

WASTE STREAM	5C39	Solid Waste Complex Operational LLW
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SITE Harwell
SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
WASTE CUSTODIAN Magnox Limited
WASTE TYPE LLW

WASTE VOLUMES

		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2019.....	29.5 m ³
Future arisings -	1.4.2019 - 31.3.2028.....	942.7 m ³
Total future arisings:		942.7 m ³
Total waste volume:		972.2 m ³

Comment on volumes: Rates of arisings depend on operations carried out. Waste processing operations are programmed to cease before 2030. 141m³ transferred to 5C55 (New Stream - Miscellaneous Legacy LLW) to aid clarity. Disposals during 2013-2016 of 233m³.

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x 1.2 Arisings (upper) x 1.2
 Stock (lower): x 0.8 Arisings (lower) x 0.8

WASTE SOURCE Laboratory and Operational LLW.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Range of items, most not large. None.
 Physical components (%wt): Metal 19%, Concrete/rubble 41%, Soil 1%, biodegradables 13%, plastics 13%, rubber 7%, wood 1%, Others 5%;
 Sealed sources: -
 Bulk density (t/m³): ~1.03
 Comment on density: taken from WCH mass divided by volume

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Metal 19%, Concrete/rubble 41%, Soil 1%, biodegradables 13%, plastics 13%, rubber 7%, wood 1%, Others 5%;
 Chemical state: Neutral
 Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: Unknown
 Ra: Unknown
 Th: Probably metal, oxide or nitrate.
 U: Probably metal, oxide or nitrate.
 Np: Unknown
 Pu: Probably metal, oxide or nitrate.
 Metals and alloys (%wt): Sheet metal may be present in a range of thicknesses.
 Stainless steel..... ~3.3 Alloy - drums, tools, pipe etc
 Other ferrous metals..... ~15.5 Alloy (Drums etc)
 Iron..... TR Solid pieces of metal
 Aluminium..... TR
 Beryllium.....
 Cobalt.....
 Copper..... TR Solid pieces of metal
 Lead..... ~0.02 Various solid metal, sheets, pipes, items
 Magnox/Magnesium..... NE
 Nickel.....
 Titanium.....
 Uranium.....

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	Zinc.....	TR	
	Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	NE	
	Other metals.....	0.19	Cadmium solid metal sheets
Organics (%wt):	Plastics and rubbers will be present but the split between halogenated or non-halogenated is unknown at present so 50/50 estimate made.		
	Total cellulose.....	~1.0	
	Paper, cotton.....		
	Wood.....	~1.0	
	Halogenated plastics	~7.0	Solid materials from decontamination Ops, PVC and PTFE
	Total non-halogenated plastics.....	~6.0	
	Condensation polymers.....	~3.0	Solid materials from decontamination Ops
	Others.....	~3.0	Solid materials from decontamination Ops
	Organic ion exchange materials....	TR	
	Total rubber.....	~7.0	
	Halogenated rubber	~3.5	Neoprene and hypalon
	Non-halogenated rubber.....	~3.5	
	Hydrocarbons.....	~0.48	
	Oil or grease		
	Fuel.....		
	Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)...	~0.32	Solid ex-building or flooring materials
	Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar).....	~0.16	Solid ex-building or flooring materials
	Bitumen.....		
	Others.....		
	Other organics.....		
Other materials (%wt):	-		
	Inorganic ion exchange materials.		
	Inorganic sludges and flocs.....		
	Soil.....	~1.0	
	Brick/Stone/Rubble.....	~41.0	
	Cementitious material.....		
	Sand.....		
	Glass/Ceramics.....		
	Graphite.....	0	
	Desiccants/Catalysts.....		
	Asbestos.....		
	Non/low friable.....		
	Moderately friable.....		
	Highly friable.....		
	Free aqueous liquids.....	0	
	Free non-aqueous liquids.....	0	

