

**WASTE STREAM****2X54****Thorp Plutonium Purification/Finishing LLW**

**SITE** Sellafield  
**SITE OWNER** Nuclear Decommissioning Authority  
**WASTE CUSTODIAN** Sellafield Limited  
**WASTE TYPE** LLW

**WASTE VOLUMES**

		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2019.....	0 m <sup>3</sup>
Future arisings -	1.4.2019 - 31.3.2020.....	23.2 m <sup>3</sup>
	1.4.2020 - 31.3.2021.....	23.2 m <sup>3</sup>
	1.4.2021 - 31.3.2022.....	23.2 m <sup>3</sup>
	1.4.2022 - 31.3.2023.....	23.2 m <sup>3</sup>
	1.4.2023 - 31.3.2024.....	23.2 m <sup>3</sup>
Total future arisings:		116.1 m <sup>3</sup>
Total waste volume:		116.1 m <sup>3</sup>
Comment on volumes:	Arisings are sourced from DEC-0828A and are based on the latest five-year forecasts from the Waste Forecasting database. The overall timescale for waste arising are informed by the Sellafield Site Master Timeline. Uncertainty information is notional.	
Uncertainty factors on volumes:	Stock (upper): x	Arisings (upper) x 1.5
	Stock (lower): x	Arisings (lower) x 0.5

**WASTE SOURCE** The waste arises as a result of routine operations and maintenance within the plutonium purification and finishing areas of Thorp.

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

**General description:** The waste will be mostly compactable secondary waste plus empty plastic containers. There will also be metallic wastes associated with redundant plant items. The waste has not undergone any change since it was generated.

**Physical components (%wt):** Metals (43.4%), Concrete/Rubble (2%), Wood (4%), Rubber (8%), Halogenated Plastics (26.1%), Non-Halogenated Plastics (0.2%), Hydrocarbons (0.2%), Other Organics (15%), Asbestos (1.1%).

**Sealed sources:** The waste does not contain sealed sources.

**Bulk density (t/m<sup>3</sup>):** 0.138

**Comment on density:** The total Bulk density is derived from DEC-0828A and is based on the five-year forecast from the Waste Forecasting database.

**CHEMICAL COMPOSITION**

**General description and components (%wt):** Metals (43.4%), Concrete/Rubble (2%), Wood (4%), Rubber (8%), Halogenated Plastics (26.1%), Non-Halogenated Plastics (0.2%), Hydrocarbons (0.2%), Other Organics (15%), Asbestos (1.1%).

**Chemical state:** Neutral

**Chemical form of radionuclides:** -

**Metals and alloys (%wt):** -

Stainless steel.....	11.4
Other ferrous metals.....	~24.5
Iron.....	1.8
Aluminium.....	0.36
Beryllium.....	0
Cobalt.....	0
Copper.....	0.54
Lead.....	~4.4
Magnox/Magnesium.....	0

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	Nickel.....	0
	Titanium.....	0
	Uranium.....	0
	Zinc.....	0.36
	Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	0
	Other metals.....	0
Organics (%wt):	-	
	Total cellulose.....	4.0
	Paper, cotton.....	0
	Wood.....	4.0
	Halogenated plastics .....	26.1
	Total non-halogenated plastics.....	0.22
	Condensation polymers.....	0
	Others.....	0
	Organic ion exchange materials....	0
	Total rubber.....	8.0
	Halogenated rubber .....	0
	Non-halogenated rubber.....	0
	Hydrocarbons.....	0.18
	Oil or grease .....	0.18
	Fuel.....	0
	Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)...	0
	Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar)....	0
	Bitumen.....	0
	Others.....	0
	Other organics.....	15.0
Other materials (%wt):	-	
	Inorganic ion exchange materials.	0
	Inorganic sludges and flocs.....	0
	Soil.....	0
	Brick/Stone/Rubble.....	2.0
	Cementitious material.....	0
	Sand.....	0
	Glass/Ceramics.....	0
	Graphite.....	0
	Desiccants/Catalysts.....	0
	Asbestos.....	~1.1
	Non/low friable.....	0.36
	Moderately friable.....	0.36
	Highly friable.....	0.36
	Free aqueous liquids.....	0
	Free non-aqueous liquids.....	0
	Powder/Ash.....	0

