WASTE STREAM 9J21 Bunker Waste

SITE	Hunterston A
SITE OWNER	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
WASTE CUSTODIAN	Magnox Limited
WASTE TYPE	ILW

WASTE VOLUMES

		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2019.....	488.4 m³
Total future arisings:		0 m³
Total waste volume:		488.4 m³

Comment on volumes: There will be no future arisings from this stream. The waste is containerised but not yet conditioned. The total waste volume is made up of the sum of FED graphite 447.2 m3, MCI 17.9 m3 and FED Fuel Channel Components 23.3 m3.

Uncertainty factors on volumes:

Stock (upper):	x 1.2	Arisings (upper)	x
Stock (lower):	x 0.8	Arisings (lower)	x

WASTE SOURCE FED Graphite: Fuel element debris from the removal of graphite sleeves from discharged fuel elements plus reflector sleeves from each fuel channel.MCI: The source of the waste is redundant contaminated equipment and materials.FED Fuel Channel Components: The waste consists of components from reactor fuel assemblies.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: FED Graphite: Each fuel channel comprised 10 fuel elements (with associated graphite sleeves) and a disposable bottom reflector graphite sleeve. The fuel element sleeve and the reflector have been removed from the fuel and reduced in size in a cracking unit. The resultant graphite pieces have a maximum size of 300 mm and weight of 5.5 kg. Dust from the cracking operation has been accumulated in polythene bags or bottle. There are no large items that may require special handling.MCI: The waste consists mainly of filter dust bags with some filters and general wastes. Items must have a dimension less than 1.3 metres to pass through a bunker loading hole. Wastes may be in polythene bags or 180 litre drums. No large items have been identified.FED Fuel Channel Components: Fuel channel components are metallic and consist of one cast iron support member and ten zirconium D bars per fuel channel. There are no large items that may require special handling.

Physical components (%wt): FED Graphite (91.56%): Fuel element sleeves (94 wt%), reflector sleeves (6 wt%), polythene bags and bottles (trace wt%).MCI (3.67%): Percentage breakdown of physical constituents by weight is as follows: filters (~2%), filter dust bags (~76%), general waste (~22%). By volume, the solid and dusts are 24 and 76% respectively.FED Fuel Channel Components (4.77%): Support members (67% wt), D-bars (33% wt).

Sealed sources: -

Bulk density (t/m³): ~1.35

Comment on density: Mean Density of waste calculated assuming a packing efficiency of 1.4 (packing fraction of 0.71). Density may be greater than the given value towards the bottom of the bunker, where the graphite may be crushed.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): FED Graphite; Graphite (100%), graphite impurities. The waste consists almost entirely of graphite with only trace amounts of activated impurities fission products, actinide contaminants and trace quantities of polythene.MCI: The waste consists of metals such as stainless steel, mild steel and aluminium, entrapped graphite dust and other dust and ceramic material.FED Fuel Channel Components: The waste consists of cast iron and zirconium metal. Cast iron (~67%), zirconium (~33%).

Chemical state: Neutral

Chemical form of radionuclides:
H-3: The chemical form of tritium has not been assessed but will probably be present as surface contamination.
C-14: Carbon 14 will be present as graphite.
Cl-36: The chemical form of chlorine 36 has not been determined but will probably be present as surface contamination.
Se-79: The selenium content is insignificant.
Tc-99: The chemical form of Technetium has not been determined.
Ra: The radium isotope content is insignificant.

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Th: The thorium isotope content is insignificant.
U: The chemical form of uranium isotopes may be uranium oxides.
Np: The neptunium content is insignificant.
Pu: The chemical form of plutonium isotopes has not been determined but may be present as plutonium oxides.

Metals and alloys (%wt):

FED Graphite: No sheet or bulk metal present in this waste stream.MCI: No sheet metal is expected.FED Fuel Channel Components: Support members (~67% wt) are 200 mm length by 150 mm diameter.

Stainless steel	0	
Other ferrous metals	4.0	
Iron		
Aluminium	0	
Beryllium	0.01	
Cobalt		
Copper	0	
Lead	0	
Magnox/Magnesium	TR	
Nickel		
Titanium		
Uranium		
Zinc	0	
Zircaloy/Zirconium	1.6	FED Fuel Channel Components: Zirconium D-bars.
Other metals	TR	Only trace amounts of "other" metals may be present.

Organics (%wt):

Trace amounts of polythene will be present. Graphite dust was placed in the bunkers using polythene bags or bottles. Filters and waste bags contain organic materials. The relative amounts of organic materials have not been established. There are no halogenated plastics or rubbers present in the majority of the waste. Halogenated plastics and rubbers are expected to be present within the MCI, however no detailed information exists.

Total cellulosics	0
Paper, cotton	0
Wood	0
Halogenated plastics	NE
Total non-halogenated plastics	TR
Condensation polymers	0
Others	TR
Organic ion exchange materials	0
Total rubber	0
Halogenated rubber	NE
Non-halogenated rubber	0
Hydrocarbons	
Oil or grease	
Fuel	
Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)	
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar)	
Bitumen	
Others	

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	Other organics.....	TR
Other materials (%wt):	Principally 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.....	94.4
	Desiccants/Catalysts.....	
	Asbestos.....	0
	Non/low friable.....	
	Moderately friable.....	
	Highly friable.....	
	Free aqueous liquids.....	TR
	Free non-aqueous liquids.....	0
	Powder/Ash.....	<1.0
Inorganic anions (%wt):	None expected at greater than trace concentration.	
	Fluoride.....	TR
	Chloride.....	TR
	Iodide.....	0
	Cyanide.....	0
	Carbonate.....	TR
	Nitrate.....	TR
	Nitrite.....	TR
	Phosphate.....	TR
	Sulphate.....	TR
	Sulphide.....	0
Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:	Graphite dust could be hazardous. Whilst it is difficult to ignite, graphite will eventually burn in air. There may be traces of Magnox present.	
	Combustible metals.....	TR
	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.....	NE

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Reacting with water..... TR

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: The waste will be grouted in 3m3 stainless steel box.The waste has been containerised and is in the ILW store awaiting conditioning. Container numbers below are forecast numbers, actual number of packages filled is shown as number of packages in stock.