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	Powder/Ash.....	~1.0
Inorganic anions (%wt):	TEC powder consists of chlorides. Anion content should be negligible, except as component of concrete	
	Fluoride.....	NE
	Chloride.....	~0.30
	Iodide.....	NE
	Cyanide.....	NE
	Carbonate.....	NE
	Nitrate.....	NE
	Nitrite.....	NE
	Phosphate.....	NE
	Sulphate.....	NE
	Sulphide.....	NE
Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:	Trace combustible metals mainly comprise uranium and other finely divided metals. Powder is ~0.3% TEC powder (BaCl ₂ / KCl/ NaCl) and hoover bag dust.	
	Combustible metals.....	TR
	Low flash point liquids.....	0
	Explosive materials.....	0
	Phosphorus.....	0
	Hydrides.....	0
	Biological etc. materials.....	0
	Biodegradable materials.....	~13.0
	Putrescible wastes.....	~2.0
	Non-putrescible wastes.....	~11.0
	Corrosive materials.....	NE
	Pyrophoric materials.....	0
	Generating toxic gases.....	0
	Reacting with water.....	0
	Active particles.....	
	Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....	
Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants:	Lead (trace). Trace quantities of asbestos, barium compounds and uranium may be present.	
	Acrylamide.....	
	Benzene.....	
	Chlorinated solvents.....	
	Formaldehyde.....	
	Organometallics.....	
	Phenol.....	
	Styrene.....	
	Tri-butyl phosphate.....	
	Other organophosphates.....	
	Vinyl chloride.....	
	Arsenic.....	

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Barium.....		
Boron.....		
Cadmium.....	~0.19	Solid metal sheets
Caesium.....		
Selenium.....		
Chromium.....		
Molybdenum.....		
Thallium.....		
Tin.....		
Vanadium.....		
Mercury compounds.....		
Others.....		
Electronic Electrical Equipment (EEE)		
EEE Type 1.....	P	100 off computers and controls from remote retrieval machines
EEE Type 2.....	P	100 off Equipment from retrieval machines
EEE Type 3.....	P	50 off Maintenance equipment used to refurbish retrieval machines
EEE Type 4.....		
EEE Type 5.....		
Complexing agents (%wt):	Yes	
EDTA.....		
DPTA.....		
NTA.....		
Polycarboxylic acids.....		
Other organic complexants.....		
Total complexing agents.....	TR	

TREATMENT, PACKAGING AND DISPOSAL

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

Treatment	On-site / Off site	Stream volume %
Low force compaction		
Supercompaction (HFC)	Off-site	7.0
Incineration	Off-site	74.0
Solidification		
Decontamination		
Metal treatment		
Size reduction		
Decay storage		
Recycling / reuse		
Other / various		
None		19.0

Comment on planned treatments:

17% of this stream is expected to be disposed of as VLLW to landfill

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Disposal Route	Stream volume %
Expected to be consigned to the LLW Repository	9.0
Expected to be consigned to a Landfill Facility	17.0
Expected to be consigned to an On-Site Disposal Facility	
Expected to be consigned to an Incineration Facility	74.0
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	

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 ³	Number of packages
1/3 Height IP-1 ISO			
2/3 Height IP-2 ISO			
1/2 Height WAMAC IP-2 ISO	7.0	21.6	4
1/2 Height IP-2 Disposal/Re-usable ISO	2.0	10	2
2m box (no shielding)			
4m box (no shielding)			
Other			

Other information:

21.6m³ loading volume is calculated based on the fact that you can fit 36 off (200 litre/0.2m³) drums (7.2m³) into a ½ height ISO, each drum can be super-compacted to a 1/3 of its original volume so therefore we can get 3 x the amount of un-compacted drums into the final disposal container (21.6m³).

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.

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:

Contamination from range of waste management operations

Uncertainty:

Arisings content will vary with building operations.

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:

Activities measured/ estimated by a range of methods including sampling/analysis and radiation measurements. Data taken from WCH: 1RSR-2HAR-0-WCH-0-4033 and decayed by two years from 2017 activity ref date.

Other information:

