



Energy Act 2013

2013 CHAPTER 32

PART 3

NUCLEAR REGULATION

CHAPTER 4

FUNCTIONS OF THE ONR

Functions of ONR: general

84 Investigations

- (1) The ONR may—
 - (a) investigate and make a report (“a special report”) on any relevant matter, or
 - (b) authorise another person to do so.
- (2) The ONR may publish or arrange for the publication of—
 - (a) a special report, or
 - (b) so much of a special report as the ONR considers appropriate.
- (3) In this section “relevant matter” means any accident, occurrence, situation or other matter which the ONR considers it necessary or desirable to investigate—
 - (a) for any of the ONR’s purposes, or
 - (b) with a view to the making of—
 - (i) nuclear regulations,
 - [^{F1}(ia) regulations under section 76A (nuclear safeguards regulations etc),
 - (ib) regulations under section 112(1B) (definition of “relevant international agreement”),] or
 - (ii) regulations under section 15 of the 1974 Act (health and safety regulations) so far as they can be made for the nuclear site health and safety purposes.

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- (4) The ONR may pay such remuneration, expenses and allowances as it may determine to a person who—
- (a) is not a member or member of staff of the ONR, and
 - (b) investigates a relevant matter or makes a special report under subsection (1), or assists in doing so.
- (5) The ONR may make such payments as it may determine to meet the other costs (if any) of an investigation or special report under subsection (1).
- (6) The ONR must consult [^{F2}the Office of Rail and Road] before taking any step under subsection (1) in relation to a matter which appears to the ONR to be, or likely to be, relevant to the railway safety purposes (within the meaning given in paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 to the Railways Act 2005).
- (7) Subsection (2) is subject to section 94.

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 84(3)(b)(ia)(ib) inserted (26.10.2018) by [Nuclear Safeguards Act 2018 \(c. 15\), s. 6\(2\), Sch. para. 5; S.I. 2018/1079, reg. 2\(b\)](#)
- F2** Words in s. 84(6) substituted (E.W.S.) (16.10.2015) by [The Office of Rail Regulation \(Change of Name\) Regulations 2015 \(S.I. 2015/1682\), reg. 1\(2\), Sch. Pt. 1 para. 4\(w\)\(i\)](#)
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Commencement Information

- I1** S. 84 in force at 1.4.2014 by [S.I. 2014/251, art. 4](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 68(4) inserted by [2023 c. 52 s. 302\(4\)](#)