

WASTE STREAM	9B312	Graphite ILW
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SITE Bradwell
SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
WASTE CUSTODIAN Magnox Limited
WASTE TYPE ILW

WASTE VOLUMES

		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2019.....	0 m ³
Future arisings -	1.4.2087 - 31.3.2090.....	3025.0 m ³
Total future arisings:		3025.0 m ³
Total waste volume:		3025.0 m ³

Comment on volumes: Final Dismantling & Site Clearance is assumed to commence in 2083 with reactor dismantling commencing in 2087 and lasting for three years. Volumes and radioactivity have been calculated for 85 years after reactor shutdown, i.e. 2087. Some graphite previously categorised as LLW is now ILW.

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

WASTE SOURCE Graphite from reactor core dismantling.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Graphite blocks and other graphite components. Waste can be packaged in standard ILW containers
 Physical components (%vol): Graphite (~100%).
 Sealed sources: -
 Bulk density (t/m³): ~1.25
 Comment on density: Density estimate based upon the assumed packing efficiency of the waste. The density is the effective density for packaging assuming 90% of the graphite is in blocks and 10% is rubble.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Graphite and possibly traces of ferrous metals.

Chemical state: Neutral

Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: Tritium may be chemically bound with the graphite.
 C-14: Carbon 14 will be present as graphite.
 Cl-36: Chlorine 36 will probably be chemically bound to the graphite. Some may be linked chemically with impurities in the graphite.
 U: There may be traces of uranium as metal or oxide.
 Pu: There may be traces of plutonium as metal or oxide.

Metals and alloys (%wt): -

Stainless steel.....	TR	
Other ferrous metals.....	TR	There may be trace contamination by ferrous metals.
Iron.....		
Aluminium.....	0	
Beryllium.....	TR	
Cobalt.....		
Copper.....	0	
Lead.....	0	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	0	
Nickel.....		

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	Titanium.....	
	Uranium.....	
	Zinc.....	0
	Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	0
	Other metals.....	0
Organics (%wt):	None expected.	
	Total cellulose.....	0
	Paper, cotton.....	0
	Wood.....	0
	Halogenated plastics	0
	Total non-halogenated plastics.....	0
	Condensation polymers.....	0
	Others.....	0
	Organic ion exchange materials....	0
	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.....	0
Other materials (%wt):	-	
	Inorganic ion exchange materials.	0
	Inorganic sludges and flocs.....	0
	Soil.....	0
	Brick/Stone/Rubble.....	0
	Cementitious material.....	0
	Sand.....	
	Glass/Ceramics.....	0
	Graphite.....	100.0
	Desiccants/Catalysts.....	
	Asbestos.....	0
	Non/low friable.....	
	Moderately friable.....	
	Highly friable.....	
	Free aqueous liquids.....	0
	Free non-aqueous liquids.....	0
	Powder/Ash.....	0
Inorganic anions (%wt):	-	

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Fluoride.....	TR	Detected at trace levels in inactive graphite material
Chloride.....	TR	
Iodide.....	0	
Cyanide.....	0	
Carbonate.....	TR	
Nitrate.....	TR	
Nitrite.....	TR	
Phosphate.....	TR	
Sulphate.....	TR	Detected at trace levels in inactive graphite material
Sulphide.....	0	

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:

No materials likely to pose a fire or other non-radiological hazard have been identified. Graphite presents a low fire risk; it is difficult but not impossible to ignite.

Combustible metals.....	0	
Low flash point liquids.....	0	
Explosive materials.....	0	
Phosphorus.....	TR	Detected at trace levels in inactive graphite material
Hydrides.....	0	
Biological etc. materials.....	0	
Biodegradable materials.....		
Putrescible wastes.....	0	
Non-putrescible wastes.....		
Corrosive materials.....	0	
Pyrophoric materials.....	0	
Generating toxic gases.....	0	
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.....	TR	Detected at trace levels in inactive graphite material

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Likely container type comment: The waste is assumed to be in baskets in the waste package so the occupied volume in the package is greater than the original waste volume. Container choice may be influenced by Transport Regulations at time of final site clearance.

