SITE Culham

SITE OWNER United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

**WASTE CUSTODIAN** United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

LLW **WASTE TYPE** 

Is the waste subject to

Scottish Policy:

Nο

**WASTE VOLUMES** 

Reported

At 1.4.2022..... Stocks: ~101.8 m<sup>3</sup> Future arisings -1.4.2022 - 31.3.2024...... ~~26.0 m<sup>3</sup> 26.0 m<sup>3</sup>

Total future arisings: Total waste volume: 127.8 m<sup>3</sup>

Comment on volumes: As this is an operational waste stream the arisings will not be constant and will depend on

> the JET experimental programme, maintenance activities and breakdowns. It is assumed that the JET Experimental Programme is completed at the end of 2024. Decommissioning

on this basis starts in 2025.

Uncertainty factors on

Stock (upper): volumes:

x 1.2 Arisings (upper) x 2.0

Stock (lower): x 0.8 Arisings (lower) x 0.5

**WASTE SOURCE** JET operations resulting in neutron activiation and/or tritium contamination of waste.

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Protective clothing, swabs, plastic wrappings, masks, plastic isolation tents. Waste is

segregated, sampled and low force compacted to reduce storage volumes and confirm

disposal routes.

Physical components (%wt): Clothing, swabs, wrappings, masks, plastics (polythene sheet) floor coverings, plastic

> isolation tents. Estimate plastic (74%), cellulose (4%), rubber (4%), with very small quantity of metal (i.e. on masks and in wellington boot toe caps). Organic Liquids (17%), metals

(<1%).

Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.

~0.36 Bulk density (t/m3):

Individual packages vary, figure used is based on historical Net wt averages of all Comment on density:

packages generated as part of the waste stream between 01/01/2010 and 31/03/2016.

#### CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt):

Plastic (74%), rubber (4%), cellulose including wood (4%), organic liquids (17%), metals

(1%) and traces of graphite and beryllium.

Chemical state: Neutral

Chemical form of radionuclides:

H-3: Mainly outgassed tritium present in the form of tritiated water vapour.

Metals and alloys (%wt):

(%wt) Type(s) / Grade(s) with proportions % of total C14 activity

Stainless steel..... ~0.20 316

Other ferrous metals..... Mild steel ~0.80

Iron..... Aluminium.....

Beryllium..... << 0.10

Cobalt..... Copper...... TR Lead.....

|               | Magnox/Magnesium                 | . 0        |   |                         |
|---------------|----------------------------------|------------|---|-------------------------|
|               | Nickel                           |            | Inconel   |                         |
|               | Titanium                         |            |   |                         |
|               | Uranium                          |            |   |                         |
|               | Zinc                             |            |   |                         |
|               | Zircaloy/Zirconium               |            |   |                         |
|               | Other metals                     |            |   |                         |
| Organics (%)  | plastics as PVC and              | d non-halo | in the form of cotton and paper oversuits,<br>genated plastics as polythene and polyes<br>minimised at JET, although a small quan | ter. In general the     |
|               |                                  | (%wt)      | Type(s) and comment   | % of total C14 activity |
|               | Total cellulosics                | 4.0        |   | activity                |
|               | Paper, cotton                    | ~3.0       |   |                         |
|               | Wood                             | ~1.0       |   |                         |
|               | Halogenated plastics             | 9.0        |   |                         |
|               | Total non-halogenated plastics   | 65.0       |   |                         |
|               | Condensation polymers            | ~65.0      |   |                         |
|               | Others                           | Р          |   |                         |
|               | Organic ion exchange materials   | NE         |   |                         |
|               | Total rubber                     | 4.0        |   |                         |
|               | Halogenated rubber               | ~2.0       |   |                         |
|               | Non-halogenated rubber           | ~2.0       |   |                         |
|               | Hydrocarbons                     | ~17.0      |   |                         |
|               | Oil or grease                    | ~17.0      |   |                         |
|               | Fuel                             | TR         |   |                         |
|               | Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)   | TR         |   |                         |
|               | Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar)     | TR         |   |                         |
|               | Bitumen                          | TR         |   |                         |
|               | Others                           | TR         |   |                         |
|               | Other organics                   | TR         |   |                         |
| Other materia | als (%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          |   |                         |
|               | Graphite                         | TR         |   |                         |
|               | Desiccants/Catalysts             | 0          |   |                         |
|               | Asbestos                         | 0          |   |                         |
|               |                                  |            |   |                         |

| Non/low friable          | U  |
|--------------------------|----|
| Moderately friable       | 0  |
| Highly friable           | 0  |
| Free aqueous liquids     | 0  |
| Free non-aqueous liquids | 0  |
| Powder/Ash               | TR |

