

WASTE STREAM	5C336	Radiologically Contaminated Mercury
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SITE Harwell
SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Magnox Limited

WASTE TYPE LLW

Is the waste subject to Scottish Policy: No

WASTE VOLUMES

		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2022.....	~~2.0 m ³
Total future arisings:		0 m ³
Total waste volume:		2.0 m ³
Comment on volumes:	Limited data available on volumes so estimated.	
Uncertainty factors on volumes:	Stock (upper): x 1.75	Arisings (upper) x
	Stock (lower): x 0.1	Arisings (lower) x

WASTE SOURCE Contaminated liquid mercury

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Radiologically contaminated liquid mercury. The majority of the mercury is contained within 250cc pots, there are also a number of 200 litre polyethylene drums and a small number of additional containers within fume cupboards.

Physical components (%vol): Liquid mercury

Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.

Bulk density (t/m³): 13.6

Comment on density: Density of mercury

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): -

Chemical state: -

Chemical form of radionuclides: -

Metals and alloys (%wt): -

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

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Zircaloy/Zirconium.....			
Other metals.....	99.0	Liquid mercury	
Organics (%wt):	-		
	(%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.....	1.0	Containers housing the waste	
Others.....	0		
Organic ion exchange materials....	0		
Total rubber.....	0		
Halogenated rubber	0		
Non-halogenated rubber.....	0		
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.....			
Sand.....			
Glass/Ceramics.....			
Graphite.....			
Desiccants/Catalysts.....			
Asbestos.....			
Non/low friable.....			
Moderately friable.....			
Highly friable.....			
Free aqueous liquids.....			
Free non-aqueous liquids.....			
Powder/Ash.....			

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Inorganic anions (%wt):

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(%wt) Type(s) and comment

Fluoride.....

Chloride.....

Iodide.....

Cyanide.....

Carbonate.....

Nitrate.....

Nitrite.....

Phosphate.....

Sulphate.....

Sulphide.....

Materials of interest for
waste acceptance criteria:

Mercury - toxic and corrosive

(%wt) Type(s) and comment

Combustible metals.....

Low flash point liquids.....

Explosive materials.....

Phosphorus.....

Hydrides.....

Biological etc. materials.....

Biodegradable materials.....

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:

Liquid mercury (99%) contaminated with radiological isotopes

(%wt) Type(s) and comment

Acrylamide.....

Benzene.....

Chlorinated solvents.....

Formaldehyde.....

Organometallics.....

Phenol.....

Styrene.....

Tri-butyl phosphate.....

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Other organophosphates.....
 Vinyl chloride.....
 Arsenic.....
 Barium.....
 Boron.....
 Boron (in Boral).....
 Boron (non-Boral).....
 Cadmium.....
 Caesium.....
 Selenium.....
 Chromium.....
 Molybdenum.....
 Thallium.....
 Tin.....
 Vanadium.....
 Mercury compounds..... 99.0 Liquid Mercury
 Others.....
 Electronic Electrical Equipment (EEE)
 EEE Type 1.....
 EEE Type 2.....
 EEE Type 3.....
 EEE Type 4.....
 EEE Type 5.....

Complexing agents (%wt):

	(%wt)	
EDTA.....		Type(s) and comment
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

TREATMENT, PACKAGING AND DISPOSAL

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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

Comment on planned treatments:

The current plan is that contaminated mercury can be disposed of through incineration but this route has yet to be confirmed.

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	13.6

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
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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)

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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)			
Other			

Other information: -

Waste Planned for Disposal at the LLW Repository: (Not applicable to this waste stream)

Container voidage: -

Waste Characterisation Form (WCH): -

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: -

Uncertainty: No fingerprint available at the time of submission for the 2022 UK RWI.

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