SITE Hinkley Point A

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...... 155.0 m<sup>3</sup>

Total future arisings: 0 m<sup>3</sup>

Total waste volume: 155.0 m<sup>3</sup>

Comment on volumes: In calculating the volumes it has been assumed that the waste has a bulk density of

0.5t/m3.Update as of April 2021 - total retrieved to date - 8,721Kg. This is gross weight including the drum and filter. Net weight = 7,229~KgUpdate as of July 2021 - total

retrieved to date – 9,613 Kg. This is gross weight including the drum and filter. Net weight = 7,882 KgUpdate as of October 2021 - total retrieved to date - 11,341 Kg. This is gross weight including the drum and filter. Net weight = 11,059 KgUpdate as of January 2022 - total retrieved to date – 13,493 Kg. This is gross weight including the drum and filter. Net weight = 13,157 KgUpdate as of April 2022 - total retrieved to date- 14,460 Kg. This is

gross weight including the drum and filter. Net weight = 13,934 Kg

Uncertainty factors on Stock (upper): x 1.1 Arisings (upper) x volumes: Stock (lower): x 0.9 Arisings (lower) x

WASTE SOURCE Removal of splitters from fuel elements prior to dispatch of the elements to Sellafield.

# PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: The waste consists of Magnox metal and swarf which may be contaminated by fission

products and actinides. Sludge is described by waste stream 9D68. Individual components may weigh up to about 100 g and be approx. 2 mm x 25 mm x (75-900) mm. Some Nimonic springs will also be present in the vault; these are described by waste stream 9D40. There are no large items in the waste which will require special handling.

Physical components (%wt): Magnox metal (Zr 55), magnesium hydroxide, magnesium carbonate (99.5% wt). Small

t). Inagriox metal (21 33), magnesium nyuroxide, magnesium carbonate (33.3%)

quantities of zirconium alloy (0.5% wt) in fuel element top end fittings.

Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.

Bulk density (t/m³): 0.5

Comment on density: The bulk density of the waste ranges from 0.1 to 1.7 t/m3 with an average density of 0.5

t/m3. The packing factor will be variable.

#### CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt):

Magnox metal (Zr 55), magnesium carbonate and magnesium hydroxide (99.5% wt), zirconium alloy (0.5% wt) in fuel element top end fittings. Magnesium carbonate and

hydroxide will also be present where storage is under wet conditions.

Chemical state: Alkali

Chemical form of radionuclides:

H-3: Most tritium is expected to be present as surface contamination, possibly as water but

perhaps in the form of other inorganic compounds or organic compounds.

C-14: Carbon 14 will probably be present as graphite.

CI-36: Chlorine 36 incorporated in the Magnox may be associated with barium impurity

(barium chloride). Other Cl-36 may be associated with surface contamination.

Se-79: The selenium content is insignificant.

Tc-99: The chemical form of technetium has not been determined.

Ra: The radium isotope content is insignificant. Th: The thorium isotope content is insignificant.

U: The chemical form of uranium isotopes may be uranium oxides. Np: The chemical form of neptunium has not been determined. Pu: The chemical form of plutonium isotopes may be plutonium oxides.

Metals and alloys (%wt): There are no bulk metal items present.

