a safe place in your home.

This information updates the previous issue, prepared by Springfields Emergency Planning and Lancashire County Council, and in close liaison with the site's Environmental Health Safety & Quality Department, and endorsed by the Springfields Site Stakeholder Group (SSSG). The Group is chaired by an independent person and includes senior managers from Springfields, local authorities, emergency services, regulatory authorities and elected councillors.

### What are the risks?

The Springfields site consists of Springfields Fuels Ltd. with National Nuclear Laboratories (NNL) as major tenants. Adjacent to the Springfields site East perimeter fence is F2 Chemicals Ltd.

The Springfields site is an upper tier establishment as defined in the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations (COMAH) 2015 and is also covered by the provisions under the Radiation Emergency Preparedness and Public Information Regulations (REPPIR) 2019.

Under COMAH Regulations it is identified that the Springfields site and F2 Chemicals are a Domino Group whereby the risk or consequences of a major accident may be increased due to the:

- a. Geographical position of establishments,
- b. Proximity of establishments to each other, or
- c. Inventories of dangerous substances held by establishments.

The Safety Report (COMAH) and the Consequence Report (REPPIR) have to be submitted by Springfields Fuels Ltd to the Competent Authority to comply with these Regulations, e.g. Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR), Environment Agency (EA).

### Radiological

The main potential radiological hazard is a Criticality; this is associated with any plants storing or processing enriched uranium and involves a pulse of radiation that diminishes with distance. There is no other indication (smell, colour, etc) that this has occurred. The arrangements described in this calendar are applicable to this event and any other radiological or non-radiological chemical release. It must be stressed that the likelihood of a criticality is extremely remote.

### Chemical

Under the COMAH Regulations we must also assess our non-radioactive chemical hazards. Springfields produces a chemical called concentrated hydrofluoric acid in the production of nuclear fuel which is not radioactive but has an extremely pungent odour and can affect the respiratory system if inhaled.

The Classification Labelling & Packaging (CLP) hazard classification is Acute Toxic and these activities are covered under the COMAH Regulations 2015.

Nitrous fume (CLP hazard classification Acute Toxic) is also a by-product of our processes which under normal operating conditions is absorbed into liquid. However, the consequences of an accidental release of the brown fume would be similar to those described above for hydrogen fluoride, and the same avoidance measures are applicable.

Again, safety is built into the design of the plant and equipment and the small potential risk has been reduced even further by significantly reducing the storage quantity of this material.

A release could also damage fauna and flora and may result in the imposition of food bans. The Environment Agency (EA) and Food Standards Agency (FSA) will be available to give further advice if necessary. The safety measures used to protect the local population will also serve to protect the environment.



### What emergency arrangements are in place?

Comprehensive emergency arrangements are in place. This includes an On-Site Emergency Plan\*, which has been approved by the ONR. An Off-Site Emergency Plan\*, which addresses the emergency response to an event with off-site implications, has been prepared by Lancashire County Council Emergency Planning in close liaison with all of the various agencies (including the Emergency Services) involved and, with the co-operation of the ONR / EA and the site. These plans are a requirement of REPPIR 2019 and COMAH 2015 Regulations.

The site has its own full time Fire and Rescue Service and operates a 24/7 emergency control centre. Arrangements also exist for call up of assistance from Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service, North West Ambulance Service and Lancashire Constabulary. The emergency arrangements are based upon an assessment of potential accidents which include worst case weather conditions and consequences.

\* These plans, under COMAH Regulations 2015, are known as internal and external plans.





### How often do we test these arrangements?

Emergency exercises to rehearse building responses are tested on a regular basis and site exercises are carried out annually. An Off-Site Emergency Exercise is held every three years at the request of the ONR to test arrangements in the Off-Site Emergency Plan prepared by Lancashire County Council.

### How will I know there is an off-site emergency?

In the unlikely event of an incident you will hear a siren, which can be heard in the potentially affected area, which is recognisable by its loud continuous tone (like an air raid siren).

