

WASTE STREAM	3L19	Catalyst
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SITE Heysham 1

SITE OWNER EDFE NGL

WASTE CUSTODIAN EDFE NGL

WASTE TYPE ILW

Is the waste subject to Scottish Policy: No

WASTE VOLUMES

		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2022.....	4.2 m ³
Future arisings -	1.4.2022 - 31.3.2024.....	0 m ³
	1.4.2024 - 31.3.2025.....	1.6 m ³
Total future arisings:		1.6 m ³
Total waste volume:		5.8 m ³

Comment on volumes: Waste volumes will be variable depending on station operating conditions. Current stock volumes are known. The volume of catalyst in the recombination units is known and so future arising volumes are predictable.

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x 1.5 Arisings (upper) x 1.75
 Stock (lower): x 0.5 Arisings (lower) x 0.25

WASTE SOURCE Exhausted catalysts that have been used for the recombination of carbon dioxide reactor coolant.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Catalyst materials. There are no large items in the waste which may require special handling.

Physical components (%vol): Catalyst (>80% wt). Steel drums, high density polythene liners (<10% wt) containing the waste.

Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.

Bulk density (t/m³): ~1.06

Comment on density: -

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Alumina-platinum catalyst (>80% wt), polythene liners (<10% wt). The platinum is in an "active" form deposited onto an alumina base granule.

Chemical state: Neutral

Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: Incorporated into material
 C-14: May be present as Graphite contamination
 Cl-36: Activation of sulphide components within the gas stream.
 Se-79: Not expected to be present in significant quantities
 Tc-99: Not expected to be present in significant quantities
 I-129: Not expected to be present in significant quantities
 Ra: Not expected to be present in significant quantities
 Th: Not expected to be present in significant quantities
 U: Not expected to be present in significant quantities
 Np: Not expected to be present in significant quantities
 Pu: Not expected to be present in significant quantities

Metals and alloys (%wt): Not expected to be present.

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

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Cobalt.....	NE
Copper.....	
Lead.....	0
Magnox/Magnesium.....	0
Nickel.....	NE
Titanium.....	NE
Uranium.....	NE
Zinc.....	0
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	0
Other metals.....	~0.30 ~0.3%wt Platinum on alumina.

Organics (%wt): To be further assessed. Polythene drum liners are present.

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulose.....	0		
Paper, cotton.....	0		
Wood.....	0		
Halogenated plastics	0		
Total non-halogenated plastics.....	<10.0		
Condensation polymers.....	0		
Others.....	<10.0		
Organic ion exchange materials....	0		
Total rubber.....	0		
Halogenated rubber	0		
Non-halogenated rubber.....	0		
Hydrocarbons.....	0		
Oil or grease			
Fuel.....			
Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)...			
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar)....			
Bitumen.....			
Others.....			
Other organics.....	NE		

Other materials (%wt): Approximately 80wt% alumina base granule.

	(%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.....	0		
Glass/Ceramics.....			
Graphite.....	0		

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Desiccants/Catalysts.....	89.7
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 listed inorganic anions are expected to be present at greater than trace constituents.

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

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria: There are no materials identified in the waste likely to present a fire or other non-radiological hazard.

	(%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.....	0	Not expected
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....	0	

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Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants: To be determined.

	(%wt)	
Acrylamide.....	NE	Type(s) and comment
Benzene.....	NE	
Chlorinated solvents.....	NE	
Formaldehyde.....	NE	
Organometallics.....	NE	
Phenol.....	NE	
Styrene.....	NE	
Tri-butyl phosphate.....	NE	
Other organophosphates.....	NE	
Vinyl chloride.....	NE	
Arsenic.....	NE	
Barium.....	NE	
Boron.....	NE	
Boron (in Boral).....	NE	
Boron (non-Boral).....	NE	
Cadmium.....	NE	
Caesium.....	NE	
Selenium.....	NE	
Chromium.....	NE	
Molybdenum.....	NE	
Thallium.....	NE	
Tin.....	NE	
Vanadium.....	NE	
Mercury compounds.....	NE	
Others.....	NE	
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): Not yet determined

	(%wt)	
EDTA.....	NE	Type(s) and comment
DPTA.....	NE	
NTA.....	NE	
Polycarboxylic acids.....	NE	
Other organic complexants.....	NE	Expect only trace quantities, if any.
Total complexing agents.....	NE	

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Potential for the waste to contain discrete items: No.

