

WASTE STREAM	9A75	Contaminated Gravel
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SITE Berkeley

SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Magnox Limited

WASTE TYPE ILW

WASTE VOLUMES

		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2019.....	47.0 m ³
Total future arisings:		0 m ³
Total waste volume:		47.0 m ³

Comment on volumes: Gravel will be removed from the vault when the wastes accumulated in the vault are retrieved. There will be no further arisings of this waste.

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

WASTE SOURCE Contaminated gravel (stone chippings) on the floor of the Vault. The gravel was applied before any waste was discharged to the facility.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: The waste comprises the gravel that was placed at the bottom of the vault, along with the associated sludge type material. This material, known as the amalgam, consists of the waste materials which have dropped in from the waste above during the history of filling the vaults, and which will also fall in during the waste retrieval phase. The gravel will therefore contain graphite chunks, springs, dusts, Magnox sludge, made up of magnesium carbonate and magnesium hydroxide, and mild steel corrosion products, from the waste containers and MCI streams. There may also be small amounts of Ternary Eutectic Chloride, vermiculite and ion exchange material. The gravel is coarse in nature, typically 50mm in diameter, but of unknown chemical composition. It may be either silica or limestone based material. There is a range in the volume of the vaults amalgam due to the uncertainties in how much each waste item will contribute to the amalgam. There are no large items.

Physical components (%vol): The vaults amalgam will predominantly consist of coarse gravel, Magnox sludge and fines, ion exchange materials and mild steel corrosion products.

Sealed sources: -

Bulk density (t/m³): ~1.5

Comment on density: The gravel is coarse in nature (typically 50mm across) and is assumed to be either limestone or silica based.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): The chemical composition of the gravel chippings is not known, although it is likely to be either silica or limestone based material. Magnesium carbonate and magnesium hydroxide will be present, along with phenol formaldehyde and alumino-silicate ion exchange materials, TEC fire powders and vermiculite. Fission products, actinides and other activation products will be present as contaminants.

Chemical state: Alkali

Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: Any tritium is expected to be present as water but some may be in the form of other inorganic compounds or as organic compounds.
 C-14: Chemical form of carbon 14 has not been determined but may be graphite.
 Cl-36: The chemical form of chlorine 36 in these wastes is not known.
 Se-79: The selenium content is insignificant.
 Tc-99: The technetium content is insignificant.
 Ra: Radium isotope content is expected to be insignificant.
 Th: The thorium isotope content is insignificant.
 U: Chemical form of U isotopes has not been determined but may be oxides.
 Np: The neptunium content is insignificant.
 Pu: Chemical form of plutonium isotopes has not been determined but may be plutonium oxides.

Metals and alloys (%wt): Metals will be present as corrosion products or as small item contamination so metal thicknesses are expected to be typically be 1 or 2 mm.

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Stainless steel..... NE

Other ferrous metals..... NE

Only trace metallic content would be expected to be associated with the original gravel but there may be contamination from the wastes resting on the gravel.

Iron.....

Aluminium..... 0

Beryllium..... TR

Cobalt.....

Copper..... 0

Lead..... 0

Magnox/Magnesium..... TR

Nickel..... NE

Nimonic

Titanium.....

Uranium.....

Zinc..... 0

Zircaloy/Zirconium..... TR

Other metals..... 0

No "other" metals present.

Organics (%wt):

Organics may be present in trace quantities.

Total cellulose..... NE

 Paper, cotton..... NE

 Wood..... 0

Halogenated plastics NE

Some PVC might be present.

Total non-halogenated plastics..... NE

 Condensation polymers..... 0

 Others..... NE

Organic ion exchange materials.... TR

Total rubber..... 0

 Halogenated rubber 0

 Non-halogenated rubber..... 0

Hydrocarbons.....

 Oil or grease

 Fuel.....

 Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)...

 Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar)....

 Bitumen.....

 Others.....

Other organics..... NE

Other materials (%wt):

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Inorganic ion exchange materials.....	TR
Inorganic sludges and flocs.....	0
Soil.....	0
Brick/Stone/Rubble.....	~100.0
Cementitious material.....	0
Sand.....	
Glass/Ceramics.....	0
Graphite.....	NE
Desiccants/Catalysts.....	
Asbestos.....	0
Non/low friable.....	
Moderately friable.....	
Highly friable.....	
Free aqueous liquids.....	NE
Free non-aqueous liquids.....	NE
Powder/Ash.....	NE

Inorganic anions (%wt):

The inorganic anion content of the gravel has not been fully assessed. Carbonates and silicates may be present.

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

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:

Magnox may be present in the gravel. Magnox can form hydrides in a damp environment. These metal hydrides can become pyrophoric causing explosions and fires. However, precise conditions are required to form a hydride, including a damp and oxygen free environment, essentially a sealed void, and this is highly unlikely as the waste has been stored loose in the vault.

