SITE Sellafield

SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Sellafield Limited

WASTE TYPE LLW

Is the waste subject to

Scottish Policy:

No

WASTE VOLUMES

WASTE VOLUMES		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2022	0 m³
Future arisings -	1.4.2022 - 31.3.2023	47.3 m ³
	1.4.2023 - 31.3.2024	94.9 m ³
	1.4.2024 - 31.3.2025	84.9 m ³
	1.4.2025 - 31.3.2026	84.9 m ³
	1.4.2026 - 31.3.2027	79.9 m³
	1.4.2027 - 31.3.2028	79.9 m³
Total future arisings:		472.0 m ³
Total waste volume:		472.0 m ³

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

from the Waste Forecasting database. The overall timescale for waste arising are informed

by the Sellafield Site Master Timeline. 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 The waste arises as a result of care and maintenance of the facilities.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: The waste is a mixture of secondary waste and various hard wastes associated with both

redundant plant items and the building fabric. The waste has not undergone any changes

since it was generated.

Physical components (%wt): Metals (61.4%), Concrete/Rubble (2%), Soil (2%), Wood (5%), Rubber (2%), Halogenated

Plastics (6.8%), Non-Halogenated Plastics (6.8%), Other Organics (6%), Asbestos (2.3%)

and Other (5.7%).

Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.

Bulk density (t/m³): 0.962

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

volume.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

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Chemical state: Neutral

Chemical form of

radionuclides:

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Metals and alloys (%wt): Metal thickness not specified.

(%wt) Type(s) / Grade(s) with proportions % of total C14 activity

 Stainless steel
 17.8

 Other ferrous metals
 33.0

 Iron
 5.1

 Aluminium
 2.5

 Beryllium
 0

Cobalt	0		
Copper	-		
Lead			
Magnox/Magnesium	0		
Nickel	0		
Titanium	0		
Uranium	0		
Zinc	0.25		
Zircaloy/Zirconium	0		
Other metals	0		
Organics (%wt):			
	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulosics	5.0		dotivity
Paper, cotton	0		
Wood	5.0		
Halogenated plastics	6.8		
Total non-halogenated plastics	6.8		
Condensation polymers			
Others			
Organic ion exchange materials	0		
Total rubber	2.0		
Halogenated rubber			
Non-halogenated rubber			
Hydrocarbons	0		
Oil or grease	0		
Fuel	0		
Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)	0		
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar)	0		
Bitumen	0		
Others	0		
Other organics	6.0		
Other materials (%wt):			
	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Inorganic ion exchange materials	0		,
Inorganic sludges and flocs	0		
Soil	2.0		
Brick/Stone/Rubble	2.0		
Cementitious material	3.2		
Sand	0		
Glass/Ceramics	2.6		
Graphite	0		

	Desiccants/Catalysts	0	
	Asbestos	2.3	
	Non/low friable	1.9	
	Moderately friable	0.25	
	Highly friable	0.13	
	Free aqueous liquids	0	
	Free non-aqueous liquids	0	
	Powder/Ash	0	
Inorganic anic	ons (%wt):		
		(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
	Fluoride	0	
	Chloride	0	
	lodide	0	
	Cyanide	0	
	Carbonate	0	
	Nitrate	0	
	Nitrite	0	
	Phosphate	0	
	Sulphate	0	
	Sulphide	0	
Materials of in			
		(%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	6.0	
	Putrescible wastes	1.0	
	Non-putrescible wastes	5.0	
	Corrosive materials	0	
	Pyrophoric materials	0	
	Generating toxic gases	0	
	Reacting with water	2.8	
	Higher activity particles	0	
	Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds	0	

Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants:

		(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
	Acrylamide	0	
	Benzene	0	
	Chlorinated solvents	0	
	Formaldehyde	0	
	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		100 items in 5 years.
	EEE Type 2		100 items in 5 years.
	EEE Type 3		100 items in 5 years.
	EEE Type 4		100 items in 5 years.
	EEE Type 5		150 items in 5 years.
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 contain discrete items:

Yes. Metal sheets, machinery parts, pumps, motors

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	19.6
Incineration	Off-site	14.5
Solidification		
Decontamination		
Metal treatment	Off-site	56.3
Size reduction		
Decay storage		
Recyling / reuse		
Other / various		
None		9.6

Comment on planned treatments:

All high force compaction takes place in WAMAC. Metal treatment will take place offsite. Waste not requiring treatment is 'out of scope' metal, VLLW and direct disposal to LLWR.

