

WASTE STREAM	2D08.5	MSSS Compartment 5
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SITE Sellafield

SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Sellafield Limited

WASTE TYPE ILW

WASTE VOLUMES

		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2019.....	~617.0 m ³
Total future arisings:		0 m ³
Total waste volume:		617.0 m ³

Comment on volumes: There are no further arisings to this waste stream. Waste volume includes volume of swarf/sludge, miscellaneous beta/gamma and aggregate. Waste volumes are estimates derived from known fuel decanning campaigns and storage volumes.

Uncertainty factors on volumes:	Stock (upper):	x 1.5	Arisings (upper)	x
	Stock (lower):	x 0.66	Arisings (lower)	x

WASTE SOURCE Swarf from Magnox decanning. Other miscellaneous beta/gamma wastes from Windscale and other sites.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Magnox cladding, much of which has been converted to a magnesium hydroxide sludge. Some miscellaneous beta/gamma wastes (MBGW) are also present: these include tins/cans, filters, tools, pipework, pumps, valves, plastic items. The waste also includes some uranium most of which has corroded to oxides of uranium. A small volume of limestone aggregate (~60m³) specified as "2 inch dust-free" is present at the bottom of all compartments. The waste contains about twelve swarf bins, three charge tubes and about sixty 220 litre drums. Swarf from Magnox decanning has reacted with the storage cover water to form magnesium hydroxide.

Physical components (%wt): Magnox swarf and fuel furniture (3%), Magnox sludge (38.8%), Al/Al(OH)₃ (0.3%), U/UO₂/U₃O₈ (2.7%), MBGW (scrap, filters, cans etc) (13.6%), aggregate (limestone) (1%), water (40.6%). Percentages are on a weight basis.

Sealed sources: Not yet determined.

Bulk density (t/m³): 1.7

Comment on density: Average decanning debris is ~1.6t/m³ and average MBGW is ~3.2t/m³.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Magnox and fuel furniture (3%), Mg(OH)₂ (38.8%), Al/Al(OH)₃ (0.3%), irradiated U/UO₂/U₃O₈ (2.7%), MBGW (steels, graphite, paper, concrete, plastic, etc) (13.6%), aggregate (calcium carbonate) (1%), water (40.6%).

Chemical state: Neutral

Chemical form of radionuclides:
H-3: Present in elemental and reacted forms.
C-14: Present in elemental and reacted forms.
Cl-36: Present in elemental and reacted forms.
Se-79: Present in elemental and reacted forms.
Tc-99: Present in elemental and reacted forms.
I-129: Present in elemental and reacted forms.
Ra: Present in elemental forms.
Th: Present in elemental and reacted forms.
U: Present in metallic and reacted forms (oxides and possibly hydride).
Np: Present in elemental and reacted forms.
Pu: Present in metallic and mixed oxide forms.

Metals and alloys (%wt): No significant quantities of sheet metal, although small quantities of fabricated items are present, e.g. paint tins, HEPA filters. Total quantities << 1%. Small pieces of fin Magnox metal present.

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	Stainless steel.....	~0.53	Mainly SS316 and SS304.
	Other ferrous metals.....	~4.6	Carbon steels.
	Iron.....	P	
	Aluminium.....	~0.07	
	Beryllium.....	NE	
	Cobalt.....	P	
	Copper.....	TR	
	Lead.....	P	
	Magnox/Magnesium.....	~3.8	Predominantly Magnox.
	Nickel.....	NE	
	Titanium.....	NE	
	Uranium.....	~1.1	
	Zinc.....	TR	
	Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	~0.04	
	Other metals.....	~0.05	
Organics (%wt):	The organic content of the waste is low.		
	Total cellulose.....	~0.34	
	Paper, cotton.....		
	Wood.....		
	Halogenated plastics	~0.11	
	Total non-halogenated plastics.....	~0.06	
	Condensation polymers.....		
	Others.....		
	Organic ion exchange materials....		
	Total rubber.....	TR	
	Halogenated rubber		
	Non-halogenated rubber.....		
	Hydrocarbons.....		
	Oil or grease	<0.01	
	Fuel.....	NE	
	Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)...	NE	
	Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar)....	NE	
	Bitumen.....	NE	
	Others.....	NE	
	Other organics.....	~0.02	
Other materials (%wt):	-		
	Inorganic ion exchange materials.	NE	
	Inorganic sludges and flocs.....	~48.3	
	Soil.....	NE	
	Brick/Stone/Rubble.....	~1.3	
	Cementitious material.....	NE	
	Sand.....	NE	
	Glass/Ceramics.....	~0.37	