Combustible metals.....	0
Low flash point liquids.....	0
Explosive materials.....	0
Phosphorus.....	0
Hydrides.....	0
Biological etc. materials.....	0
Biodegradable materials.....	
Putrescible wastes.....	0
Non-putrescible wastes.....	
Corrosive materials.....	0
Pyrophoric materials.....	0
Generating toxic gases.....	0

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	Reacting with water.....	0
	Active particles.....	
	Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....	
Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants:	None expected.	
	Acrylamide.....	
	Benzene.....	
	Chlorinated solvents.....	
	Formaldehyde.....	
	Organometallics.....	
	Phenol.....	
	Styrene.....	
	Tri-butyl phosphate.....	
	Other organophosphates.....	
	Vinyl chloride.....	
	Arsenic.....	
	Barium.....	
	Boron.....	
	Cadmium.....	
	Caesium.....	
	Selenium.....	
	Chromium.....	
	Molybdenum.....	
	Thallium.....	
	Tin.....	
	Vanadium.....	
	Mercury compounds.....	
	Others.....	
	Electronic Electrical Equipment (EEE)	
	EEE Type 1.....	
	EEE Type 2.....	
	EEE Type 3.....	
	EEE Type 4.....	
	EEE Type 5.....	
Complexing agents (%wt):	Yes	
	EDTA.....	
	DPTA.....	
	NTA.....	
	Polycarboxylic acids.....	
	Other organic complexants.....	
	Total complexing agents.....	TR

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PACKAGING AND CONDITIONING

Conditioning method: This stream is to be co-packaged with 9A37, 9A38, 9A57, 9A58, 9A59, 9A65, 9A68, 9A69, 9A70, 9A71, 9A72, 9A77, 9A78, 9A82. Packages are assigned to 9A68, 9A71 & 9A75.

Plant Name: -

Location: Berkeley Site

Plant startup date: -

Total capacity (m³/y incoming waste): -

Target start date for packaging this stream: -

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

Other information: -

Likely container type:	Container	Waste packaged (%vol)	Waste loading (m ³)	Payload (m ³)	Number of packages
	6m ³ concrete box (SD)	100.0	~3.615	5.8	14

Likely container type comment: -

Range in container waste volume: -

Other information on containers: -

Likely conditioning matrix: -

Other information: -

Conditioned density (t/m³): -

Conditioned density comment: -

Other information on conditioning: -

Opportunities for alternative disposal routing:

Treatment	Stream volume (%)	Comment
-	-	-

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: Contamination may have been transferred to the chippings via direct contact with waste materials. The ability of the chippings to absorb soluble active materials depends on the chemical composition of the chippings themselves.

Uncertainty: The waste is assumed to be ILW. This can be confirmed only when the waste is retrieved. The gravel is not expected to be washed to reduce activity.

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'.

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radioactivities:

The activity has been derived from the activities of the wastes contained in the vault.

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	3.06E-05	DD 2			Gd 153		8		
Be 10		8			Ho 163		8		
C 14	7.00E-07	DD 2			Ho 166m		8		
Na 22		8			Tm 170		8		
Al 26		8			Tm 171		8		
Cl 36	8E-08	DD 2			Lu 174		8		
Ar 39		8			Lu 176		8		
Ar 42		8			Hf 178n		8		
K 40		8			Hf 182		8		
Ca 41	5E-09	DD 2			Pt 193		8		
Mn 53		8			Tl 204		8		
Mn 54		8			Pb 205		8		
Fe 55	9.40E-07	DD 2			Pb 210		8		
Co 60	4.13E-06	DD 2			Bi 208		8		
Ni 59	1E-06	DD 2			Bi 210m		8		
Ni 63	9.20E-05	DD 2			Po 210		8		
Zn 65		8			Ra 223		8		
Se 79		8			Ra 225		8		
Kr 81		8			Ra 226		8		
Kr 85		8			Ra 228		8		
Rb 87		8			Ac 227		8		
Sr 90	5.26E-04	DD 2			Th 227		8		
Zr 93	4E-08	DD 2			Th 228		8		
Nb 91		8			Th 229		8		
Nb 92		8			Th 230		8		
Nb 93m	2.18E-08	DD 2			Th 232		8		
Nb 94		8			Th 234	3E-08	DD 2		
Mo 93		8			Pa 231		8		
Tc 97		8			Pa 233	3.12E-09	DD 2		
Tc 99	2E-07	DD 2			U 232		8		
Ru 106		8			U 233		8		
Pd 107		8			U 234	3.04E-08	DD 2		
Ag 108m	1.96E-07	DD 2			U 235		8		
Ag 110m		8			U 236	3.00E-09	DD 2		
Cd 109		8			U 238	3E-08	DD 2		
Cd 113m		8			Np 237	3.12E-09	DD 2		
Sn 119m		8			Pu 236		8		
Sn 121m	4.27E-08	DD 2			Pu 238	9.10E-06	DD 2		
Sn 123		8			Pu 239	1.00E-05	DD 2		
Sn 126	2.61E-09	DD 2			Pu 240	2.00E-05	DD 2		
Sb 125		8			Pu 241	1.69E-04	DD 2		
Sb 126		8			Pu 242	9E-09	DD 2		
Te 125m		8			Am 241	3.38E-05	DD 2		
Te 127m		8			Am 242m	6.60E-08	DD 2		
I 129		8			Am 243	2.00E-08	DD 2		
Cs 134		8			Cm 242	5.45E-08	DD 2		
Cs 135	6E-09	DD 2			Cm 243	1.51E-08	DD 2		
Cs 137	5.30E-04	DD 2			Cm 244	1.27E-07	DD 2		
Ba 133		8			Cm 245		8		
La 137		8			Cm 246		8		
La 138		8			Cm 248		8		
Ce 144		8			Cf 249		8		
Pm 145		8			Cf 250		8		
Pm 147	3.77E-08	DD 2			Cf 251		8		
Sm 147		8			Cf 252		8		
Sm 151	9.11E-07	DD 2			Other a				
Eu 152	1.07E-08	DD 2			Other b/g				
Eu 154	7.58E-07	DD 2			Total a	7.32E-05	DD 2	0	
Eu 155	1.28E-07	DD 2			Total b/g	1.36E-03	DD 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