Command facility construction set to restart

The first 17 workers returned to the construction site for our Main Site Command Facility today (Monday, 15 June) to support an agreed task to power up some key computer systems.

The construction site has been set up to support this task and the arrangements now in place will support the restart of the full project.

This construction site will be the fifth to reintroduce working on the Sellafield site since lockdown in March.

We have been slowly and carefully bringing our major projects construction sites back online one at a time over the past 2 months. Each project restarted so far has been chosen due to its critical role in progressing the Sellafield mission.

Our Main Site Command Facility will be the new control centre for our security and emergency response teams, using state-of-the-art technology provided by our Security Systems Architecture Upgrade Project.

Once operational, the command centre within the facility will provide us with a significantly improved capability to react and manage security and emergency events – critically important as we shift our focus from reprocessing to site clean-up.

As with all our construction restarts, those coming back onto the site today came into a very different place to the one they left in March.

Project manager Andrew Jarratt said:

> Our construction offices have changed to support Covid-19 working arrangements with walkways and signage installed. The canteen facilities have been set out to maintain 2 metre distance, and we have added auto release door stops to minimise requirements to open doors.
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> On the site one-way systems have been installed to permit offices and through to the building. The permit office has been provided with screens and there are wash stations as you enter and exit the construction site. In the offices, we've identified which desks can be used and meeting rooms reworked to provide separation, with maximum capacities noted.

Those on-site this week will be setting up the site for work and the careful powering up of computer systems, which have been off throughout lockdown.