Inorganic anions (%wt):

Inorganic halogen anions may be present in trace quantities. Sulphate also present as Beryllium Sulphate.

|           | (%wt) | Type(s) and comment |
|-----------|-------|---------------------|
| Fluoride  | TR    |                     |
| Chloride  | TR    |                     |
| lodide    | 0     |                     |
| Cyanide   | 0     |                     |
| Carbonate | 0     |                     |
| Nitrate   | 0     |                     |
| Nitrite   | 0     |                     |
| Phosphate | 0     |                     |
| Sulphate  | <1.0  |                     |
| Sulphide  | 0     |                     |

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:

Beryllium dust contamination is present, low flash point liquids may be present in trace amounts from specific experiments.

|   | (%wt) | Type(s) and comment |
|---|-------|---------------------|
| Combustible metals                        | 0     |                     |
| Low flash point liquids                   | Р     |                     |
| Explosive materials                       | 0     |                     |
| Phosphorus                                | 0     |                     |
| Hydrides                                  | 0     |                     |
| Biological etc. materials                 | 0     |                     |
| Biodegradable materials                   | <1.0  |                     |
| Putrescible wastes                        | 0     |                     |
| Non-putrescible wastes                    | <1.0  |                     |
| Corrosive materials                       | 0     |                     |
| Pyrophoric materials                      | 0     |                     |
| Generating toxic gases                    | 0     |                     |
| Reacting with water                       | 0     |                     |
| Higher activity particles                 | 0     |                     |
| Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds | 0     |                     |

Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants:

Beryllium metal dust is present at a level of less than 0.1% by weight.

(%wt) Type(s) and comment

Acrylamide...... 0

| Benzene                               | 0     |  |
|---------------------------------------|-------|--|
| Chlorinated solvents                  | 0     |  |
| Formaldehyde                          | 0     |  |
| Organometallics                       | 0     |  |
| Phenol                                | 0     |  |
| Styrene                               | 0     |  |
| Tri-butyl phosphate                   | 0     |  |
| Other organophosphates                | 0     |  |
| Vinyl chloride                        | 0     |  |
| Arsenic                               | 0     |  |
| Barium                                | 0     |  |
| Boron                                 | TR    |  |
| Boron (in Boral)                      | 0     |  |
| Boron (non-Boral)                     | TR    | As part of boronated concrete contaminated PPE |
| Cadmium                               | 0     |  |
| Caesium                               | 0     |  |
| Selenium                              | 0     |  |
| Chromium                              | TR    |  |
| Molybdenum                            | TR    |  |
| Thallium                              | 0     |  |
| Tin                                   | TR    |  |
| Vanadium                              | 0     |  |
| Mercury compounds                     | 0     |  |
| Others                                | 0     |  |
| Electronic Electrical Equipment (EEE) |       |  |
| EEE Type 1                            | TR    |  |
| EEE Type 2                            | 0     |  |
| EEE Type 3                            | 0     |  |
| EEE Type 4                            | 0     |  |
| EEE Type 5                            | 0     |  |
| Complexing agents (%wt): No           |       |  |
|                                       | (%wt) | Type(s) and comment                            |
| EDTA                                  | 0     |  |
| DPTA                                  | 0     |  |
| NTA                                   | 0     |  |
| Polycarboxylic acids                  | 0     |  |
| Other organic complexants             | 0     |  |
| Total complexing agents               | 0     |  |

Potential for the waste to contain discrete items:

Yes. Any discrete items are likely to be destroyed in the treatment process

## TREATMENT, PACKAGING AND DISPOSAL

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

| On-site /<br>Off site | Stream volume %     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| On-site               | 82.0                |
|                       |                     |
| Off-site              | 100.0               |
|                       |                     |
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|                       |                     |
|                       |                     |
|                       | Off site<br>On-site |

Comment on planned treatments:

**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           |                       |

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 % |  |         |  |  |
|--|-----------------|--|---------|--|--|
| Disposal Route   | 2022/23         |  | 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<br>Management Route | Opportunity<br>Management Route | Stream<br>volume (%) | Estimated Date that Opportunity will be realised | Opportunity<br>Confidence | Comment |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------|---------|
| _                            | <u>_</u>                        | _                    | _  | _                         | _       |

Waste Packaging for Disposal: (Not applicable to this waste stream)

| Container  | Stream volume % | Waste loading m <sup>3</sup> | 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) |                 |                              | . 5                |
| Other  |                 |                              |                    |

Other information: Waste packaged in various containers destroyed during incineration.