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	Graphite.....	~0.06	
	Desiccants/Catalysts.....	NE	
	Asbestos.....	NE	
	Non/low friable.....		
	Moderately friable.....		
	Highly friable.....		
	Free aqueous liquids.....	~39.1	
	Free non-aqueous liquids.....	NE	
	Powder/Ash.....	NE	
Inorganic anions (%wt):	Sodium chloride was added during the filling of the compartments. Hydroxides and carbonates are present.		
	Fluoride.....	TR	
	Chloride.....	~0.05	Alkali metal and alkaline earth chlorides.
	Iodide.....	TR	
	Cyanide.....	NE	
	Carbonate.....	TR	
	Nitrate.....	TR	
	Nitrite.....	TR	
	Phosphate.....	TR	
	Sulphate.....	TR	
	Sulphide.....	TR	
Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:	Waste contains uranium, Magnox and traces of uranium hydride. Cellulosics are present as putrescible waste.		
	Combustible metals.....	0	
	Low flash point liquids.....	0	
	Explosive materials.....	0	
	Phosphorus.....	0	
	Hydrides.....	P	Trace, passivated.
	Biological etc. materials.....	0	
	Biodegradable materials.....	P	
	Putrescible wastes.....	P	Cellulosics.
	Non-putrescible wastes.....	P	Organics - plastics and rubbers.
	Corrosive materials.....	0	
	Pyrophoric materials.....	0	
	Generating toxic gases.....	0	
	Reacting with water.....	P	<5%
	Active particles.....	P	Radioactive sludges and solids.
	Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....	P	Elemental and hydroxides, oxides and carbonates.

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Hazardous substances /
non hazardous pollutants:

Lead (blocks and sheet) is present. Uranium and irradiated fuel components are present.

Acrylamide.....		
Benzene.....	0	
Chlorinated solvents.....		
Formaldehyde.....		
Organometallics.....		
Phenol.....	0	
Styrene.....		
Tri-butyl phosphate.....	0	
Other organophosphates.....		
Vinyl chloride.....	0	
Arsenic.....	0	
Barium.....		
Boron.....	NE	Traces - elemental and borates.
Cadmium.....	0	
Caesium.....		
Selenium.....	0	
Chromium.....	P	In steels.
Molybdenum.....	P	In steels.
Thallium.....		
Tin.....	P	Traces.
Vanadium.....	P	In steels.
Mercury compounds.....		
Others.....	NE	
Electronic Electrical Equipment (EEE)		
EEE Type 1.....		
EEE Type 2.....		
EEE Type 3.....		
EEE Type 4.....		
EEE Type 5.....		

Complexing agents (%wt):

Not yet determined
EDTA.....
DPTA.....
NTA.....
Polycarboxylic acids.....
Other organic complexants.....
Total complexing agents.....

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PACKAGING AND CONDITIONING

Conditioning method: The waste will be retrieved from MSSS and stored in an unconditioned state for a period of 70 years. Following the period of storage it will be retrieved (from storage) and conditioned for ultimate disposal to the GDF.

Plant Name: TBD

Location: Sellafield

Plant startup date: 2070-2090

Total capacity (m³/y incoming waste): -

Target start date for packaging this stream: -

Throughput for this stream (m³/y incoming waste): -

Other information: The plant has not yet been designed. Hence, throughputs & capacities cannot be quoted at this time.

Likely container type:	Container	Waste packaged (%vol)	Waste loading (m ³)	Payload (m ³)	Number of packages
	Sellafield enhanced 3m ³ box	100.0	0.940	2.15	657

Likely container type comment: 1 skip of retrieved waste (max 1,400 litres) in = 1 package out.

Range in container waste volume: There will be considerable variability in unconditioned waste volume per package due to variations in skip loading and content. The actual number of packages produced will be different to that reported in the table since the raw volumes reported include waste and compartment liquor. The actual number of packages produced is identified in the 2018 Sellafield Decommissioning Product and Secondary Waste Plan.

Other information on containers: Stainless Steel.

Likely conditioning matrix: BFS/OPC;PFA/OPC

Other information: -

Conditioned density (t/m³): ~2.0

Conditioned density comment: Density of conditioned waste will be fairly uniform.

Other information on conditioning: Waste matrix (as retrieved) will be in-filled with grout. A second pour of capping grout will be added. Void spaces between Skip wall and Box wall will be filled with grout.

Opportunities for alternative disposal routing: No

Treatment	Stream volume (%)	Comment
-	-	-

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: Irradiated fuel, fuel components, reactor components and miscellaneous items contaminated with fuel residues.

Uncertainty: Accuracy is generally good for fuel based residues, based on decanning records arising and fuel carry over evaluations. For miscellaneous waste items, where records are incomplete, the accuracy is worse.

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Definition of total alpha and total beta/gamma:

FISPIN generates data for approximately 2500 radionuclides. Only a proportion of these are considered in the UK inventory for this waste stream.

Measurement of radioactivities:

Isotopic specific activity (TBq/m³) is derived by dividing the estimated total activity of the isotope by the total volume of the waste. Calculation performed Feb 2019.

Other information:

Short-lived daughters are included in the "other" beta/gamma activity.

