SITE HMNB Portsmouth

SITE OWNER Ministry of Defence

WASTE CUSTODIAN Ministry of Defence

WASTE TYPE ILW

Is the waste subject to

Scottish Policy:

No

**WASTE VOLUMES** 

WASIL VOLUMES		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2022	5.0 m <sup>3</sup>
Future arisings -	1.4.2022 - 31.3.2023	~1.0 m <sup>3</sup>
	1.4.2023 - 31.3.2024	~1.0 m³
	1.4.2024 - 31.3.2034	~2.0 m³
	1.4.2034 - 31.3.2044	~2.0 m³
	1.4.2044 - 31.3.2054	~~1.0 m³
	1.4.2054 - 31.3.2064	~~1.0 m³
	1.4.2064 - 31.3.2074	~~1.0 m³
Total future arisings:		9.0 m³
Total waste volume:		14.0 m <sup>3</sup>

Comment on volumes: HMNB Portsmouth is a repository for redundant MoD equipment that contains radioactive

sources and instrument check sources. Waste arising does not occur at a constant rate. Items are declared as waste upon transfer to the authorised disposal contractor. Any future waste arisings are difficult to determine as they are dependent on a number of factors such as equipment being declared as obsolete by equipment manager and legacy items being returned following site closures. Items held as original equipment, not packaged i.e. transit cases removed prior to authorised disposal contractor consigning to approved disposal

route.

Uncertainty factors on Stock (upper): x 1.5 Arisings (upper) x 2.0 volumes: Stock (lower): x 0.5 Arisings (lower) x 0.5

WASTE SOURCE MoD stock and residual holdings of NNPP material and effluent receipt facility material.

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Spark gaps, smoke detectors, electronic valves, functional check sources, thoriated optical

lenses, Swabs, paper towels, coveralls, contaminated tools, equipment, etc. that include some contaminated steel pipes, and other small quantities of redundant NPW ancillary shore based support equipment. Following disposals made in late 2001 there are no large items associated with any of the waste. The wastes have not been subject to any

physical/chemical processes save that of delay and decay which has resulted in both 'free release' and disposal as VLLW to a controlled landfill site.

Physical components (%vol): By volume the waste contains steels, other ferrous metals, brass, bronze, monel and lead

(60%), clothing such as coveralls and rubber gloves (10%), and non-halogenated rubber

(10%), plastics/ perspex (20%)

Sealed sources: The waste contains sealed sources. Functional instrument check sources several

thousand in a wide mix of radionuclides

Bulk density (t/m³): NE

Comment on density: The waste bulk will be calculated upon declaring items as waste post any volume reduction

exercise.

#### **CHEMICAL COMPOSITION**

General description and components (%wt):

Metal (84%) Organics (4%) Other materals (10%)

Chemical state: Neutral

Chemical form of H-3: Present in gaseous, water and in luminised paint

radionuclides: C-14: Not present in significant amounts

CI-36: impregnated gauze as a check source

Se-79: Not present

Tc-99: metallic check source

I-129: unknown, solid check source/ calibration plaque

Ra: Radium 226, in luminised paint

Th: Thorium 232 in alloys with magnesium in engine cases and glass optical lenses

U: metallic in the form of check sources and DU weights

Np: Not present

Pu: metallic in the form of check sources

No metal is present in sheet form Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grade(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel	35.0	Austenitic SS	25.0
Other ferrous metals	0		
Iron	5.0		10.0
Aluminium	30.0	Aluminium (20%), Dural (10%)	25.0
Beryllium	0		
Cobalt	0		
Copper	8.0	Copper (5%), Brass (2%), Bronze (1%)	10.0
Lead	<1.0		
Magnox/Magnesium	0		
Nickel	5.0	electroplated Nickel (5%)	10.0
Titanium	0		
Uranium	2.0	DU weights	10.0
Zinc	0		
Zircaloy/Zirconium	0		
Other metals	0		

Organics (%wt):

The waste contains cellulose in the form of paper, coveralls, cotton swabs and rubber. None present.

