

WASTE STREAM	3M04	Desiccant
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SITE Heysham 2

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.....	0 m ³
Future arisings -	1.4.2022 - 31.3.2024.....	0 m ³
	1.4.2024 - 31.3.2025.....	40.0 m ³
	1.4.2025 - 31.3.2028.....	0 m ³
	1.4.2028 - 31.3.2029.....	40.0 m ³
Total future arisings:		80.0 m ³
Total waste volume:		80.0 m ³

Comment on volumes: Waste volumes will be variable depending on station operating conditions. The volume of desiccant waste in each tower is known and so future arising volumes are predictable.

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x 1.25 Arisings (upper) x 1.25
Stock (lower): x 0.75 Arisings (lower) x 0.75

WASTE SOURCE Exhausted desiccants that have been used for the drying of carbon dioxide reactor coolant.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Exhausted desiccants that have been used for the drying of carbon dioxide reactor coolant. Some residual moisture may be associated with the desiccant. There are no large items in the waste which may require special handling.

Physical components (%vol): Desiccant (~95% vol), Ceramic and mild steel balls (~5% vol). Drums are lined with polythene (<1%).

Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.

Bulk density (t/m³): ~0.8

Comment on density: -

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Silica gel (SORBEAD) desiccant, and ceramic and mild steel shielding balls present. Some residual moisture associated with the desiccant. Polythene drum liners will be <1wt%. Percentage weight of other components not estimated.

Chemical state: Neutral

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

Metals and alloys (%wt): -

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	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grade(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	TR		
Other ferrous metals.....	P		
Iron.....	0		
Aluminium.....	TR		
Beryllium.....	NE		
Cobalt.....	NE		
Copper.....	TR		
Lead.....	TR		
Magnox/Magnesium.....	0		
Nickel.....	NE		
Titanium.....	NE		
Uranium.....	NE		
Zinc.....	TR		
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	0		
Other metals.....	NE		

Organics (%wt): To be further assessed following operational experience. Polythene drum liners are currently used.

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulose.....	0		
Paper, cotton.....	0		
Wood.....	0		
Halogenated plastics	0		
Total non-halogenated plastics.....	<1.0		
Condensation polymers.....	0		
Others.....	<1.0		
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): Silica desiccant (95%). Ceramic shielding balls will be present. The weight percentage is not yet assessed.

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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.....	0		
Cementitious material.....	0		
Sand.....	0		
Glass/Ceramics.....	P		
Graphite.....	0		
Desiccants/Catalysts.....	99.0		
Asbestos.....	0		
Non/low friable.....			
Moderately friable.....			
Highly friable.....			
Free aqueous liquids.....	P		
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 10%.

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Fluoride.....	<10.0	
Chloride.....	<10.0	
Iodide.....	<10.0	
Cyanide.....	NE	
Carbonate.....	<10.0	
Nitrate.....	<10.0	
Nitrite.....	NE	
Phosphate.....	<10.0	
Sulphate.....	<10.0	
Sulphide.....	<10.0	

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. Free liquids are present before decontamination and drying.

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

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	

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Complexing agents (%wt): Not yet determined

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

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 desiccant is disposed of via incineration. Waste will be consigned as ILW and therefore the decay period to LLW is not known.

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	100.0
	On-site	100.0

Comment on planned treatments: The waste will be directly incinerated.

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	~0.80

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):

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Disposal Route	Stream volume %		
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
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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: (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: -
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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: Activity is principally H-3 with much smaller amounts of Fe-55 and C-14.
 Uncertainty: All activities based on samples taken and analysed in 2016. These give a good indication of activities present but may not be bounding. Specific activity is a function of operating history.
 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'.

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radioactivities:

Analysis of HYB desiccant samples from 2016.

Other information:

Beta/gamma nuclides of arisings and stocks not listed in Radionuclide tab (in TBq/m³)
include S35 (2E-3) & Se75 (3E-6)

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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			5.69E-02	CC 1	Gd 153				
Be 10					Ho 163				
C 14			1.55E-05	CC 1	Ho 166m				
Na 22					Tm 170				
Al 26					Tm 171				
Cl 36			1.28E-06	CC 1	Lu 174				
Ar 39					Lu 176				
Ar 42					Hf 178n				
K 40				8	Hf 182				
Ca 41					Pt 193				
Mn 53					Tl 204				
Mn 54			3.84E-07	CC 1	Pb 205				
Fe 55			3.04E-05	CC 1	Pb 210				
Co 60			2.3E-06	CC 1	Bi 208				
Ni 59					Bi 210m				
Ni 63			2.4E-06	CC 1	Po 210				
Zn 65				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	Th 234				
Mo 93					Pa 231				
Tc 97					Pa 233				
Tc 99					U 232				
Ru 106				8	U 233				
Pd 107					U 234				
Ag 108m				8	U 235				
Ag 110m			3.68E-09	CC 1	U 236				
Cd 109					U 238				
Cd 113m					Np 237				
Sn 119m					Pu 236				
Sn 121m					Pu 238				
Sn 123					Pu 239				
Sn 126					Pu 240				
Sb 125				8	Pu 241				
Sb 126					Pu 242				
Te 125m					Am 241				8
Te 127m					Am 242m				
I 129					Am 243				
Cs 134			2.96E-09	CC 1	Cm 242				
Cs 135					Cm 243				
Cs 137			1.34E-07	CC 1	Cm 244				
Ba 133				8	Cm 245				
La 137					Cm 246				
La 138					Cm 248				
Ce 144				8	Cf 249				
Pm 145					Cf 250				
Pm 147					Cf 251				
Sm 147					Cf 252				
Sm 151					Other a		1.28E-07	CC 1	
Eu 152				8	Other b/g		2.44E-06	CC 1	
Eu 154				8	Total a	0	1.28E-07	CC 1	
Eu 155				8	Total b/g	0	5.69E-02	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