

WASTE STREAM	9E315	Graphite LLW
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SITE Oldbury
SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
WASTE CUSTODIAN Magnox Limited
WASTE TYPE LLW

WASTE VOLUMES

		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2019.....	0 m ³
Future arisings -	1.4.2096 - 31.3.2101.....	1890.0 m ³
Total future arisings:		1890.0 m ³
Total waste volume:		1890.0 m ³

Comment on volumes: Waste arisings are assumed to occur at a uniform rate over 5 years. Final Site Clearance is assumed to commence in 2091. Volumes and radioactivity have been calculated for 85 years after reactor shutdown.

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

WASTE SOURCE Reflector graphite from reactor dismantling.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Graphite blocks and other graphite components.
 Physical components (%wt): Graphite (~100%).
 Sealed sources: -
 Bulk density (t/m³): 1.25
 Comment on density: The density is the effective density for packaging assuming 90% of the waste 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.
 Se-79: The selenium content is insignificant.
 Tc-99: The technetium content is insignificant.
 Ra: Radium isotope content is insignificant.
 Th: The thorium isotope content is insignificant.
 U: There may be traces of uranium as metal or oxide.
 Np: The neptunium content is insignificant.
 Pu: There may be traces of plutonium as metal or oxide.

Metals and alloys (%wt):	There are no metallic items present.	
	Stainless steel.....	TR
	Other ferrous metals.....	TR
	Iron.....	
	Aluminium.....	0
	Beryllium.....	TR
	Cobalt.....	
	Copper.....	0
	Lead.....	0
	Magnox/Magnesium.....	0

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	Nickel.....	
	Titanium.....	
	Uranium.....	
	Zinc.....	0
	Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	0
	Other metals.....	0
		There are no "other" metals present.
Organics (%wt):	None expected. Halogenated plastic and rubbers will not be present.	
	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):	Expect only graphite	
	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

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	Powder/Ash.....	0	
Inorganic anions (%wt):	None of the inorganic anions listed in the table is expected to be present at greater than trace concentration.		
	Fluoride.....	TR	Detected at trace levels in inactive graphite material.
	Chloride.....	TR	
	Iodide.....	0	
	Cyanide.....	0	
	Carbonate.....	TR	
	Nitrate.....	TR	
	Nitrite.....	0	
	Phosphate.....	TR	Detected at trace levels in inactive graphite material.
	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.....		

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Vinyl chloride.....

Arsenic..... TR

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Barium.....

Boron.....

Cadmium.....

Caesium.....

Selenium.....

Chromium.....

Molybdenum.....

Thallium..... TR

Detected at trace levels in inactive graphite material.

Tin.....

Vanadium.....

Mercury compounds.....

Others..... TR

Electronic Electrical Equipment (EEE)

EEE Type 1.....

EEE Type 2.....

EEE Type 3.....

EEE Type 4.....

EEE Type 5.....

Complexing agents (%wt):

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		100.0
Supercompaction (HFC)		
Incineration		
Solidification		
Decontamination		
Metal treatment		
Size reduction		
Decay storage		
Recycling / reuse		
Other / various		
None		

Comment on planned treatments:

The waste will be placed into baskets. Baskets of different Final Site Clearance LLW may be placed in the same package. The occupied volume in the package is greater than the original waste volume. A conditioning factor of 1.167 has been assumed to allow for the waste being placed in baskets before loading into standard 4m boxes. The waste will then be encapsulated.

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Disposal Route	Stream volume %
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	100.0

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

Disposal Route	Stream volume %		
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
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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 1/2 Height IP-2 Disposal/Re-usable ISO 2m box (no shielding) 4m box (no shielding) Other	100.0	16.2	117

Other information: The type of container to be used is under review. It is likely that this waste will be placed in a container with other LLW.

Waste Planned for Disposal at the LLW Repository:

Container voidage: The waste is to be grouted. In-accessible voidage is not expected.

Waste Characterisation Form (WCH): The waste meets the LLWR's Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC). The waste does not have a current WCH.

Waste consigned for disposal to LLWR in year of generation: The timing of consignment of waste for disposal cannot be predicted at present.

Potential for the waste to contain discrete items: -

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

Stream volume (%): -

Waste stream variation: -

Bounding cuboidal volume:

Inaccessible voidage: -

Other information: -

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 total beta/gamma is given as the sum of the listed activities of all nuclides other than alpha emitters. Activity estimates for individual alpha emitting nuclides have not been provided.
Measurement of radioactivities:	The specific activities were estimated from a neutron activation calculation of the graphite and its impurities.
Other information:	There may be some contamination by Cs137. The activities quoted are those at 85 years after reactor shutdown. Fission of uranium impurity in the graphite may result in some fission product and nuclide 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			1.25E-04	C C 2	Gd 153				8
Be 10				8	Ho 163				8
C 14			2.05E-04	C C 2	Ho 166m		2.53E-08	C C 2	
Na 22				8	Tm 170				8
Al 26				8	Tm 171				8
Cl 36			7.12E-07	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			5.95E-07	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			4.22E-05	C C 2	Bi 208				8
Ni 59			1.03E-07	C C 2	Bi 210m				8
Ni 63			5.84E-06	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			2.76E-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				8	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			3.96E-08	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			1.19E-09	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				8	Cf 250				8
Pm 147				8	Cf 251				8
Sm 147				8	Cf 252				8
Sm 151			1.81E-07	C C 2	Other a				
Eu 152			1.12E-05	C C 2	Other b/g				
Eu 154			5.5E-08	C C 2	Total a	0	0		
Eu 155				8	Total b/g	0	3.91E-04	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