TREATMENT, PACKAGING AND DISPOSAL

Waste that is currently ILW: This waste is ILW at the time of arising. The waste is stored temporarily to allow decay of short lived radionuclides. Following this, the waste is sent for decontamination to LLW.

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

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

Comment on planned treatments:

Current waste treatment is to decontaminated to LLW and then encapsulated. However, trials are ongoing into both washing and incineration, and direct incineration.

Disposal Routes:

Disposal Route	Stream volume %	Disposal density t/m3
Expected to be consigned to the LLW Repository	100.0	NE
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		

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
Disposal at LLWR	Incineration	-	-	Medium	-

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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	9.54E-02	CC 1	9.54E-02	CC 1	Gd 153				
Be 10					Ho 163				
C 14		8		8	Ho 166m				
Na 22					Tm 170				
Al 26					Tm 171				
Cl 36	8.06E-06	CC 1	8.06E-06	CC 1	Lu 174				
Ar 39					Lu 176				
Ar 42					Hf 178n				
K 40	2.67E-08	CC 1	2.67E-08	CC 1	Hf 182				
Ca 41					Pt 193				
Mn 53					Tl 204				
Mn 54	4.79E-07	CC 1	4.79E-07	CC 1	Pb 205				
Fe 55	4.56E-06	CC 1	4.56E-06	CC 1	Pb 210				
Co 60	1.26E-06	CC 1	1.26E-06	CC 1	Bi 208				
Ni 59					Bi 210m				
Ni 63	3.36E-05	CC 1	3.36E-05	CC 1	Po 210				
Zn 65		8		8	Ra 223				
Se 79					Ra 225				
Kr 81					Ra 226				
Kr 85					Ra 228				
Rb 87					Ac 227				
Sr 90					Th 227				
Zr 93					Th 228				
Nb 91					Th 229				
Nb 92					Th 230				
Nb 93m					Th 232				
Nb 94		8		8	Th 234	8		8	
Mo 93					Pa 231				
Tc 97					Pa 233				
Tc 99					U 232				
Ru 106		8		8	U 233				
Pd 107					U 234				
Ag 108m		8		8	U 235	8		8	
Ag 110m		8		8	U 236				
Cd 109		8		8	U 238				
Cd 113m					Np 237	8		8	
Sn 119m					Pu 236				
Sn 121m					Pu 238				
Sn 123					Pu 239				
Sn 126					Pu 240				
Sb 125		8		8	Pu 241				
Sb 126					Pu 242				
Te 125m					Am 241	8		8	
Te 127m					Am 242m				
I 129					Am 243				
Cs 134		8		8	Cm 242				
Cs 135					Cm 243				
Cs 137	2.61E-07	CC 1	2.61E-07	CC 1	Cm 244				
Ba 133		8		8	Cm 245				
La 137					Cm 246				
La 138					Cm 248				
Ce 144		8		8	Cf 249				
Pm 145					Cf 250				
Pm 147					Cf 251				
Sm 147					Cf 252				
Sm 151					Other a	1.59E-07	CC 1	1.59E-07	CC 1
Eu 152		8		8	Other b/g	2.98E-02	CC 1	2.98E-02	CC 1
Eu 154		8		8	Total a	1.59E-07	CC 1	1.59E-07	CC 1
Eu 155		8		8	Total b/g	1.25E-01	CC 1	1.25E-01	CC 1

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