If you hear this siren or smell unusually strong, irritating fumes which cause you discomfort, you should take the action outlined in the pages at the back of this calendar titled 'Action in Emergency'. The siren is tested quarterly on the first Tuesday of every February, May, August and November at 1400 hours. It is recognisable by a loud continuous tone and will last for 2 minutes (no action needs to be taken during a test).

Further information is also available at: http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/council/strategies-policies-plans/emergency-planning

### How is the site regulated?

Springfields site is regulated by the ONR in relation to both REPPIR and COMAH. Reports for any regulator interventions can be found at <a href="http://www.onr.org.uk/intervention-records/index.htm">http://www.onr.org.uk/intervention-records/index.htm</a>



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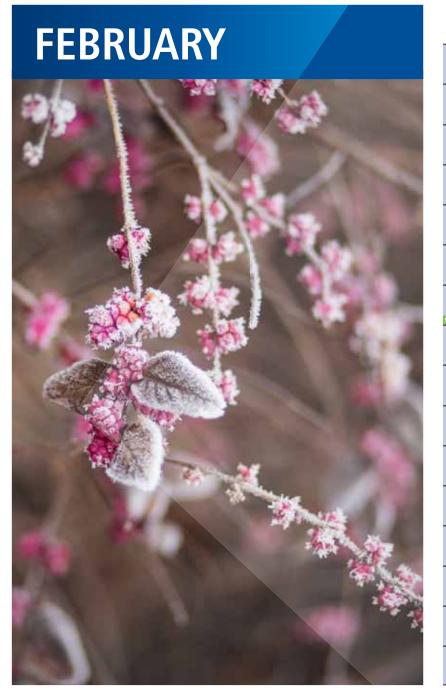
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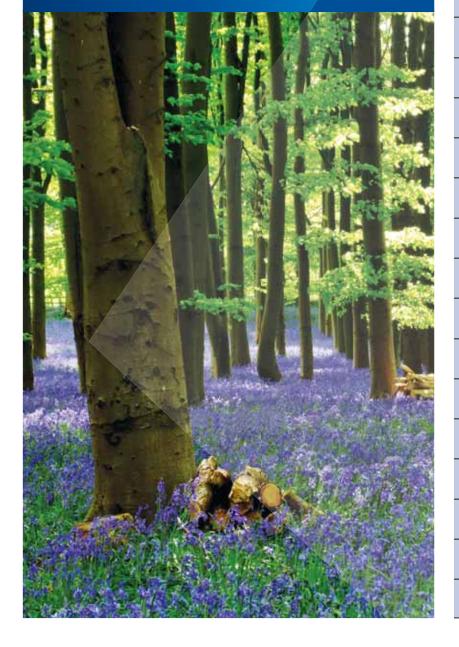
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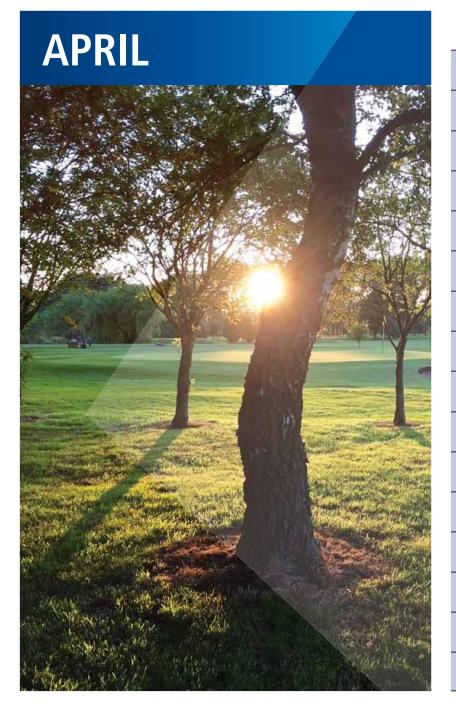
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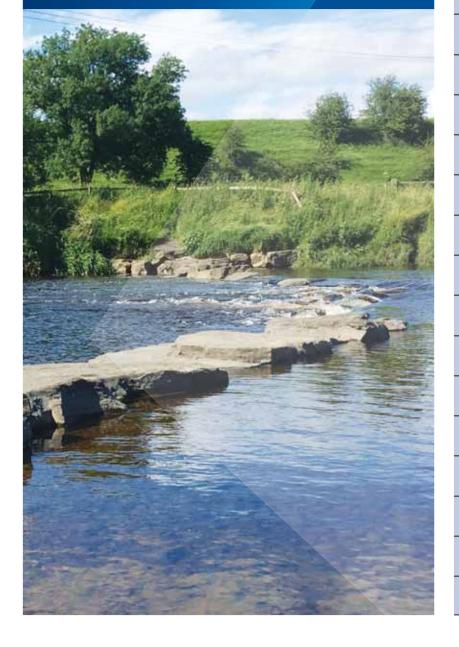
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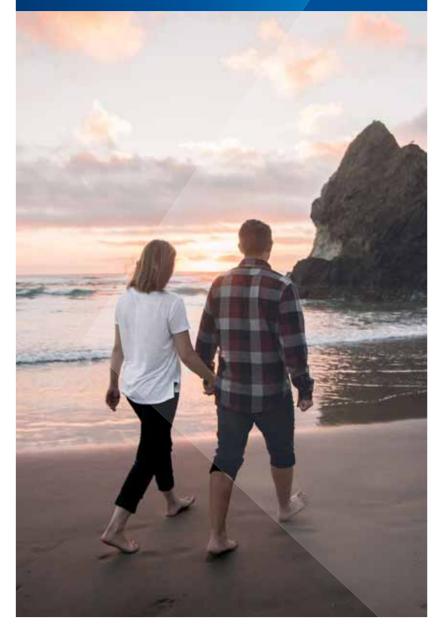
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# **Notes**