Plant Name: SILWR

Location: Hunterston A Decommissioning Site

Plant startup date: -

Total capacity (m^3/y incoming waste): ~500.0

Target start date for packaging this stream: -

Throughput for this stream (m^3/y incoming waste): ~90.0

Other information: The current proposal is to process the waste during Care and Maintenance Preparation. All wastes in the bunker will be encapsulated together, but possibly excluding any dusts.

Likely container type:

Container	Waste packaged (%vol)	Waste loading (m^3)	Payload (m^3)	Number of packages
3m^3 box (round corners)	100.0	1.645	2.7	297

Likely container type comment: It is not expected that the waste will be tamped or compacted.

Range in container waste volume: No significant variability is expected.

Other information on containers: The 3m3 box is expected to be made from stainless steel.

Likely conditioning matrix: Blast Furnace Slag / Ordinary Portland Cement

Other information: The waste is expected to be encapsulated in BFS/OPC. PFA/OPC is another matrix that may be adopted.

Conditioned density (t/m^3): ~2.0

Conditioned density comment: The density of conditioned waste will probably be about 2 t/m3.

Other information on conditioning: The current proposal is to retrieve and condition wastes held in the SAWB Bunkers during Care and Maintenance Preparation. The waste will be conditioned with waste from the same bunker formerly known as 9J29 and 9J38 (possibly apart from any dust - 9J62).

Opportunities for alternative disposal routing:

Treatment	Stream volume (%)	Comment
-	-	-

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: Predominantly activation products with possible contamination by fission products and actinides.

Uncertainty: The values quoted are indicative of the activities that might be expected.

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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 have been estimated from activation calculations with assumptions for contamination.
Other information:	-

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Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³ Waste at 1.4.2019	Bands and Code	Future arisings	Bands and Code	Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³ Waste at 1.4.2019	Bands and Code	Future arisings	Bands and Code
H 3	2.26E-01	C C 2			Gd 153		8		
Be 10	4.77E-06	C C 2			Ho 163		8		
C 14	7.52E-03	C C 2			Ho 166m	9.10E-06	C C 2		
Na 22					Tm 170		8		
Al 26		8			Tm 171		8		
Cl 36	2.72E-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	2.26E-05	C C 2			Pt 193		8		
Mn 53		8			Tl 204		8		
Mn 54		8			Pb 205		8		
Fe 55	1.93E-02	C C 2			Pb 210		8		
Co 60	2.93E-01	C C 2			Bi 208		8		
Ni 59	1.43E-04	C C 2			Bi 210m		8		
Ni 63	3.14E-02	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	6.45E-04	C C 2			Th 227		8		
Zr 93	4.77E-04	C C 2			Th 228		8		
Nb 91		8			Th 229		8		
Nb 92	9.54E-09	C C 2			Th 230		8		
Nb 93m	3.72E-04	C C 2			Th 232		8		
Nb 94	4.73E-06	C C 2			Th 234	1.34E-08	C C 2		
Mo 93	4.76E-04	C C 2			Pa 231		8		
Tc 97		8			Pa 233	1.85E-09	C C 2		
Tc 99	1.43E-04	C C 2			U 232		8		
Ru 106		8			U 233		8		
Pd 107		8			U 234	1.44E-08	C C 2		
Ag 108m	9.41E-05	C C 2			U 235		8		
Ag 110m		8			U 236	1.80E-09	C C 2		
Cd 109		8			U 238	1.34E-08	C C 2		
Cd 113m	9.28E-05	C C 2			Np 237	1.85E-09	C C 2		
Sn 119m		8			Pu 236		8		
Sn 121m	2.55E-03	C C 2			Pu 238	7.87E-06	C C 2		
Sn 123		8			Pu 239	4.8E-06	C C 2		
Sn 126	1.59E-09	C C 2			Pu 240	9.03E-06	C C 2		
Sb 125	9.88E-06	C C 2			Pu 241	1.02E-04	C C 2		
Sb 126		8			Pu 242	4.62E-09	C C 2		
Te 125m	2.48E-06	C C 2			Am 241	1.16E-05	C C 2		
Te 127m		8			Am 242m	4.59E-08	C C 2		
I 129		8			Am 243	1.34E-08	C C 2		
Cs 134	1.17E-08	C C 2			Cm 242	3.79E-08	C C 2		
Cs 135	3.67E-09	C C 2			Cm 243	1.13E-08	C C 2		
Cs 137	6.52E-04	C C 2			Cm 244	1.24E-07	C C 2		
Ba 133	1.01E-06	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	1.37E-04	C C 2			Cf 250		8		
Pm 147	7.65E-08	C C 2			Cf 251		8		
Sm 147		8			Cf 252		8		
Sm 151	9.07E-04	C C 2			Other a				
Eu 152	9.18E-03	C C 2			Other b/g				
Eu 154	9.26E-02	C C 2			**Total a**	**3.35E-05**	**C C 2**	**0**	
Eu 155	9.38E-04	C C 2			**Total b/g**	**6.87E-01**	**C C 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