SITE Sellafield

SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Sellafield Limited

WASTE TYPE LLW

Is the waste subject to

Scottish Policy:

No

WASTE VOLUMES

Total waste volume: 3001.0 m³

Comment on volumes: Arisings are sourced from REM_TP_0116A and are based on the latest five-year forecasts

from the Waste Forecasting database. Uncertainty information is notional.

Uncertainty factors on Stock (upper): x Arisings (upper) x 1.5 volumes: Stock (lower): x Arisings (lower) x 0.5

WASTE SOURCE Project work is now taking place on the footprint of the former buildings involving

excavations and subsquent building work.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: The waste is comprised of wastes that have arisen as a result of excavations and building

works. The waste has not undergone any changes since it was generated.

Physical components (%wt): Metals (0.5%), Concrete/Rubble (8%), Soil (82%), Wood (1%), Rubber (1%), Halogenated

Plastics (0.2%), Non-Halogenated Plastics (0.3%), Hydrocarbons (1.6%) and Other

Organics (5.4%)

Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.

Bulk density (t/m³): 1.5

Comment on density: The total Bulk density is derived from REM_TP_0116A and is based on lifetime mass and

(%wt)

volume.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and

components (%wt):

Metals (0.5%), Concrete/Rubble (8%), Soil (82%), Wood (1%), Rubber (1%), Halogenated

Type(s) / Grade(s) with proportions

% of total C14

Plastics (0.2%), Non-Halogenated Plastics (0.3%), Hydrocarbons (1.6%) and Other

Organics (5.4%)

Chemical state: Neutral

Chemical form of radionuclides:

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Metals and alloys (%wt):

 Stainless steel
 0.22

 Other ferrous metals
 0.22

 Iron
 0.01

 Aluminium
 0.01

 Beryllium
 0

 Cobalt
 0

 Copper
 0.01

	Nickel	0		
	Titanium	0		
	Uranium	0		
	Zinc	0.01		
	Zircaloy/Zirconium	0		
	Other metals	0		
Organics (%	wt): -			
		(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14
	Total cellulosics	1.0		activity
	Paper, cotton	0		
	Wood	1.0		
	Halogenated plastics	0.25		
	Total non-halogenated plastics	0.31		
	Condensation polymers	0		
	Others	0		
	Organic ion exchange materials	0		
	Total rubber	1.0		
	Halogenated rubber	0		
	Non-halogenated rubber	0		
	Hydrocarbons	1.5		
	Oil or grease	0		
	Fuel	0		
	Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)	0.74		
	Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar)	0.74		
	Bitumen	0		
	Others	0		
	Other organics	5.4		
Other materi	als (%wt):			
		(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
	Inorganic ion exchange materials	0		
	Inorganic sludges and flocs	0		
	Soil	82.0		
	Brick/Stone/Rubble	8.0		
	Cementitious material	0		
	Sand	0		
	Glass/Ceramics	0		
	Graphite	0		
	Desiccants/Catalysts	0		
	Asbestos	0.05		
	Non/low friable	0.04		
	Moderately friable	<0.01		

	Highly friable	0	
	Free aqueous liquids	0	
	Free non-aqueous liquids	0	
	Powder/Ash	0	
Inorganic anic	ons (%wt):		
		(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
		, ,	7, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10, 10
	Fluoride	0	
	Chloride	0	
	lodide	0	
	Cyanide	0	
	Carbonate	0	
	Nitrate	0	
	Nitrite	0	
	Phosphate	0	
	Sulphate	0	
	Sulphide	0	
Materials of ir			
waste accepta	ance 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	2.0	
	Putrescible wastes	1.0	Vegetation / small carcasses
	Non-putrescible wastes	1.0	
	Corrosive materials	0	
	Pyrophoric materials	0	
	Generating toxic gases	0	
	Reacting with water	0.02	Zinc and Aluminium
	Higher activity particles	0	
	Soluble solids as bulk chemical	0	
	compounds		
Hazardous su non hazardou			
		(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
	Acrylamide	0	
	Benzene	0	
	Chlorinated solvents	0	
	Formaldehyde	0	
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Organometallics	0	
Phenol	0	
Styrene	0	
Tri-butyl phosphate	0	
Other organophosphates	0	
Vinyl chloride	0	
Arsenic	0	
Barium	0	
Boron	0	
Boron (in Boral)	0	
Boron (non-Boral)	0	
Cadmium	0	
Caesium	0	
Selenium	0	
Chromium	0	
Molybdenum	0	
Thallium	0	
Tin	0	
Vanadium	0	
Mercury compounds	0	
Others	0	
Electronic Electrical Equipment (EEE)		
EEE Type 1	0	
EEE Type 2	0	
EEE Type 3	0	
EEE Type 4	0	
EEE Type 5	0	
Complexing agents (%wt): Yes		
	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA	<0.01	
DPTA	0	
NTA	0	
Polycarboxylic acids	0	
Other organic complexants	0	
Total complexing agents	<0.01	
Potential for the waste to		

Potential for the waste to contain discrete items:

Not yet determined.

