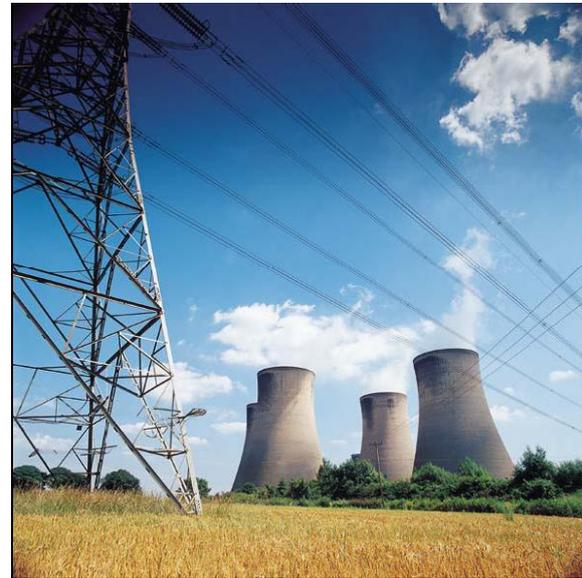


Scottish and Southern Fiddlers Ferry Power Station

"**Safety** is paramount... you can have as many awards and certificates on the wall as you like, but unless you can back them up in practice it means nothing – Traka provides us with a system that enables safety processes to be rigorously put into practice".

Steve Cash, Outage coordinator, whose role is quality assurance, is the Station Safety Rep. Steve goes on to say... "We have found that once installed, there are always new opportunities to put Traka into practice in other areas of the power station".

Scottish and Southern is a Power Company, generating and supplying electricity. Commissioned in 1969 Fiddlers Ferry is a traditional coal fired power station which is increasingly switching to using BIO fuels. It has four units each nominally generating 500MW supplied to the National Grid.



Two Traka L Series are used each capable of holding up to 180 keys. In the maintenance area Traka is used mainly for issuing keys to:-

- **Vehicles such as Fork Lift Trucks and Electric Trucks**
- **Machinery including Lathes, Mills and Grinders**
- **Equipment requiring user competence such as Lifts,**
- **Cranes and Hoists**
- **Specialist tools and equipment**

"We can now issue keys 24/7 with full audit control – with full tracking against user licence validity and user competences".

"With two teams – our full time staff and a contractor team – it is vital that we ensure full compliance: – before the system relied on an honesty system which was not totally controlled. Keys were being taken and held by users – often we couldn't get access to equipment and tools.

It is quite amazing how quickly keys get returned now when users know they are both accountable and traceable.

Traka – it's brilliant!

"The more you want it to do - the more it can do for you – there are so many uses - you are only limited by your imagination"



So impressed were the Turbine Team at Fiddlers Ferry – that Traka was nominated in 2007 for the highly acclaimed Brian Arden annual safety award. A second L Series system was placed in the Operations Centre for control of access to buildings and a third is due to be installed at the Coal Plant. Furthermore; an additional system is also being considered for the contractor's maintenance building.

"The Turbine Team like others in the past, suffered from a lack of a user friendly key controlled management system; with lost or missing keys for access to vehicles, equipment and storerooms. Now with Traka we have set new standards, it is a 24hrs 365 days electronic key management and database logging system. The access limits are set on the database to allow group or individual access to equipment or machinery based upon individual requirements, course competence and ability".



Traka is easy to use, new keys are being added regularly as new uses are found. Access has been integrated to work with our existing personnel identity swipe cards thanks to Traka. Our stores area use Traka to manage the issue of loan tools and portable appliances. Everything is tested on a 6 monthly cycle and we use the Traka lock-out facility when testing is due.

If someone wants a piece of equipment, it is easy to find, we know who to ask and where to look – it has saved us so much time. The same is true for keys to vehicles and rooms.

The Traka customer account team, including Keith Ruddlesden, has been outstanding. Traka is a very professional organisation; from their installation engineers through to account managers and support staff – any issues or advice required is handled by highly qualified staff who are only too pleased to assist personally.

Next we are looking to manage access to the Switch Rooms by Traka – whereby dual authorisation is required before a key is released by a person with a higher level of authority. Steve Cash recognises safety is paramount – standing next to the British Safety Council Sword of Honour.

Find out more about Traka solutions ...

To request an on-site demonstration of our systems, please contact us using the details below, or visit our web site to see some of our customer solutions at traka.com/video