

WASTE STREAM**2A310****Final Dismantling & Site Clearance: Graphite ILW**

SITE Calder Hall
SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Sellafield Limited

WASTE TYPE ILW

Is the waste subject to Scottish Policy: No

WASTE VOLUMES

		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2022.....	0 m ³
Future arisings -	1.4.2022 - 31.3.2023.....	0 m ³
	1.4.2023 - 31.3.2024.....	0 m ³
	1.4.2024 - 31.3.2025.....	0 m ³
	1.4.2025 - 31.3.2107.....	0 m ³
	1.4.2107 - 31.3.2111.....	~3633.2 m ³
Total future arisings:		3633.2 m ³
Total waste volume:		3633.2 m ³

Comment on volumes: For inventory purposes the arisings are assumed to arise at a uniform rate over four 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 Moderator 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: 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: The carbon 14 will be present as graphite.
 Cl-36: The chlorine content is insignificant.
 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.

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	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grade(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	0		
Other ferrous metals.....	0		
Iron.....			
Aluminium.....	0		
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): No organic wastes are expected.

	(%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): Only graphite is expected.

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	(%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		
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 below are expected to be present at greater than trace concentration.

	(%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	

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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.....

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.....

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Complexing agents (%wt): Not yet determined

(%wt) Type(s) and comment

EDTA.....

DPTA.....

NTA.....

Polycarboxylic acids.....

Other organic complexants.....

Total complexing agents..... NE

Potential for the waste to contain discrete items: Yes. Large quantities of uniform graphite blocks.

PACKAGING AND CONDITIONING

Conditioning method: The exact method of waste conditioning has not yet been established.

Plant Name: Not yet established.

Location: -

Plant startup date: -

Total capacity (m³/y incoming waste): -

Target start date for packaging this stream: 2107

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
	Sellafield 3m ³ box	100.0	1.33	2.8	2732

Likely container type comment: -

Range in container waste volume: Waste loading estimated based on the total volume of Calder Hall FSC wastes (2A310, 2A311, 2A312 & 2A313) being packaged into 3,300 Sellafield 3m³ boxes.

Other information on containers: The packaged waste will be in a form suitable for disposal at a GDF.

Likely conditioning matrix: -

Other information: -

Conditioned density (t/m³): -

Conditioned density comment: -

Other information on conditioning: -

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
-	-	-	-	-	-

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/m ³				Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m ³			
	Waste at 1.4.2022	Bands and Code	Future arisings	Bands and Code		Waste at 1.4.2022	Bands and Code	Future arisings	Bands and Code
H 3			9.29E-04	CC 2	Gd 153				8
Be 10				8	Ho 163				8
C 14			1.42E-01	CC 2	Ho 166m		2.19E-05	CC	2
Na 22					Tm 170				8
Al 26					Tm 171				8
Cl 36			3.17E-04	CC 2	Lu 174				8
Ar 39				8	Lu 176				8
Ar 42				8	Hf 178n				8
K 40				8	Hf 182				8
Ca 41			3.82E-04	CC 2	Pt 193				8
Mn 53				8	Tl 204				8
Mn 54				8	Pb 205				8
Fe 55			9.06E-13	CC 2	Pb 210				8
Co 60			4.37E-07	CC 2	Bi 208				8
Ni 59			6.60E-05	CC 2	Bi 210m				8
Ni 63			4.58E-03	CC 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			1.99E-05	CC 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			8.85E-07	CC 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			1.64E-04	CC 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			4.39E-19	CC 2	Cm 242				8
Cs 135				8	Cm 243				8
Cs 137				8	Cm 244				8
Ba 133			2.22E-07	CC 2	Cm 245				8
La 137				8	Cm 246				8
La 138				8	Cm 248				8
Ce 144				8	Cf 249				8
Pm 145			3.98E-08	CC 2	Cf 250				8
Pm 147				8	Cf 251				8
Sm 147				8	Cf 252				8
Sm 151			3.33E-07	CC 2	Other a				8
Eu 152			7.03E-14	CC 2	Other b/g		7.27E-13	CC	2
Eu 154			1.74E-07	CC 2	Total a	0	0		8
Eu 155			3.80E-10	CC 2	Total b/g	0	1.49E-01	CC	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