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## Inorganic anions (%wt):

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Fluoride.....	0
Chloride.....	0
Iodide.....	0
Cyanide.....	0
Carbonate.....	0
Nitrate.....	0
Nitrite.....	0
Phosphate.....	0
Sulphate.....	0
Sulphide.....	0

Materials of interest for  
waste acceptance criteria:

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Combustible metals.....	0
Low flash point liquids.....	0
Explosive materials.....	0
Phosphorus.....	0
Hydrides.....	0
Biological etc. materials.....	0
Biodegradable materials.....	15.0
Putrescible wastes.....	2.0
Non-putrescible wastes.....	13.0
Corrosive materials.....	P
Pyrophoric materials.....	0
Generating toxic gases.....	0
Reacting with water.....	0
Active particles.....	0
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....	0

Hazardous substances /  
non hazardous pollutants:

-	
Acrylamide.....	0
Benzene.....	0
Chlorinated solvents.....	0
Formaldehyde.....	0
Organometallics.....	0
Phenol.....	0
Styrene.....	0
Tri-butyl phosphate.....	0
Other organophosphates.....	0
Vinyl chloride.....	0
Arsenic.....	0
Barium.....	0

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Boron.....	0
Cadmium.....	0
Caesium.....	0
Selenium.....	0
Chromium.....	0
Molybdenum.....	0
Thallium.....	0
Tin.....	0
Vanadium.....	0
Mercury compounds.....	0
Others.....	0
Electronic Electrical Equipment (EEE)	
EEE Type 1.....	P                      60 items.
EEE Type 2.....	P                      60 items.
EEE Type 3.....	P                      60 items.
EEE Type 4.....	P                      60 items.
EEE Type 5.....	P                      60 items.

## Complexing agents (%wt):

Yes	
EDTA.....	<0.01
DPTA.....	0
NTA.....	0
Polycarboxylic acids.....	0
Other organic complexants.....	0
Total complexing agents.....	<0.01

**TREATMENT, PACKAGING AND DISPOSAL**

Planned on-site / off-site treatment(s):

Treatment	On-site / Off site	Stream volume %
Low force compaction Supercompaction (HFC)	On-site	99.8
Incineration		
Solidification		
Decontamination		
Metal treatment		
Size reduction		
Decay storage		
Recycling / reuse		
Other / various		
None		
		0.22

Comment on planned treatments:

All high force compaction takes place in WAMAC.

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Disposal Route	Stream volume %	
Expected to be consigned to the LLW Repository	99.8	
Expected to be consigned to a Landfill Facility		
Expected to be consigned to an On-Site Disposal Facility		
Expected to be consigned to an Incineration Facility		
Expected to be consigned to a Metal Treatment Facility		
Expected to be consigned as Out of Scope		0.22
Expected to be recycled / reused		
Disposal route not known		

**Upcoming (2019/20-2021/22) Waste Routing (if expected to change from above):**

Disposal Route	Stream volume %		
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
Expected to be consigned to the LLW Repository Expected to be consigned to a Landfill Facility Expected to be consigned to an On-Site Disposal Facility Expected to be consigned to an Incineration Facility Expected to be consigned to a Metal Treatment Facility Expected to be consigned as Out of Scope Expected to be recycled / reused Disposal route not known			

**Waste Packaging for Disposal:**

Container	Stream volume %	Waste loading m <sup>3</sup>	Number of packages
1/3 Height IP-1 ISO 2/3 Height IP-2 ISO 1/2 Height WAMAC IP-2 ISO 1/2 Height IP-2 Disposal/Re-usable ISO 2m box (no shielding) 4m box (no shielding) Other	99.8	59.28	2

Other information: -

**Waste Planned for Disposal at the LLW Repository:**

Container voidage: -

Waste Characterisation Form (WCH):

The waste meets the LLWR's Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC).  
The waste has a current WCH.  
Differences exist between Inventory information and current WCH.  
Materials and radioactivity data has been taken from the current WCH, but data on waste volumes and waste routes is based on the Waste Forecasting database as this information is more recent.

