

WASTE STREAM	5C335	LETP HLA Tanks ILW
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SITE Harwell
SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Magnox Limited

WASTE TYPE ILW

Is the waste subject to Scottish Policy: No

WASTE VOLUMES

		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2022.....	~12.6 m ³
Total future arisings:		0 m ³
Total waste volume:		12.6 m ³

Comment on volumes: Volume estimated from waste in drums.

Uncertainty factors on volumes:	Stock (upper):	x 1.5	Arisings (upper)	x
	Stock (lower):	x 0.1	Arisings (lower)	x

WASTE SOURCE Residual heels arising from the removal of liquors and sludge from the High Level Active tanks at the LETP

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Solid waste contaminated with fission products, activation products and actinides in the form of sandy/caked heels. Sandy, caked material.

Physical components (%vol): Solids (100%)

Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.

Bulk density (t/m³): ~2

Comment on density: This is the mean density (as stored)

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Heel waste from the HLA tanks assumed to be containing uranium (21% w/v), nitrate (1.3%-4% w/v), thorium (up to 3% w/v), sulphate (0.1-0.3% w/v) and chloride (0.1%). This is based on data obtained from the liquors and sludge contained in the tanks (see Waste Streams 5C18 and 5C320). The waste is from tanks containing acidic waste with a pH of 0.36-0.98.

Chemical state: Acid

Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: expected to be present in heels
 Cl-36: expected to be present in heels
 I-129: expected to be present in heels
 Ra: expected to be present in heels
 Th: expected to be present in heels
 U: expected to be present in heels
 Np: expected to be present in heels
 Pu: expected to be present in heels

Metals and alloys (%wt): None

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grade(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....			
Other ferrous metals.....			
Iron.....			
Aluminium.....			
Beryllium.....			
Cobalt.....			
Copper.....			
Lead.....			

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Magnox/Magnesium.....
 Nickel.....
 Titanium.....
 Uranium.....
 Zinc.....
 Zircaloy/Zirconium.....
 Other metals.....

Organics (%wt): -

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

Other materials (%wt): -

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Inorganic ion exchange materials..			
Inorganic sludges and flocs.....			
Soil.....			
Brick/Stone/Rubble.....			
Cementitious material.....	30.0		
Sand.....	70.0	Sandy, caked material	
Glass/Ceramics.....			
Graphite.....			
Desiccants/Catalysts.....			
Asbestos.....	0		
Non/low friable.....			

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Moderately friable.....

Highly friable.....

Free aqueous liquids.....

Free non-aqueous liquids.....

Powder/Ash.....

Inorganic anions (%wt): -

(%wt) Type(s) and comment

Fluoride.....

Chloride..... ~0.10

Iodide.....

Cyanide.....

Carbonate.....

Nitrate..... ~4.0

Nitrite.....

Phosphate..... ~0.20

Sulphate..... <0.30

Sulphide..... ~0.30

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria: Unknown at present

(%wt) Type(s) and comment

Combustible metals.....

Low flash point liquids.....

Explosive materials.....

Phosphorus.....

Hydrides.....

Biological etc. materials.....

Biodegradable materials..... 0

Putrescible wastes.....

Non-putrescible wastes.....

Corrosive materials.....

Pyrophoric materials.....

Generating toxic gases.....

Reacting with water.....

Higher activity particles.....

Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....

Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants: -

(%wt) Type(s) and comment

Acrylamide.....

Benzene.....

Chlorinated solvents.....

Formaldehyde.....
 Organometallics.....
 Phenol.....
 Styrene.....
 Tri-butyl phosphate.....
 Other organophosphates.....
 Vinyl chloride.....
 Arsenic.....
 Barium.....
 Boron..... 0
 Boron (in Boral).....
 Boron (non-Boral).....
 Cadmium.....
 Caesium.....
 Selenium.....
 Chromium.....
 Molybdenum.....
 Thallium.....
 Tin.....
 Vanadium.....
 Mercury compounds.....
 Others.....
 Electronic Electrical Equipment (EEE)
 EEE Type 1.....
 EEE Type 2.....
 EEE Type 3.....
 EEE Type 4.....
 EEE Type 5.....

Complexing agents (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....		
DPTA.....		
NTA.....		
Polycarboxylic acids.....		
Other organic complexants.....		
Total complexing agents.....		

Potential for the waste to contain discrete items: No. In & of itself not a DI; assumed not likely to contain any "rogue" items that could be.

PACKAGING AND CONDITIONING

Conditioning method: The heels are contained in 200 litre drums and are due to be transfer from the LETP to the Solid Waste Complex for processing into 500 litre drums. These will be stored at Harwell pending disposal to the GDF. Ongoing work required to identify packing factor and processing methodology.

Plant Name: Solid Waste Complex

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Location: Harwell

Plant startup date: -

Total capacity (m³/y incoming waste): -

Target start date for packaging this stream: -

Throughput for this stream (m³/y incoming waste): -

Other information: -

Likely container type:	Container	Waste packaged (%vol)	Waste loading (m ³)	Payload (m ³)	Number of packages
	500 l drum (pre-cast annular)	100.0	0.394	0.4	32

Likely container type comment: -

Range in container waste volume: -

Other information on containers: -

Likely conditioning matrix: -

Other information: -

Conditioned density (t/m³): -

Conditioned density comment: -

Other information on conditioning: -

Opportunities for alternative disposal routing: -

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

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: -

Uncertainty: Waste stream being characterised for radionuclide activity but unavailable at the time of the 2022 UK RWI submission.

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: -

Other information: -

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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					Gd 153				
Be 10					Ho 163				
C 14					Ho 166m				
Na 22					Tm 170				
Al 26					Tm 171				
Cl 36					Lu 174				
Ar 39					Lu 176				
Ar 42					Hf 178n				
K 40					Hf 182				
Ca 41					Pt 193				
Mn 53					Tl 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					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				
Ag 108m					U 235				
Ag 110m					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					Pu 241				
Sb 126					Pu 242				
Te 125m					Am 241				
Te 127m					Am 242m				
I 129					Am 243				
Cs 134					Cm 242				
Cs 135					Cm 243				
Cs 137					Cm 244				
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					Other a				
Eu 152					Other b/g				
Eu 154					Total a	NE		0	
Eu 155					Total b/g	NE		0	

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