WASTE STREAM 2A303 Final Dismantling & Site Clearance : Graphite LLW

SITE	Calder Hall
SITE OWNER	Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
WASTE CUSTODIAN	Sellafield Limited
WASTE TYPE	LLW
Is the waste subject to Scottish Policy:	No

WASTE VOLUMES

		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2022.....	0 m³
Future arisings -	1.4.2022 - 31.3.2023.....	0 m³
	1.4.2023 - 31.3.2024.....	0 m³
	1.4.2024 - 31.3.2025.....	0 m³
	1.4.2025 - 31.3.2107.....	0 m³
	1.4.2107 - 31.3.2111.....	~6.3 m³
Total future arisings:		6.3 m³
Total waste volume:		6.3 m³

Comment on volumes: For inventory purposes the arisings are assumed to arise at a uniform rate over seven years. Final Dismantling & Site Clearance is assumed to commence in 2104, with reactor dismantling commencing in 2107, and lasting for ten years. Volumes and radioactivity have been calculated for 100 years after reactor shutdown, i.e. 2103, but the volume in this stream would not change for decommissioning in 2107.

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 (%vol):	Graphite (100%).
Sealed sources:	The waste does not contain sealed sources.
Bulk density (t/m³):	1.25
Comment on density:	-

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: The carbon 14 will be present as graphite.
Se-79: The selenium content is insignificant.
Tc-99: The technetium content is insignificant.
I-129: The iodine content is insignificant
Ra: The radium content is insignificant.
Th: The thorium 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.

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grade(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	TR		
Other ferrous metals.....	TR		
Iron.....			
Aluminium.....	0		

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Beryllium	0
Cobalt	0
Copper	0
Lead	0
Magnox/Magnesium	0
Nickel	0
Titanium	
Uranium	0
Zinc	0
Zircaloy/Zirconium	0
Other metals	0

Organics (%wt): None expected. No halogenated plastics or rubbers will be present.

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulosics	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): -

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Inorganic ion exchange materials	0		
Inorganic sludges and flocs	0		
Soil	0		
Brick/Stone/Rubble	0		
Cementitious material	0		
Sand			
Glass/Ceramics	0		

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Graphite	100.0	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): None of the inorganic anions listed in the table is expected to be present at greater than trace concentrations.

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
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: 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.

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Combustible metals	0	
Low flash point liquids	0	
Explosive materials	0	
Phosphorus	0	
Hydrides	0	
Biological etc. materials	0	
Biodegradable materials	0	
Putrescible wastes	0	
Non-putrescible wastes		
Corrosive materials	0	
Pyrophoric materials	0	
Generating toxic gases	0	
Reacting with water	0	
Higher activity particles		
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds		

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Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants: -

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Acrylamide.....		
Benzene.....		
Chlorinated solvents.....		
Formaldehyde.....		
Organometallics.....		
Phenol.....		
Styrene.....		
Tri-butyl phosphate.....		
Other organophosphates.....		
Vinyl chloride.....		
Arsenic.....		
Barium.....		
Boron.....		
Boron (in Boral).....		
Boron (non-Boral).....		
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): Not yet determined

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....		
DPTA.....		
NTA.....		
Polycarboxylic acids…….		
Other organic complexants.....		
Total complexing agents.....	NE	

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Potential for the waste to contain discrete items: No.

TREATMENT, PACKAGING AND DISPOSAL

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

Treatment	On-site / Off site	Stream volume %
Low force compaction		
Supercompaction (HFC)		
Incineration		
Solidification		
Decontamination		
Metal treatment		
Size reduction		
Decay storage		
Recyling / reuse		
Other / various	Off-site	100.0
None		

Comment on planned treatments: Treatment and disposal routes are yet to be determined. The waste may be required to be disposed as HAW.

Disposal Routes:

Disposal Route	Stream volume %	Disposal density t/m3
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	

Classification codes for waste expected to be consigned to a landfill facility: -

Upcoming (2022/23-2024/25) Waste Routing (if expected to change from above):

Disposal Route	Stream volume %		
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
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			

Opportunities for alternative disposal routing: Not yet determined

Baseline Management Route	Opportunity Management Route	Stream volume (%)	Estimated Date that Opportunity will be realised	Opportunity Confidence	Comment
-	-	-	-	-	-

Waste Packaging for Disposal: (Not applicable to this waste stream)

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Container	Stream volume %	Waste loading m³	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			

Other information: -

Waste Planned for Disposal at the LLW Repository: (Not applicable to this waste stream)

Container voidage: -

Waste Characterisation Form (WCH): -

Waste consigned for disposal to LLWR in year of generation: -

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 beta/gamma is defined 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 but an estimate of total alpha activity is given.

Measurement of radioactivities: The specific activities have been estimated using a neutron activation calculation.

Other information: Other beta/gamma represents Sm146 activity. There may also be some contamination by Cs137. The activities quoted are those at 100 years after reactor shutdown, i.e. in 2103. Fission of trace uranium impurity in the graphite may result in some fission product and actinide activity.

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Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³ Waste at 1.4.2022	Bands and Code	Future arisings	Bands and Code	Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³ Waste at 1.4.2022	Bands and Code	Future arisings	Bands and Code
H 3			1.70E-06	C C 2	Gd 153				8
Be 10				8	Ho 163				8
C 14			7.01E-06	C C 2	Ho 166m			8.36E-10	C C 2
Na 22					Tm 170				8
Al 26					Tm 171				8
Cl 36			2.46E-08	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			1.63E-08	C C 2	Pt 193				8
Mn 53				8	Tl 204				8
Mn 54				8	Pb 205				8
Fe 55			1.99E-16	C C 2	Pb 210				8
Co 60			3.56E-11	C C 2	Bi 208				8
Ni 59			3.55E-09	C C 2	Bi 210m				8
Ni 63			1.78E-07	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				8	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			9.28E-10	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			4.07E-11	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			5.36E-10	C C 2	Pu 238				8
Sn 123				8	Pu 239				8
Sn 126				8	Pu 240				8
Sb 125				8	Pu 241				8
Sb 126				8	Pu 242				8
Te 125m				8	Am 241				8
Te 127m				8	Am 242m				8
I 129				8	Am 243				8
Cs 134			3.39E-23	C C 2	Cm 242				8
Cs 135				8	Cm 243				8
Cs 137				8	Cm 244				8
Ba 133			1.38E-11	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			2.22E-12	C C 2	Cf 250				8
Pm 147				8	Cf 251				8
Sm 147				8	Cf 252				8
Sm 151			6.40E-09	C C 2	Other a				8
Eu 152			1.82E-07	C C 2	Other b/g			1.94E-18	C C 2
Eu 154			4.98E-10	C C 2	**Total a**	**0**		**0**	**8**
Eu 155			1.44E-12	C C 2	**Total b/g**	**0**		**9.12E-06**	**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