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulosics	2.0		donvity
Paper, cotton	2.0	Paper (1.5%), cotton (0.5%)	10.0
Wood	0		
Halogenated plastics	0		
Total non-halogenated plastics	0		
Condensation polymers	0		
Others	0		
Organic ion exchange materials	0		
Total rubber	2.0		
Halogenated rubber	0		
Non-halogenated rubber	2.0	Latex (2%)	5.0
Hydrocarbons	0		
Oil or grease	0		
Fuel	0		

Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)	0
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar)	0
Bitumen	0
Others	0
Other organics	0

Other materials (%wt):

None of these materials are present within retained arisings of the waste stream.

	(%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	~10.0	glass dial fronts	10.0
Graphite	0		
Desiccants/Catalysts	0		
Asbestos	0		
Non/low friable	0		
Moderately friable	0		
Highly friable	0		
Free aqueous liquids	0		
Free non-aqueous liquids	0		
Powder/Ash			

Inorganic anions (%wt):

No inorganic anions are present.

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Fluoride	0	
Chloride	0	
lodide	0	
Cyanide	0	
Carbonate	0	
Nitrate	0	
Nitrite	0	
Phosphate	0	
Sulphate	0	
Sulphide	0	

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:

There are no hazardous / problematic materials present in the waste.

		(%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	0	
	Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds	0	
Hazardous s	ubstances / - us pollutants:		
		(%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	NE	
	Boron	NE	
	Boron (in Boral)	NE	
	Boron (non-Boral)	NE	
	Cadmium	NE	
	Caesium	NE	
	Selenium	0	
	Chromium	0	
	Molybdenum	0	
	Thallium	0	
	Tin	NE	

Electronic Electrical Equipment (EEE)

EEE Type 5.....

 EEE Type 1
 ~~25.0

 EEE Type 2
 0

 EEE Type 3
 ~~5.0

 EEE Type 4
 0

Complexing agents (%wt): No

0

Potential for the waste to contain discrete items:

Yes. Waste disposed of from HMNB Portsmouth is in the form of MoD sources and items containing radioactive material, as such each container will hold a number discrete sources of radioactivity.

#### **PACKAGING AND CONDITIONING**

Conditioning method: 100% of the waste is consigned to an authorised disposal contractor. The

contractor will determine the quantity that requires routing as radioactive waste and consign it as appropriate to the LLWR, metal decontamination, incineration,

recycling/ reuse, out of scope etc.

Plant Name: -

Location: -

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:

er	Container	Waste packaged (%vol)	Waste loading (m³)	Payload (m³)	Number of packages
	Not specified	100.0	NE	NE	NE

Likely container type

comment:

To be specified in the contract to dispose by the contractor.

Range in container waste

volume:

-

Other information on containers:

Likely conditioning matrix:

Other information:

Conditioned density (t/m³):

Conditioned density comment:

Cannot be accurately ascertained until the ILW has been declared to the waste contractor

Other information on

conditioning:

There are no packaging or conditioning plants planned

Opportunities for alternative

disposal routing:

Estimated

Not yet determined

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

#### **RADIOACTIVITY**

Source: Redundant MoD sources, includes some historic wastes, contaminated items with

activation products from reactor operations.

Uncertainty: The accuracy of activity measurement for the wastes are estimates to be approximately

between 90 - 100% for the redundant MoD items containing radioactive sources. For the

historic wastes the accuracy is estimated to be within 50%.

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:

The measurement of activity for the historic waste is to be undertaken by specialist assay

team.

Other information: The data for the redundant MoD items containing radioactive sources is new data that has

not been reported to this date. The data for the historic waste is at present a best estimate until the waste can be characterised to confirm the radionuclide content and activities.