Disposal Routes:

Disposal Route	Stream volume %	Disposal density t/m3
Expected to be consigned to the LLW Repository	24.3	0.34
Expected to be consigned to a Landfill Facility		
Expected to be consigned to an On-Site Disposal Facility	3.8	1.5
Expected to be consigned to an Incineration Facility	14.5	0.14
Expected to be consigned to a Metal Treatment Facility	56.3	1.4
Expected to be consigned as Out of Scope	1.1	1.4
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 Notice	2022/23 2023/24 2024/2 40.4 20.1 22.5 Facility 3.0 3.5 3.9 y 24.1 12.0 13.4 cility 30.7 63.4 59.1	2024/25		
Expected to be consigned to the LLW Repository Expected to be consigned to a Landfill Facility	40.4	20.1	22.5	
Expected to be consigned to an On-Site Disposal Facility	3.0	3.5	3.9	
Expected to be consigned to an Incineration Facility	24.1	12.0	13.4	
Expected to be consigned to a Metal Treatment Facility	30.7	63.4	59.1	
Expected to be consigned as Out of Scope	1.8	0.88	0.99	
Expected to be recycled / reused				
Disposal route not known				
-1				

Opportunities for alternative disposal routing: No

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

Waste Packaging for Disposal:

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	19.6	59.28	2
1/2 Height IP-2 Disposal/Re-usable ISO 2m box (no shielding)	4.7	10	3
4m box (no shielding)			
Other (VLLW disposed to onsite landfill -No packages)	3.8		

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.

Materials and radioactivity data have been taken from the current WCH, but data on waste volumes and waste routes are based on the Waste Forecasting database as

this information is more recent.

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 has arisen from the PIE of Magnox, AGR and PWR fuel. The waste becomes

contaminated during care and maintenance.

Uncertainty: The uncertainty associated with the fingerprinting analysis is likely to be 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 have been taken from REM_TP_0116A and are based on the current

WCH.

		Mean radioac	tivity, TBq/m³		Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³				
Nuclide	Waste at	Bands and Code	Future	Bands and Code	Nuclide	Waste at	Bands and Code	Future arisings	Bands and Code
H 3	1.4.2022	Code	arisings 1.08E-07	CC 2	Gd 153	1.4.2022	Code	ansings	Code
н 3 Ве 10			1.00⊑-07	CC 2	Ho 163				
C 14			2.37E-07	CC 2	Ho 166m				
Na 22			2.57 L-07	00 2	Tm 170				
Al 26					Tm 171				
CI 36					Lu 174				
Ar 39					Lu 176				
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			5.92E-08	CC 2	Bi 208				
Ni 59					Bi 210m				
Ni 63			1.23E-06	CC 2	Po 210				
Zn 65					Ra 223				
Se 79					Ra 225				
Kr 81					Ra 226				
Kr 85					Ra 228				
Rb 87					Ac 227				
Sr 90			1.57E-05	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			5.38E-09	CC 2	U 232				
Ru 106					U 233				
Pd 107					U 234				
Ag 108m					U 235				
Ag 110m					U 236				
Cd 109					U 238 Np 237				
Cd 113m					Pu 236				
Sn 119m					Pu 238			5.76E-07	CC 2
Sn 121m					Pu 239			2.53E-07	CC 2
Sn 123 Sn 126					Pu 240			2.53E-07 2.53E-07	CC 2
Sh 126 Sb 125					Pu 240 Pu 241	ł		8.94E-06	CC 2
Sb 125 Sb 126					Pu 241			0.546-00	00 2
Te 125m					Am 241			1.24E-06	CC 2
Te 127m					Am 242m	i			-
I 129					Am 243				
Cs 134					Cm 242				
Cs 135					Cm 243				
Cs 137			2.48E-05	CC 2	Cm 244			1.77E-07	CC 2
Ba 133					Cm 245				
La 137					Cm 246				
La 138					Cm 248				
Ce 144					Cf 249				
Pm 145					Cf 250				
Pm 147					Cf 251				
Sm 147					Cf 252				
Sm 151			1.61E-07	CC 2	Other a				
Eu 152					Other b/g				
Eu 154			1.08E-07	CC 2	Total a	0		2.50E-06	CC 2
Eu 155			1.61E-08	CC 2	Total b/g	0		5.13E-05	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

Bands quantify uncertainty in Note: mean radioactivity.

Code

- 1 Measured activity
- 2 Derived activity (best estimate) 3 Derived activity (upper limit)
- 4 Not present
- 5 Present but not significant
- 7 Present in significant duantities but not determined 8 Not expected to be present in significant quantity