Waste consigned for disposal to LLWR in year of generation:

Yes.

Potential for the waste to contain discrete items:

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**Non-Containerised Waste for In-Vault Grouting:** (Not applicable to this waste stream)

Stream volume (%): -

Waste stream variation: -

Bounding cuboidal volume:

Inaccessible voidage: -

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Other information:

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**RADIOACTIVITY**

Source:

The activity arises from operations and maintenance activities within the plutonium purification and finishing areas of Thorp plus the product and residues store.

Uncertainty:

The uncertainty associated with the derived fingerprint is likely to be relatively low, however the volumes and total activity information (and possibly some other assumptions) are likely to be more notional and thus more uncertain.

Definition of total alpha and total beta/gamma:

Where totals are shown on the table of radionuclide activities they are the sums of the listed alpha or beta/gamma emitting radionuclides plus 'other alpha' or 'other beta/gamma'.

Measurement of radioactivities:

Specific activity data is based on data in the corresponding WCH, which in turn maps an estimated total activity to a derived radionuclide fingerprint (which is based on historical tank liquor data combined with the future reprocessing campaign programme).

Other information:

The radionuclides have been taken from DEC-0848A and are based on the current WCH (LLWR Ref: 1S-1S-0-WCH-0-4547).

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Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m <sup>3</sup>				Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m <sup>3</sup>			
	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					Gd 153				
Be 10					Ho 163				
C 14					Ho 166m				
Na 22					Tm 170				
Al 26					Tm 171				
Cl 36					Lu 174				
Ar 39					Lu 176				
Ar 42					Hf 178n				
K 40					Hf 182				
Ca 41					Pt 193				
Mn 53					Tl 204				
Mn 54					Pb 205				
Fe 55					Pb 210				
Co 60					Bi 208				
Ni 59					Bi 210m				
Ni 63					Po 210				
Zn 65					Ra 223				
Se 79					Ra 225				
Kr 81					Ra 226				
Kr 85					Ra 228				
Rb 87					Ac 227				
Sr 90					Th 227				
Zr 93					Th 228				
Nb 91					Th 229				
Nb 92					Th 230				
Nb 93m					Th 232				
Nb 94					Th 234				
Mo 93					Pa 231				
Tc 97					Pa 233				
Tc 99					U 232				
Ru 106					U 233				
Pd 107					U 234				
Ag 108m					U 235				
Ag 110m					U 236				
Cd 109					U 238				
Cd 113m					Np 237				
Sn 119m					Pu 236				
Sn 121m					Pu 238		1.81E-07	CC	2
Sn 123					Pu 239		2.97E-08	CC	2
Sn 126					Pu 240		4.82E-08	CC	2
Sb 125					Pu 241		5.31E-06	CC	2
Sb 126					Pu 242				
Te 125m					Am 241		4.37E-08	CC	2
Te 127m					Am 242m				
I 129					Am 243				
Cs 134					Cm 242				
Cs 135					Cm 243				
Cs 137					Cm 244				
Ba 133					Cm 245				
La 137					Cm 246				
La 138					Cm 248				
Ce 144					Cf 249				
Pm 145					Cf 250				
Pm 147					Cf 251				
Sm 147					Cf 252				
Sm 151					Other a				
Eu 152					Other b/g				
Eu 154					<b>Total a</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3.03E-07</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>2</b>
Eu 155					<b>Total b/g</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5.31E-06</b>	<b>CC</b>	<b>2</b>

**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