

WASTE STREAM	2D127	Uranium Plants Final Decommissioning: Processing Plants
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SITE Sellafield
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 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 - 31.3.2046.....	~0 m ³
	1.4.2046 - 31.3.2047.....	~246.7 m ³
	1.4.2047 - 31.3.2066.....	~0 m ³
	1.4.2066 - 31.3.2069.....	~210.9 m ³
	1.4.2069 - 31.3.2120.....	~0 m ³
Total future arisings:		457.6 m ³
Total waste volume:		457.6 m ³

Comment on volumes: Arisings are in line with current decommissioning programmes and strategy. Waste within this waste stream is generated from decommissioning projects which will commence at a future date. As a result of this, minimal characterisation of waste volumes and fingerprints has been carried out and hence there is a large uncertainty in the potential arisings. Preliminary assessments indicate that the volumes may vary from -50% to +300% for LLW.

Uncertainty factors on volumes:
 Stock (upper): x Arisings (upper) x 4.0
 Stock (lower): x Arisings (lower) x 0.5

WASTE SOURCE Demolition of uranium process plants.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Building structural materials and miscellaneous soft waste ie. rubber/PVC/paper. Most items size reduced in-situ. Some large items may be present.

Physical components (%vol): Concrete, bricks and blockwork (69.5%), reinforcement steelwork (13.5%), structural steelwork (14%), cladding and insulation (1%), roofing (0.5%), miscellaneous building materials (0.5%), soft waste (1%).

Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.

Bulk density (t/m³): ~1

Comment on density: Density stated is average for LLW final decommissioning.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Concrete, bricks and blockwork (69.5%), mild steel (28.5%), fibreglass (0.5%), wood (0.1%), glass (0.05%), plastic (1%), rubber (0.2%), cellulose (0.1%), others (0.1%). Percentages are by volume.

Chemical state: Neutral

Chemical form of radionuclides:
 H-3: The chemical form of tritium has not been determined.
 C-14: The chemical form of carbon-14 has not been determined.
 Cl-36: Chlorine-36 is not expected to be present in significant quantity.
 Se-79: Selenium is not expected to be present in significant quantity.
 Tc-99: The chemical form of technetium has not been determined.
 I-129: Iodine is not expected to be present in significant quantity.
 Ra: The chemical form of radium has not been determined.
 Th: The chemical form of thorium has not been determined.
 U: The chemical form of uranium has not been determined.
 Np: The chemical form of neptunium has not been determined.
 Pu: The chemical form of plutonium has not been determined.

Metals and alloys (%wt): Some sheet metal present (~30%), bulk metal (70%).

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	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grade(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	TR	The most commonly used stainless steel is 304L.	
Other ferrous metals.....	28.5		
Iron.....			
Aluminium.....	TR		
Beryllium.....	0		
Cobalt.....	0		
Copper.....	TR		
Lead.....	TR		
Magnox/Magnesium.....	0		
Nickel.....	0		
Titanium.....			
Uranium.....	0		
Zinc.....	0		
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	0		
Other metals.....	0.05		

Organics (%wt): The waste contains PVC and other plastics, small amounts of rubber and cellulose. Percentages are by volume. PVC overalls, Windscale suits, waste bags, rubber gloves.

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulose.....	0.20		
Paper, cotton.....	0.10		
Wood.....	0.10		
Halogenated plastics	0.75		
Total non-halogenated plastics.....	0.25		
Condensation polymers.....	P		
Others.....	P		
Organic ion exchange materials....	0		
Total rubber.....	0.20		
Halogenated rubber	P		
Non-halogenated rubber.....	P		
Hydrocarbons.....			
Oil or grease			
Fuel.....			
Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)...			
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar)....			
Bitumen.....			
Others.....			
Other organics.....	0.05		

Other materials (%wt): -

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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.....	P		
Cementitious material.....	<69.5		
Sand.....			
Glass/Ceramics.....	~0.50		
Graphite.....	0		
Desiccants/Catalysts.....			
Asbestos.....	0	Asbestos is not expected to be present in this waste stream.	
Non/low friable.....			
Moderately friable.....			
Highly friable.....			
Free aqueous liquids.....	0		
Free non-aqueous liquids.....	0		
Powder/Ash.....	0		

Inorganic anions (%wt): Inorganic anions not expected to be present.

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Fluoride.....	0	
Chloride.....	0	
Iodide.....	0	
Cyanide.....	0	
Carbonate.....	0	
Nitrate.....	0	
Nitrite.....	0	
Phosphate.....	0	
Sulphate.....	0	
Sulphide.....	0	

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria: -

	(%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.....	0	

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Corrosive materials.....	0
Pyrophoric materials.....	0
Generating toxic gases.....	0
Reacting with water.....	0
Higher activity particles.....	0
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....	0

Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants: Lead is present in trace quantities.