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: The main sources of activity are tritium contamination and neutron activation.

Uncertainty: Nuclide activities are only indicative and relate to operational waste already analysed at

CCFE. Contamination and activation levels will depend on the experimental programme

therefore a higher level on uncertainty is applied to future arisings.

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:

Activity assessments are achieved by documented methods including on and off site pyrolysis followed by liquid scintillation counting. Stock Neutron activation activity levels determined by Gamma Spectroscopy. Historical package averages are used to estimate

future arisings.

Other information: Wastes may also be contaminated with activated metals and graphite.

|                    | Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³ |                   |                    | Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³ |                 |                   |                   |                    |                   |
|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| Nuclide            | Waste at 1.4.2022          | Bands and<br>Code | Future<br>arisings | Bands and<br>Code          | Nuclide         | Waste at 1.4.2022 | Bands and<br>Code | Future<br>arisings | Bands and<br>Code |
| H 3                | ~9.11E-03                  | AA 1              | ~1.2E-02           | BC 2                       | Gd 153          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Be 10              |                            |                   |                    |                            | Ho 163          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| C 14               |                            |                   |                    |                            | Ho 166m         |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Na 22              |                            |                   |                    |                            | Tm 170          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| AI 26              |                            |                   |                    |                            | Tm 171          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| CI 36              |                            |                   |                    |                            | Lu 174          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Ar 39              |                            |                   |                    |                            | Lu 176          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Ar 42              |                            |                   |                    |                            | Hf 178n         |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| K 40               |                            |                   |                    |                            | Hf 182          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Ca 41              |                            |                   |                    |                            | Pt 193          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Mn 53              |                            |                   |                    |                            | TI 204          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Mn 54              |                            |                   |                    |                            | Pb 205          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Fe 55              | ~8E-10                     | BD 2              | ~7E-08             | AD 3                       | Pb 210          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Co 60              | ~4E-10                     | BD 2              | ~4E-08             | AD 3                       | Bi 208          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Ni 59              |                            |                   |                    |                            | Bi 210m         |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Ni 63              | ~8E-10                     | BD 2              | ~7E-08             | AD 3                       | 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<br>U 232 |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Tc 99              |                            |                   |                    |                            | U 232           |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Ru 106             |                            |                   |                    |                            | U 234           |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Pd 107             |                            |                   |                    |                            | U 235           |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Ag 108m<br>Ag 110m |                            |                   |                    |                            | U 236           |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Cd 109             |                            |                   |                    |                            | U 238           |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Cd 103             |                            |                   |                    |                            | 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         |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| l 129              |                            |                   |                    |                            | Am 243          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Cs 134             |                            |                   |                    |                            | Cm 242          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Cs 135             |                            |                   |                    |                            | Cm 243          | 1                 |                   |                    |                   |
| Cs 137             |                            |                   |                    |                            | Cm 244          | 1                 |                   |                    |                   |
| Ba 133             |                            |                   |                    |                            | Cm 245          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| La 137             |                            |                   |                    |                            | Cm 246          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| La 138             |                            |                   |                    |                            | Cm 248          | 1                 |                   |                    |                   |
| Ce 144             |                            |                   |                    |                            | Cf 249          | 1                 |                   |                    |                   |
| Pm 145             |                            |                   |                    |                            | Cf 250          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Pm 147             |                            |                   |                    |                            | Cf 251          | 1                 |                   |                    |                   |
| Sm 147             |                            |                   |                    |                            | Cf 252          |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Sm 151             |                            |                   |                    |                            | Other a         |                   |                   |                    |                   |
| Eu 152             |                            |                   |                    |                            | Other b/g       | [                 |                   |                    |                   |
| Eu 154             |                            |                   |                    |                            | Total a         | 0                 |                   | 0                  |                   |
| Eu 155             |                            |                   |                    |                            | Total b/g       | ~9.11E-03         | AA 1              | ~1.2E-02           | BC 2              |
|                    | 1                          |                   |                    |                            |                 | 1                 | J.                |                    |                   |

### 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