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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	5.12E-07	CC 2	5.12E-07	CC 2	Gd 153		8		8
Be 10		8		8	Ho 163		8		8
C 14	2.27E-09	CC 2	2.27E-09	CC 2	Ho 166m		8		8
Na 22		8		8	Tm 170		8		8
Al 26		8		8	Tm 171		8		8
Cl 36		8		8	Lu 174		8		8
Ar 39		8		8	Lu 176		8		8
Ar 42		8		8	Hf 178n		8		8
K 40		8		8	Hf 182		8		8
Ca 41		8		8	Pt 193		8		8
Mn 53		8		8	Tl 204		8		8
Mn 54		8		8	Pb 205		8		8
Fe 55	6.69E-08	CC 2	6.69E-08	CC 2	Pb 210	1.58E-07	CC 2	1.58E-07	CC 2
Co 60	1.99E-06	CC 2	1.99E-06	CC 2	Bi 208		8		8
Ni 59	1.27E-07	CC 2	1.27E-07	CC 2	Bi 210m		8		8
Ni 63	9.78E-06	CC 2	9.78E-06	CC 2	Po 210	1.57E-07	CC 2	1.57E-07	CC 2
Zn 65	1.67E-09	CC 2	1.67E-09	CC 2	Ra 223	1.01E-07	CC 2	1.01E-07	CC 2
Se 79		8		8	Ra 225		8		8
Kr 81		8		8	Ra 226	1.7E-07	CC 2	1.7E-07	CC 2
Kr 85	2.56E-07	CC 2	2.56E-07	CC 2	Ra 228	2E-08	CC 2	2E-08	CC 2
Rb 87		8		8	Ac 227	1.01E-07	CC 2	1.01E-07	CC 2
Sr 90	3.19E-05	CC 2	3.19E-05	CC 2	Th 227	9.93E-08	CC 2	9.93E-08	CC 2
Zr 93	1.73E-09	CC 2	1.73E-09	CC 2	Th 228	1.76E-08	CC 2	1.76E-08	CC 2
Nb 91		8		8	Th 229		8		8
Nb 92		8		8	Th 230	1.33E-08	CC 2	1.33E-08	CC 2
Nb 93m	4.76E-09	CC 2	4.76E-09	CC 2	Th 232	2E-08	CC 2	2E-08	CC 2
Nb 94	6.8E-09	CC 2	6.8E-09	CC 2	Th 234	2.01E-08	CC 2	2.01E-08	CC 2
Mo 93	6.67E-09	CC 2	6.67E-09	CC 2	Pa 231	9.56E-08	CC 2	9.56E-08	CC 2
Tc 97		8		8	Pa 233	1.67E-09	CC 2	1.67E-09	CC 2
Tc 99	1.47E-09	CC 2	1.47E-09	CC 2	U 232	1.64E-09	CC 2	1.64E-09	CC 2
Ru 106		8		8	U 233	6.67E-09	CC 2	6.67E-09	CC 2
Pd 107		8		8	U 234	6.8E-09	CC 2	6.8E-09	CC 2
Ag 108m	1.75E-08	CC 2	1.75E-08	CC 2	U 235	6.67E-09	CC 2	6.67E-09	CC 2
Ag 110m		8		8	U 236	1.67E-09	CC 2	1.67E-09	CC 2
Cd 109	4.45E-09	CC 2	4.45E-09	CC 2	U 238	2.01E-08	CC 2	2.01E-08	CC 2
Cd 113m	1.72E-06	CC 2	1.72E-06	CC 2	Np 237	1.67E-09	CC 2	1.67E-09	CC 2
Sn 119m		8		8	Pu 236		8		8
Sn 121m	2.05E-07	CC 2	2.05E-07	CC 2	Pu 238	7.15E-07	CC 2	7.15E-07	CC 2
Sn 123		8		8	Pu 239	2.79E-07	CC 2	2.79E-07	CC 2
Sn 126		8		8	Pu 240	2.34E-07	CC 2	2.34E-07	CC 2
Sb 125	3.47E-09	CC 2	3.47E-09	CC 2	Pu 241	6.03E-06	CC 2	6.03E-06	CC 2
Sb 126		8		8	Pu 242	6.67E-09	CC 2	6.67E-09	CC 2
Te 125m		8		8	Am 241	8.48E-07	CC 2	8.48E-07	CC 2
Te 127m		8		8	Am 242m		8		8
I 129	6.67E-09	CC 2	6.67E-09	CC 2	Am 243		8		8
Cs 134	1.16E-09	CC 2	1.16E-09	CC 2	Cm 242		8		8
Cs 135		8		8	Cm 243	6.37E-09	CC 2	6.37E-09	CC 2
Cs 137	2.89E-05	CC 2	2.89E-05	CC 2	Cm 244	1.04E-07	CC 2	1.04E-07	CC 2
Ba 133		8		8	Cm 245	6.67E-09	CC 2	6.67E-09	CC 2
La 137		8		8	Cm 246		8		8
La 138		8		8	Cm 248		8		8
Ce 144		8		8	Cf 249		8		8
Pm 145		8		8	Cf 250		8		8
Pm 147	5.26E-09	CC 2	5.26E-09	CC 2	Cf 251		8		8
Sm 147		8		8	Cf 252		8		8
Sm 151	1.15E-07	CC 2	1.15E-07	CC 2	Other a				
Eu 152	6.73E-06	CC 2	6.73E-06	CC 2	Other b/g				
Eu 154	4.21E-06	CC 2	4.21E-06	CC 2	Total a	2.92E-06	CC 2	2.92E-06	CC 2
Eu 155	1.16E-07	CC 2	1.16E-07	CC 2	Total b/g	9.30E-05	CC 2	9.30E-05	CC 2

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