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SITE Heysham 1

SITE OWNER EDFE NGL

WASTE CUSTODIAN EDFE NGL

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 - 31.3.2112.....	0 m ³
	1.4.2112 - 31.3.2113.....	149.2 m ³
	1.4.2113 - 31.3.2114.....	163.7 m ³
	1.4.2114 - 31.3.2115.....	140.2 m ³
Total future arisings:		453.0 m ³
Total waste volume:		453.0 m ³

Comment on volumes: Waste volumes will be variable depending on station operating conditions. Volumes based on Back to Bio Shield strategy. Work is ongoing looking at optimising the strategy which could lead to a change in volume and timings of arisings across Final Site Clearance wastes (300s) and Pre C&M wastes (100s), in future submissions.

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

WASTE SOURCE Reflector shield graphite from reactor dismantling.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Graphite blocks and other graphite components. Waste can be packaged in standard NDA packages.

Physical components (%vol): Graphite (~100%).

Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.

Bulk density (t/m³): ~1.25

Comment on density: Assumes 10% of graphite will arise as rubble with a worse packing efficiency than blocks.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Graphite and possible traces of ferrous metals.

Chemical state: -

Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: Diffused into matrix
 C-14: Incorporated in the graphite
 Cl-36: Incorporated in the graphite
 Se-79: Not significant
 Tc-99: Not determined
 I-129: Not significant
 Ra: Radium content is insignificant
 Th: Thorium content is Insignificant
 U: Uranium content is insignificant
 Np: Neptunium content is insignificant
 Pu: Plutonium content is insignificant

Metals and alloys (%wt): Waste expected to be placed in metal 'baskets' before being placed in waste packages.

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grade(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	NE		
Other ferrous metals.....	NE		
Iron.....	0		
Aluminium.....	0		

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Beryllium.....	0
Cobalt.....	0
Copper.....	0
Lead.....	0
Magnox/Magnesium.....	0
Nickel.....	0
Titanium.....	0
Uranium.....	0
Zinc.....	0
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	0
Other metals.....	0

Organics (%wt): None expected.

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulose.....	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.....	0		
Oil or grease			
Fuel.....			
Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)...			
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar)....			
Bitumen.....			
Others.....			
Other organics.....	0		

Other materials (%wt): -

	(%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.....	0		

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Graphite.....	100.0	100.0
Desiccants/Catalysts.....	0	
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 likely 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: 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	
Non-putrescible wastes.....	0	
Corrosive materials.....	0	
Pyrophoric materials.....	0	
Generating toxic gases.....	0	
Reacting with water.....	0	
Higher activity particles.....	P	May be present.
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....	0	

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Hazardous substances /
non hazardous pollutants: -

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Acrylamide.....	NE	
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)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....	NE	
DPTA.....	NE	
NTA.....	NE	
Polycarboxylic acids.....	NE	
Other organic complexants.....	NE	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

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		100.0

Comment on planned treatments:

The waste is not expected to be compacted. It will be placed in metal baskets in the waste packages, and is assumed to be encapsulated.

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	100.0	~1.3

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: -

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

Waste Packaging for Disposal:

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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)	100.0	15	31
Other			

Other information: The waste will probably be in baskets placed in the waste packages.
Conditioned density 1.86.

Waste Planned for Disposal at the LLW Repository:

Container voidage: -

Waste Characterisation Form (WCH): It is not yet determined if the waste meets LLWR's Waste Acceptance Criteria (WAC).

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: Activation of the graphite and impurities, Contamination by other activated materials.

Uncertainty: The values quoted were derived by calculation from available material specification and are indicative of the activities that are expected. A major source of uncertainty is the impurity levels.

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: Activation/decay calculations based on neutron flux and projected operating history.

Other information: There may be some contamination by Cs137. The activities quoted are for the time at which this waste will arise (i.e. ~85 years after end of generation).

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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			3.02E-04	CC 2	Gd 153				
Be 10				8	Ho 163				
C 14			2.72E-05	CC 2	Ho 166m				8
Na 22				4	Tm 170				
Al 26				4	Tm 171				
Cl 36			1.25E-06	CC 2	Lu 174				
Ar 39					Lu 176				
Ar 42					Hf 178n				
K 40					Hf 182				
Ca 41			1.45E-06	CC 2	Pt 193				
Mn 53					Tl 204				
Mn 54				8	Pb 205				
Fe 55				8	Pb 210				8
Co 60			4.02E-07	CC 2	Bi 208				
Ni 59			4.31E-07	CC 2	Bi 210m				
Ni 63			2.53E-05	CC 2	Po 210				8
Zn 65				8	Ra 223				
Se 79				8	Ra 225				
Kr 81					Ra 226				8
Kr 85					Ra 228				
Rb 87					Ac 227				
Sr 90				8	Th 227				
Zr 93				8	Th 228				
Nb 91					Th 229				8
Nb 92					Th 230				8
Nb 93m				8	Th 232				8
Nb 94				8	Th 234				
Mo 93			1.84E-09	CC 2	Pa 231				8
Tc 97					Pa 233				
Tc 99				8	U 232				
Ru 106				8	U 233				8
Pd 107				8	U 234				8
Ag 108m				8	U 235				8
Ag 110m					U 236				8
Cd 109					U 238				8
Cd 113m					Np 237				8
Sn 119m					Pu 236				
Sn 121m			1.08E-08	CC 2	Pu 238				8
Sn 123					Pu 239				8
Sn 126				8	Pu 240				8
Sb 125					Pu 241				8
Sb 126					Pu 242				8
Te 125m					Am 241				8
Te 127m					Am 242m				8
I 129				8	Am 243				8
Cs 134				8	Cm 242				8
Cs 135				8	Cm 243				8
Cs 137				8	Cm 244				8
Ba 133			4.03E-08	CC 2	Cm 245				8
La 137					Cm 246				8
La 138					Cm 248				
Ce 144				8	Cf 249				
Pm 145			5.14E-09	CC 2	Cf 250				
Pm 147				8	Cf 251				
Sm 147					Cf 252				
Sm 151			3.35E-06	CC 2	Other a				8
Eu 152			1.52E-05	CC 2	Other b/g				8
Eu 154			1.33E-07	CC 2	Total a	0	<1E-09		8
Eu 155				8	Total b/g	0	3.77E-04	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