### IN PREPARATION FOR LEAVING THE AREA

- tune into the public broadcast information and listen out for instructions on leaving the area
- get together the people in your household/place of work (excluding children at school) and pets
- pack a supply of appropriate clothing
  pack any special food that anyone needs
- pack any medicines that anyone needs
- take personal documents and valuables
- pack some books and toys for children

### IF YOU ARE ASKED TO LEAVE THE AREA

- listen to the public broadcast information for news on which rest centres have been designated as the most appropriate for immediate use
- make sure fires are out and that cookers, ventilation fans, TVs, etc. are turned off and unplugged
- close all internal doors
- lock up your property
- leave using your own transport, keeping windows and ventilation closed. If this is not possible you will be told where transport will be provided

### SCHOOL CHILDREN

We understand that you might want to collect your children from school or nursery but it might not be safe to do so. The local authority will make special arrangements for children at school and for reuniting them with their families. Do not go and collect children from school unless otherwise instructed by the police, local authority or relevant school.

### **PETS**

If you are advised to leave and circumstances permit, take your pets with you.

If possible, bring pets in a transporter such as a cage or basket and leave them in the car during registration. If they are left behind, seek advice at the evacuation assembly points.

### **VULNERABLE PEOPLE**

Persons being cared for in premises known to the local authority or health authority and who would have difficulty leaving the area will have special arrangements made for them. If you have any form of impairment (e.g. you have difficulty in reading, hearing or mobility) and feel you may need assistance in an emergency situation, please contact Lancashire County Council by email: emergencyplanning@lancashire.gov.uk.

We will contact you to discuss the matter further to enable us to provide the correct level of assistance should it be needed in an emergency situation. The matter will be dealt with in confidence.

### **VISITORS / TRADESPEOPLE**

You should ensure that any visitors/tradespeople are made aware of these emergency arrangements. This should include guests or people working at/on your premises.

### AVOIDING CONSUMPTION OF CONTAMINATED FOOD/DRINK

In the event of a radiation emergency, radioactive material could be deposited on uncovered food/drink, which could then be ingested. It could also find its way into foods through crops and animals.