Range in container waste volume: Not yet determined. No significant variability is expected.

Other information on containers: The container material is expected to be stainless steel.

Likely conditioning matrix: Blast Furnace Slag / Ordinary Portland Cement

Other information: The waste is assumed to be encapsulated.

Conditioned density (t/m³): ~1.7

Conditioned density comment: The conditioned waste density assumes that the waste will be encapsulated.

Other information on conditioning: The waste will be in baskets placed in the waste packages. Baskets of different Final Dismantling ILW wastes may be in the same waste packages. The encapsulation matrix is likely to be BFS/OPC. The density of the encapsulated waste will probably be about 1.7 t/m³.

Opportunities for alternative disposal routing: No

Treatment	Stream volume (%)	Comment
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RADIOACTIVITY

Source: Activation of the graphite and impurities.

Uncertainty: The values quoted were derived by calculation from available material specification and are indicative of the activities that are expected. The major source of uncertainty is the impurity levels.

Definition of total alpha and total beta/gamma: Total beta/gamma activity is the sum of all listed nuclide activities other than alpha emitters. Activity estimates for individual alpha emitting nuclides have not been provided.

Measurement of radioactivities: They were estimated from neutron activation calculations of the material and its impurities.

Other information: The activities quoted are those at 85 years after reactor shutdown, i.e. in 2087. There may be some contamination by Cs137.

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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			3.56E-03	C C 2	Gd 153				8
Be 10				8	Ho 163				8
C 14			1E-01	C C 2	Ho 166m		7.96E-07	C C 2	
Na 22				8	Tm 170				8
Al 26				8	Tm 171				8
Cl 36			2.46E-04	C C 2	Lu 174				8
Ar 39				8	Lu 176				8
Ar 42				8	Hf 178n				8
K 40				8	Hf 182				8
Ca 41			2.6E-04	C C 2	Pt 193				8
Mn 53				8	Tl 204				8
Mn 54				8	Pb 205				8
Fe 55				8	Pb 210				8
Co 60			2.87E-07	C C 2	Bi 208				8
Ni 59			3.08E-05	C C 2	Bi 210m				8
Ni 63			2.21E-03	C C 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				6	Th 227				8
Zr 93				8	Th 228				8
Nb 91				8	Th 229				8
Nb 92				8	Th 230				8
Nb 93m				8	Th 232				8
Nb 94			8.91E-08	C C 2	Th 234				8
Mo 93				8	Pa 231				8
Tc 97				8	Pa 233				8
Tc 99				8	U 232				8
Ru 106				8	U 233				8
Pd 107				8	U 234				8
Ag 108m			1.61E-06	C C 2	U 235				8
Ag 110m				8	U 236				8
Cd 109				8	U 238				8
Cd 113m				8	Np 237				8
Sn 119m				8	Pu 236				8
Sn 121m			1.59E-04	C C 2	Pu 238				6
Sn 123				8	Pu 239				6
Sn 126				8	Pu 240				6
Sb 125				8	Pu 241				8
Sb 126				8	Pu 242				8
Te 125m				8	Am 241				6
Te 127m				8	Am 242m				8
I 129				8	Am 243				8
Cs 134				8	Cm 242				8
Cs 135				8	Cm 243				8
Cs 137				6	Cm 244				8
Ba 133			5.16E-07	C C 2	Cm 245				8
La 137				8	Cm 246				8
La 138				8	Cm 248				8
Ce 144				8	Cf 249				8
Pm 145			7.08E-08	C C 2	Cf 250				8
Pm 147				8	Cf 251				8
Sm 147				8	Cf 252				8
Sm 151			5.97E-07	C C 2	Other a				
Eu 152			2.04E-08	C C 2	Other b/g				
Eu 154			1.44E-07	C C 2	Total a	0	0		
Eu 155			1.13E-09	C C 3	Total b/g	0	1.07E-01	C C 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