TREATMENT, PACKAGING AND DISPOSAL

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

Treatment	On-site / Off site	Stream volume %	
Low force compaction			
Supercompaction (HFC)	On-site	0.04	
Incineration			
Solidification			
Decontamination			
Metal treatment			
Size reduction			
Decay storage			
Recyling / reuse			
Other / various			
None	On-site	100.0	

Comment on planned treatments:

All high force compaction takes place in WAMAC.

Disposal Routes:

Disposal Route	Stream volume %	Disposal density t/m3
Expected to be consigned to the LLW Repository	0.04	0.14
Expected to be consigned to a Landfill Facility		
Expected to be consigned to an On-Site Disposal Facility	100.0	1.5
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		

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 %			
Disposal Noute	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	
Expected to be consigned to the LLW Repository Expected to be consigned to a Landfill Facility	0.05			
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	99.9	100.0		

Opportunities for alternative disposal routing: No

Baseline Opportunity Stream Date that Opportunity Opportunity Confidence Comment	
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Waste Packaging for Disposal:

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	0.04	59.28	< 1
1/2 Height IP-2 Disposal/Re-usable ISO			
2m box (no shielding)			
4m box (no shielding) Other (Disposed on site - no packages)	100.0		

Other information: -

Waste Planned for Disposal at the LLW Repository:

Container voidage:

Waste Characterisation Form (WCH):

The waste meets the LLWR's Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC).

The waste has a current WCH.

Differences exist between Inventory information and current WCH.

The data for forecast and treatment is based on the latest estimates from the waste forecasting database. The radionuclide fingerprint and chemical and physical

composition is based on the latest WCH.

Waste consigned for disposal to LLWR in year of generation:

Yes.

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 activity is mainly associated with contamination due to historical operations to recover

enriched uranium.

Uncertainty: The uncertainty associated with the derived fingerprint is likely to be relatively low, however

the volumes and total activity information (and possibly some other assumptions) are likely

to be more notional and thus more uncertain.

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:

Specific activity data is based on data in the corresponding WCH, which in turn maps an

estimated total activity to an analytically derived radionuclide fingerprint.

Other information: The radionuclides are based on the current WCH.

	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³				Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³				
Nuclida	Waste at	Bands and	Future	Bands and	Nuclida	Waste at	Bands and	Future	Bands and
Nuclide	1.4.2022	Code	arisings	Code	Nuclide	1.4.2022	Code	arisings	Code
H 3			3.36E-07	CC 2	Gd 153				
Be 10			0.075.00	00.0	Ho 163 Ho 166m				
C 14 Na 22			9.97E-09	CC 2	Tm 170				
					Tm 170				
Al 26 Cl 36					Lu 174				
Ar 39					Lu 174				
Ar 42					Hf 178n				
K 40					Hf 182				
Ca 41					Pt 193				
Mn 53					TI 204				
Mn 54					Pb 205				
Fe 55					Pb 210				
Co 60					Bi 208				
Ni 59					Bi 210m				
Ni 63					Po 210				
Zn 65					Ra 223				
Se 79					Ra 225				
Kr 81					Ra 226				
Kr 85					Ra 228				
Rb 87					Ac 227				
Sr 90			2.71E-07	CC 2	Th 227				
Zr 93					Th 228				
Nb 91					Th 229				
Nb 92					Th 230				
Nb 93m					Th 232				
Nb 94					Th 234				
Mo 93					Pa 231				
Tc 97					Pa 233				
Tc 99					U 232				
Ru 106					U 233				
Pd 107					U 234			2.18E-05	CC 2
Ag 108m					U 235			5.60E-07	CC 2
Ag 110m					U 236			5.005.00	00.0
Cd 109					U 238			5.23E-08	CC 2
Cd 113m					Np 237				
Sn 119m Sn 121m					Pu 236 Pu 238			2.99E-08	CC 2
Sn 12111					Pu 239				CC 2
Sn 126					Pu 239 Pu 240			3.24E-08 3.24E-08	CC 2
Sb 125					Pu 240 Pu 241			1.66E-06	CC 2
Sb 126								1.002-00	00 2
Te 125m					Pu 242 Am 241			1.32E-07	CC 2
Te 127m					Am 242m			1.52L-07	00 2
I 129					Am 243				
Cs 134					Cm 242				
Cs 135					Cm 243				
Cs 137			2.48E-09	CC 2	Cm 244			1.99E-08	CC 2
Ba 133					Cm 245			1	-
La 137					Cm 246				
La 138					Cm 248				
Ce 144					Cf 249				
Pm 145					Cf 250				
Pm 147	1				Cf 251				
Sm 147					Cf 252				
Sm 151					Other a				
Eu 152					Other b/g				
Eu 154					Total a	0		2.26E-05	CC 2
Eu 155					Total b/g	0		2.28E-06	CC 2
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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