	(%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): No

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....		
DPTA.....		
NTA.....		
Polycarboxylic acids.....		
Other organic complexants.....		
Total complexing agents.....	0	

Potential for the waste to contain discrete items: Yes. Tools and steel fabrications may be present in this waste stream.

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 Recycling / reuse Other / various None	Off-site	24.0 76.0

Comment on planned treatments:

Although there are no firm plans in place, based on current experience we have assumed the treatment methods set out in the table for the purposes of the 2022 UK Inventory.

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	76.0 24.0	1.5 1.4

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
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Opportunities for alternative disposal routing: Yes

Baseline Management Route	Opportunity Management Route	Stream volume (%)	Estimated Date that Opportunity will be realised	Opportunity Confidence	Comment
Authorised landfill	Recycle	~38.0	2045	Medium	Potential to reuse active concrete during final site closure is being investigated

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

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			

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: The main sources of activity are uranium isotopes.

Uncertainty: Waste within this waste stream is generated from a number of decommissioning projects which will commence at a future date. The uncertainties quoted for each nuclide represent both the uncertainty in quantification without detailed sampling and the likely variation of nuclide in different building consigned wastes under this waste stream. It is exceptionally unlikely that all the waste included in this waste stream will have the same variation in nuclide fingerprint. Also activity levels will depend on degree of decontamination achieved.

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: -

Other information: Other alpha not specified. Other beta/gamma includes Co58 1.22E-12 TBq/m³, Sr89 9.29E-14 TBq/m³, Zr95 1.55E-10 TBq/m³, Nb95 1.38E-10 TBq/m³ and Ru103 5.39E-11 TBq/m³. Nuclides making up remaining "other beta/gamma" not specified.

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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			6.60E-11	CC 2	Gd 153				
Be 10				8	Ho 163				
C 14			3.74E-12	CC 2	Ho 166m				
Na 22					Tm 170				
Al 26					Tm 171				
Cl 36				8	Lu 174				
Ar 39					Lu 176				
Ar 42					Hf 178n				
K 40					Hf 182				
Ca 41				8	Pt 193				
Mn 53					Tl 204				
Mn 54			1.39E-11	CC 2	Pb 205				
Fe 55			1.37E-11	CC 2	Pb 210				8
Co 60			1.71E-10	CC 2	Bi 208				
Ni 59				8	Bi 210m				
Ni 63			5.37E-13	CC 2	Po 210				8
Zn 65			5.07E-12	CC 2	Ra 223				
Se 79				8	Ra 225				
Kr 81					Ra 226		5.58E-13	CC 2	
Kr 85					Ra 228				
Rb 87					Ac 227				
Sr 90			6.27E-09	CC 2	Th 227				
Zr 93				8	Th 228				
Nb 91					Th 229				8
Nb 92					Th 230				8
Nb 93m				8	Th 232		5.80E-10	CC 2	
Nb 94				8	Th 234				
Mo 93				8	Pa 231				8
Tc 97					Pa 233				
Tc 99			5.57E-11	CC 2	U 232				
Ru 106			8.25E-10	CC 2	U 233				8
Pd 107				8	U 234		1.80E-09	CC 2	
Ag 108m				8	U 235		7.57E-10	CC 2	
Ag 110m					U 236		1.62E-10	CC 2	
Cd 109					U 238		4.65E-09	CC 2	
Cd 113m					Np 237		4.54E-10	CC 2	
Sn 119m					Pu 236				
Sn 121m				8	Pu 238		5.62E-10	CC 2	
Sn 123					Pu 239		9.77E-10	CC 2	
Sn 126				8	Pu 240		8.22E-10	CC 2	
Sb 125					Pu 241		2.17E-08	CC 2	
Sb 126					Pu 242				8
Te 125m					Am 241		8.93E-10	CC 2	
Te 127m					Am 242m				8
I 129				8	Am 243				8
Cs 134			3.25E-10	CC 2	Cm 242		2.79E-13	CC 2	
Cs 135				8	Cm 243				8
Cs 137			5.97E-09	CC 2	Cm 244		1.79E-12	CC 2	
Ba 133					Cm 245				8
La 137					Cm 246				8
La 138					Cm 248				
Ce 144			3.42E-10	CC 2	Cf 249				
Pm 145					Cf 250				
Pm 147			7.95E-11	CC 2	Cf 251				
Sm 147					Cf 252				
Sm 151			4.23E-13	CC 2	Other a		4.77E-12	CC 2	
Eu 152				8	Other b/g		3.65E-10	CC 2	
Eu 154			8.15E-12	CC 2	Total a	0	1.17E-08	CC 2	
Eu 155			4.34E-12	CC 2	Total b/g	0	3.62E-08	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