		(%wt)	Type(s) / Grade(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
	Stainless steel	0		activity
	Other ferrous metals	. 0		
	Iron			
	Aluminium	. 0		
	Beryllium	. TR		
	Cobalt			
	Copper	. 0		
	Lead	. 0		
	Magnox/Magnesium	. ~99.0	Magnox alloy Zr 55, contains 0.55 wt% zirconium as an alloying constituent.	
	Nickel			
	Titanium			
	Uranium			
	Zinc	. 0		
	Zircaloy/Zirconium	~0.50	About 0.5% wt of zirconium; also about 0.65% wt of zirconium alloyed with Magnox.	
	Other metals	. TR	Manganese	
Organics (%		nics preser	nt in trace quantities. Halogenated plastics	s or rubbers are not
	expected.	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14
	<b>-</b>	_	Type(s) and comment	activity
	Total cellulosics	0		
	Paper, cotton	0		
	Wood	0		
	Halogenated plastics	0		
	Total non-halogenated plastics	0		
	Condensation polymers	0		
	Others Organic ion exchange materials	0		
	Organic ion exchange materials			
		0		
	Total rubber	0		
	Total rubber	0		
	Total rubber  Halogenated rubber  Non-halogenated rubber	0		
	Total rubber  Halogenated rubber  Non-halogenated rubber  Hydrocarbons	0		
	Total rubber  Halogenated rubber  Non-halogenated rubber  Hydrocarbons  Oil or grease	0		
	Total rubber  Halogenated rubber  Non-halogenated rubber  Hydrocarbons  Oil or grease  Fuel	0		
	Total rubber  Halogenated rubber  Non-halogenated rubber  Hydrocarbons  Oil or grease  Fuel  Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)	0		
	Total rubber  Halogenated rubber  Non-halogenated rubber  Hydrocarbons  Oil or grease  Fuel  Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)  Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar)	0		
	Total rubber  Halogenated rubber  Non-halogenated rubber  Hydrocarbons  Oil or grease  Fuel  Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)  Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar)  Bitumen	0		
	Total rubber  Halogenated rubber  Non-halogenated rubber  Hydrocarbons  Oil or grease  Fuel  Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar)  Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar)	0		

2022 Inventory

Traces of graphite may be present

Other materials (%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			
Glass/Ceramics	0		
Graphite	TR		
Desiccants/Catalysts			
Asbestos	0		
Non/low friable			
Moderately friable			
Highly friable			
Free aqueous liquids	Р		
Free non-aqueous liquids	0		
Powder/Ash	0		
Inorganic anions (%wt): Not fully assessed.	Magnesiui (%wt)	m carbonate and magnesium hydrony Type(s) and comment	oxide are anticipated.
Fluoride	NE		
Chloride	NE		
lodide	NE		
Cyanide	0		
Carbonate	NE		
Nitrate	NE		
Nitrite	NE		
Phosphate	NE		
Sulphate	NE		
Sulphide	NE		
Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:  Magnox will ignite u	ınder appro	opriate conditions.	
	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	
Combustible metals	>50.0		
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			

	Corrosive materials	0	
	Pyrophoric materials	0	
	Generating toxic gases	0	
	Reacting with water	>50.0	
	Higher activity particles		
	Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds		
Hazardous su non hazardou			
		(%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		

Yes Complexing agents (%wt):

> (%wt) Type(s) and comment

EDTA.....

DPTA.....

NTA.....

Polycarboxylic acids.....

Other organic complexants......

TR Total complexing agents.....

Potential for the waste to contain discrete items:

Yes. In & of itself not a DI; Waste is likely to contain "rogue" items (HDRIs) that

will be.

#### **PACKAGING AND CONDITIONING**

Loading of solids into standard 210-litre drum. Compacted drum 'pucks' pre-loaded Conditioning method:

into Mortuary Tubes in RCB.

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:

Container	Waste packaged (%vol)	Waste loading (m³)	Payload (m³)	Number of packages	
6m³ concrete box (SD)	100.0	5.17	5.8	30	

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

Baseline

conditioning:

Opportunities for alternative

disposal routing:

Opportunity Stream Management Route Management Route volume (%)

Estimated Date that Opportunity will be realised

Opportunity Confidence

Comment

# **RADIOACTIVITY**

Source: The source of the waste is the removal of splitters prior to dispatch of the elements to

Sellafield. Activation of trace nuclides in the Magnox and contamination by fission products

and actinides will be main sources of activity.

Uncertainty: The values quoted are indicative of the activities that might be expected.

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:

Values were derived from measurements, calculations of induced activity and estimates of likely contamination. Allowance has been made for zirconium alloy in top end fittings.