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Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m ³				Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m ³			
	Waste at 1.4.2019	Bands and Code	Future arisings	Bands and Code		Waste at 1.4.2019	Bands and Code	Future arisings	Bands and Code
H 3	1.07E-02	AB 2			Gd 153	1.15E-26	AA 2		
Be 10	2.55E-07	AA 2			Ho 163	1.06E-11	AA 2		
C 14	5.52E-03	AB 2			Ho 166m	4.90E-08	AA 2		
Na 22					Tm 170	2.53E-52	AA 2		
Al 26					Tm 171	8.27E-13	AA 2		
Cl 36	1.26E-07	AB 2			Lu 174				
Ar 39	2.62E-05	AB 2			Lu 176				
Ar 42					Hf 178n				
K 40	1.04E-08	AB 2			Hf 182	2.01E-16	AA 2		
Ca 41	1.07E-04	AB 2			Pt 193				
Mn 53	6.83E-11	AB 2			Tl 204	5.95E-07	AA 2		
Mn 54					Pb 205	8.17E-12	AA 2		
Fe 55	1.38E-04	AA 2			Pb 210	1.35E-09	AA 2		
Co 60	3.17E-02	AA 2			Bi 208				
Ni 59	4.35E-02	AA 2			Bi 210m	5.60E-16	AA 2		
Ni 63	3.87E+00	AA 2			Po 210	1.31E-09	AA 2		
Zn 65					Ra 223	3.50E-08	AA 2		
Se 79	1.16E-05	AA 2			Ra 225	1.71E-11	AA 2		
Kr 81					Ra 226	3.53E-09	AA 2		
Kr 85	7.81E-02	AA 2			Ra 228				
Rb 87	7.57E-11	AA 2			Ac 227	1.38E-08	AA 2		
Sr 90	4.61E+00	AA 2			Th 227	1.35E-08	AA 2		
Zr 93	3.67E-04	AA 2			Th 228	2.20E-07	AA 2		
Nb 91					Th 229	1.71E-11	AA 2		
Nb 92	1.25E-15	AA 2			Th 230	3.08E-07	AA 2		
Nb 93m	6.72E-04	AA 2			Th 232	1.70E-13	AA 2		
Nb 94	1.59E-04	AA 2			Th 234	6.87E-04	AA 2		
Mo 93	4.04E-04	AA 2			Pa 231	2.55E-08	AA 2		
Tc 97					Pa 233	2.09E-05	AA 2		
Tc 99	2.90E-03	AB 2			U 232	2.14E-07	AA 2		
Ru 106	8.88E-14	AA 2			U 233	5.22E-09	AA 2		
Pd 107	1.75E-05	AA 2			U 234	6.30E-04	AA 2		
Ag 108m	2.62E-09	AA 2			U 235	2.07E-05	AA 2		
Ag 110m	9.57E-24	AA 2			U 236	5.17E-05	AA 2		
Cd 109	7.63E-21	AA 2			U 238	6.87E-04	AA 2		
Cd 113m	1.76E-05	AA 2			Np 237	2.09E-05	AA 2		
Sn 119m					Pu 236	2.63E-11	AA 2		
Sn 121m	1.05E-06	AA 2			Pu 238	2.92E-02	AA 2		
Sn 123					Pu 239	2.51E-01	AA 2		
Sn 126	1.36E-04	AA 2			Pu 240	1.91E-01	AA 2		
Sb 125	6.87E-06	AA 2			Pu 241	1.42E+00	AA 2		
Sb 126	1.92E-05	AA 2			Pu 242	6.11E-05	AA 2		
Te 125m	1.68E-06	AA 2			Am 241	4.75E-01	AA 2		
Te 127m					Am 242m	3.96E-04	AA 2		
I 129	6.10E-06	AB 2			Am 243	8.04E-05	AA 2		
Cs 134	2.33E-07	AA 2			Cm 242	3.26E-04	AA 2		
Cs 135	1.57E-04	AA 2			Cm 243	2.53E-05	AA 2		
Cs 137	6.43E+00	AB 2			Cm 244	1.93E-04	AA 2		
Ba 133	5.63E-11	AA 2			Cm 245	2.21E-08	AA 2		
La 137					Cm 246	1.26E-09	AA 2		
La 138	1.46E-14	AA 2			Cm 248				
Ce 144	9.84E-18	AA 2			Cf 249	3.35E-15	AA 2		
Pm 145					Cf 250	1.46E-15	AA 2		
Pm 147	9.49E-05	AA 2			Cf 251	8.09E-17	AA 2		
Sm 147					Cf 252	2.65E-20	AA 2		
Sm 151	8.48E-02	AA 2			Other a				
Eu 152	2.00E-04	AA 2			Other b/g				
Eu 154	5.58E-03	AA 2			Total a	9.48E-01	AB 2	0	
Eu 155	4.17E-04	AA 2			Total b/g	1.66E+01	AB 2	0	

Bands (Upper and Lower)

- A a factor of 1.5
- B a factor of 3
- C a factor of 10
- D a factor of 100
- E a factor of 1000

Note: Bands quantify uncertainty in mean radioactivity.

Code

- 1 Measured activity
- 2 Derived activity (best estimate)
- 3 Derived activity (upper limit)
- 4 Not present
- 5 Present but not significant
- 6 Likely to be present but not assessed
- 7 Present in significant quantities but not determined
- 8 Not expected to be present in significant quantity