	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³			Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³					
Nuclide	Waste at 1.4.2022	Bands and Code	Future arisings	Bands and Code	Nuclide	Waste at 1.4.2022	Bands and Code	Future arisings	Bands and Code
H 3	7.56E-06	AA 2	~1E-05	BB 2	Gd 153				
Be 10					Ho 163				
C 14	3.83E-06	AA 2	~~1E-06	BB 2	Ho 166m				
Na 22	5.31E-08	AA 2	~~1E-07	BB 2	Tm 170				
AI 26					Tm 171				
CI 36	2.9E-04	AA 2	~~1E-04	BB 2	Lu 174				
Ar 39					Lu 176				
Ar 42					Hf 178n				
K 40					Hf 182				
Ca 41					Pt 193				
Mn 53					TI 204				
Mn 54	3.23E-10	AA 2	~~2E-08	BB 2	Pb 205	4.055.07	A A . O	05.07	D.D. 0
Fe 55	1.59E-08	AA 2	~~2E-08	BB 2	Pb 210	4.85E-07	AA 2	~~2E-07	BB 2
Co 60	1.74E-05	AA 2	~~3E-05	BB 2	Bi 208				
Ni 59					Bi 210m	4.045.07	^ ^ 2	4E 06	DD 0
Ni 63	4.20E-01	AA 2	~5E-01	BB 2	Po 210	4.91E-07	AA 2	~~1E-06	BB 2
Zn 65					Ra 223 Ra 225				
Se 79					Ra 225 Ra 226				
Kr 81	2 205 06	AA 2	25.06	BB 2	Ra 228				
Kr 85 Rb 87	3.29E-06	AA Z	~~2E-06	BB Z	Ac 227				
Sr 90	2.61E-01	AA 2	~~3E-01	BB 2	Th 227				
Zr 93	2.012-01	AA 2	~~3L-01	DD 2	Th 228				
Nb 91					Th 229				
Nb 92					Th 230	4.8E-09	AA 2	~~1E-09	BB 2
Nb 93m					Th 232	4.57E-04	AA 2	~~1E-04	BB 2
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	5.05.05	A A . O	45.05	D.D. 0
Cd 109					U 238 Np 237	5.8E-05	AA 2	~~4E-05	BB 2
Cd 113m					Pu 236				
Sn 119m Sn 121m					Pu 238	3.75E-07	AA 2	~~2E-07	BB 2
Sn 121111					Pu 239	6.34E-07	AA 2	~~2E-07	BB 2
Sn 126					Pu 240	0.012 07	7,7,7 2	22 07	<i>DD</i> 2
Sb 125					Pu 241				
Sb 126					Pu 242				
Te 125m					Am 241	9.79E-04	AA 2	~9E-04	BB 2
Te 127m					Am 242m				
I 129	3E-08	AA 2	~~1E-08	BB 2	Am 243				
Cs 134	1.03E-09	AA 2	~~3E-09	BB 2	Cm 242				
Cs 135					Cm 243				
Cs 137	3.99E-04	AA 2	~~3E-04	BB 2	Cm 244				
Ba 133	3.84E-06	AA 2	~~2E-04	BB 2	Cm 245				
La 137					Cm 246				
La 138					Cm 248				
Ce 144					Cf 249 Cf 250				
Pm 145					Cf 250 Cf 251				
Pm 147					Cf 251	3.16E-08	AA 2	<1E-07	BB 2
Sm 147 Sm 151					Other a	0.102 00	,,,, L	~1L 01	J
Eu 152	1.00E-07	AA 2	~~1E-07	BB 2	Other b/g	3.61E-08	AA 2	~~2E-08	BB 2
Eu 154	1.002-07	,,,, 2	12-01	JU 2	Total a	1.50E-03	AA 2	1.04E-03	BB 2
Eu 155	ĺ				Total b/g	6.81E-01	AA 2	8.01E-01	BB 2
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# 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