Other information:

	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	3.37E-02	CC 2			Gd 153		8		
Be 10		8			Ho 163	2.71E-08	CC 2		
C 14	1.76E-04	CC 2			Ho 166m	3.56E-05	CC 2		
Na 22		8			Tm 170		8		
Al 26	<2.66E-07	C 3			Tm 171	1.06E-08	CC 2		
CI 36	2.71E-05	CC 2			Lu 174		8		
Ar 39		8			Lu 176		8		
Ar 42		8			Hf 178n		8		
K 40	8.4E-07	CC 2			Hf 182		8		
Ca 41	<2.26E-07	C 3			Pt 193		8		
Mn 53		8			TI 204	5.84E-06	CC 2		
Mn 54		8			Pb 205		8		
Fe 55	<2.04E-05	C 3			Pb 210		8		
Co 60	<1.34E-04	C 3			Bi 208		8		
Ni 59	6.27E-06	CC 2			Bi 210m		8		
Ni 63	6.67E-04	CC 2			Po 210		8		
Zn 65		8			Ra 223		8		
Se 79		8			Ra 225		8		
Kr 81		8			Ra 226		8		
Kr 85		8			Ra 228		8		
Rb 87		8			Ac 227		8		
Sr 90	2.11E-04	CC 2			Th 227		8		
Zr 93	1.43E-05	CC 2			Th 228	2.43E-09	CC 2		
Nb 91		8			Th 229		8		
Nb 92		8			Th 230		8		
Nb 93m	1.37E-04	CC 2			Th 232		8		
Nb 94	1.6E-06	CC 2			Th 234	4.41E-08	CC 2		
Mo 93	1.69E-07	CC 2			Pa 231		8		
Tc 97		8			Pa 233	1.70E-07	CC 2		
Tc 99	3.79E-08	CC 2			U 232	2.85E-09	CC 2		
Ru 106		8			U 233	1.05E-09	CC 2		
Pd 107		8			U 234	3.94E-08	CC 2		
Ag 108m	2.24E-06	CC 2			U 235		8		
Ag 110m		8			U 236	4.75E-09	CC 2		
Cd 109		8			U 238	4.41E-08	CC 2		
Cd 113m	<2.28E-03	C 3			Np 237	1.70E-07	CC 2		
Sn 119m		8			Pu 236		8		
Sn 121m	<4.38E-06	C 3			Pu 238	9.57E-06	CC 2		
Sn 123		8			Pu 239	1.37E-05	CC 2		
Sn 126		8			Pu 240	1.4E-05	CC 2		
Sb 125	5.08E-08	CC 2			Pu 241	1.77E-04	CC 2		
Sb 126		8			Pu 242	2.52E-08	CC 2		
Te 125m	<1.27E-08	C 2			Am 241	8.22E-05	CC 2		
Te 127m		8			Am 242m	1	8		
l 129		8			Am 243		8		
Cs 134	7.16E-08	CC 2			Cm 242	1	8		
Cs 135		8			Cm 243	6.85E-08	CC 2		
Cs 137	3.51E-05	CC 2			Cm 244	5.93E-07	CC 2		
Ba 133	<8.79E-07	C 3			Cm 245	1	8		
La 137	<2.43E-09	C 3			Cm 246		8		
La 138		8			Cm 248	1	8		
Ce 144		8			Cf 249		8		
Pm 145	3.29E-07	CC 2			Cf 250	1	8		
Pm 147	<7.38E-07	C 3			Cf 251		8		
Sm 147		8			Cf 252	1	8		
Sm 151	5.59E-07	CC 2			Other a	1			
Eu 152	2.40E-06	CC 2			Other b/g				
Eu 154	2.54E-06	CC 2			Total a	1.20E-04	CC 2	0	
Eu 155	4.45E-07	CC 2			Total b/g	3.76E-02	CC 2	0	
	1		1			1		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

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