If a radiation emergency occurs it is safe to continue to use food stored indoors, for example in homes or shops, medicines stored in their normal packaging and mains tap water, unless told otherwise.

You should wait for official guidance before using private water supplies, consuming food stored outdoors, for example on open-air markets or stalls, and harvesting fresh produce to eat, for example from a garden or allotment.

The Food Standards Agency is responsible for providing advice on food safety in the event of a release of radioactivity. The Food Standards Agency's advice will protect those people who may consume this contaminated food on a regular basis and over a long period of time. The area covered by food advice is therefore likely to be larger than the area in which other protective actions are required.

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### www.gov.uk/topic/health-protection/radiation

Regulatory REPPIR inspections can be found at: http://www.onr.org.uk/sites/springfields-fuels-limited.htm

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### **AFTER THE EVENT**

After the initial phase of an emergency has concluded, recovery activities may continue for a significant period of time. You will be provided with information on any actions you need to take but you should be aware that it may be necessary to place some restrictions on normal every day activities such as spending time outdoors. If you have been asked to leave the area during the incident then you will be told how and when it is safe for you to return. Information from the emergency authorities will continue to be given over media outlets until more formal community engagement channels are set up.

### THE AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTING PROTECTIVE ACTIONS

The police are responsible for implementing protective actions for the public. This will initially be on the advice of Springfields Fuels Ltd. As the emergency response develops, a multi-agency group will take over responsibility for the provision of advice on protective actions. The following organisations are involved in the emergency arrangements for Springfields Fuels Ltd:

- Canal & River Trust
- Environment Agency
- Food Standards Agency
- Fylde Borough Council
- Lancashire Constabulary
- Lancashire County Council
- Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service
- Department for Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC)

- Network Rail
- NHS England & NHS Improvement
- North West Ambulance Service NHS Trust
- Office for Nuclear Regulation
- Preston City Council
- UK Health Security Agency
- Springfields Fuels Ltd
- United Utilities

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A map of the DEPZ and further information can be obtained from Lancashire County Council website,

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### **SECURITY INFORMATION**

We have numerous security arrangements in place at site in order to reduce the risk of physical and cyber threats to our operations. The site security control room is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by Springfields security guards.

Further information on security information can be viewed through the UK Government National Risk Register which can be viewed on the link below:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\_data/file/61934/national\_risk\_register.pdf

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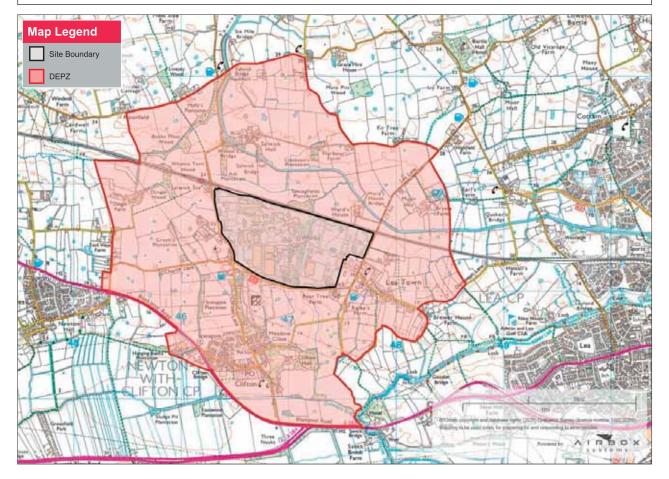
Examples of suspicious activity may include:

- people using recording equipment (such as mobile phones), or seen making notes or sketches of security details
- people loitering at or near premises for long periods and watching staff, visitors and deliveries for no apparent reason
- someone paying close attention to the perimeter fence line or entry and exit points
- people in stationary vehicles watching a building or structure, vehicles moving slowly near buildings or structures, or parked in suspicious circumstances
- people asking you unusual questions about the premises, such as business operations, facilities, security, or parking for no apparent reason.

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## Emergency Response Maps – Springfields Fuels Limited Site Boundary & Detailed Emergency Planning Zone





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