SITE Sizewell A

SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Magnox Limited

WASTE TYPE LLW; SPD3

Is the waste subject to

Scottish Policy:

No

**WASTE VOLUMES** 

Reported

Stocks: At 1.4.2022...... 15.6 m<sup>3</sup>

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

Total waste volume: 15.6 m<sup>3</sup>

Comment on volumes: Wastes are expected to be retained until Final Site Clearance.

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

**WASTE SOURCE** The waste consists of used shield cooling air filter elements.

#### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Shield cooling filter elements about 0.5 m diameter x 2 m long and weighing ~0.2 t. The

filter elements are double wrapped in polythene. Special handling requirements have not

been assessed. Items are about 0.5 m diameter x 2 m long and weigh ~0.2 t.

Physical components (%vol): 100% shield cooling air filter elements.

Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.

Bulk density (t/m³): ~0.5

Comment on density: The bulk density of the waste is about 0.5 t/m3.

#### CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and

components (%wt):

Air filters consisting of rolls of glass fibre (9%) on metal spindles (90%). Chemical

composition not fully assessed. Polythene wrapping material (~1%).

Chemical state: Neutral

Chemical form of radionuclides:

H-3: The chemical form of tritium has not been determined.

C-14: The chemical form of carbon 14 has not been determined.

CI-36: The chemical form of chlorine 36 has not been determined.

Se-79: The selenium content is insignificant. Tc-99: The technetium content is insignificant. Ra: The radium isotope content is insignificant. Th: The thorium isotope content is insignificant. U: The uranium isotope content is insignificant. Np: The neptunium content is insignificant.

Pu: The plutonium isotope content is insignificant.

Metals and alloys (%wt): The waste includes metal spindles which are about 2 m long. These metal spindles are

expected to be disposed of as non-active waste.

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

Stainless steel..... 0

Other ferrous metals..... ~90.0

Iron.....

Aluminium...... 0

Beryllium..... 0

Cobalt.....

Copper...... 0
Lead...... 0

Magnox/Magnesium	0		
Nickel			
Titanium			
Uranium			
Zinc	0		
Zircaloy/Zirconium	0		
Other metals	0	No "other" metals present.	
Organics (%wt): Organics are only expresent.	xpected ir	n trace quantities. Halogenated plasti	cs and rubbers are not
	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14
Total cellulosics	0		activity
Paper, cotton	0		
Wood	0		
Halogenated plastics	0		
Total non-halogenated plastics	~1.0		
Condensation polymers	0		
Others	~1.0	polythene	
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	TR		
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	9.0	glass fibre	
Graphite	0		
Desiccants/Catalysts			
Asbestos	0		
Non/low friable			

	Moderately friable		
	Highly friable		
	Free aqueous liquids	0	
	Free non-aqueous liquids	0	
	Powder/Ash	TR	
Inorganic ani	ons (%wt): Not fully assessed.		
		(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
	E	,	7,70(0) 0
	Fluoride	NE	
	Chloride	NE	
	lodide	NE 0	
	Cyanide	0 NE	
	Carbonate	NE	
	Nitrate	NE	
	Nitrite	NE	
	Phosphate	NE	
	Sulphate	NE	
	Sulphide	NE	
Materials of i waste accept	nterest for - tance criteria:		
		(%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		
	Putrescible wastes	0	
	Non-putrescible wastes		
	Corrosive materials	0	
	Pyrophoric materials	0	
	Generating toxic gases	0	
	Reacting with water	0	
	Higher activity particles		
	Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds		
Hazardous s non hazardo	ubstances / None expected. us pollutants:		
		(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
	Acrylamide		
	Benzene		
	Chlorinated solvents		

Formaldehyde				
Organometallics				
Phenol				
Styrene				
Tri-butyl phosphate	э			
Other organophosp	phates			
Vinyl chloride				
Arsenic				
Barium				
Boron				
Boron (in Boral).				
Boron (non-Bora	ıl)			
Cadmium				
Caesium				
Selenium				
Chromium				
Molybdenum				
Thallium				
Tin				
Vanadium				
Mercury compound	ds			
Others				
Electronic Electric	al Equipment (EEE)			
EEE Type 1				
EEE Type 2				
EEE Type 3				
EEE Type 4				
EEE Type 5				
Complexing agents (%wt):	No			
		(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	
EDTA		,	, , ,	
DPTA				
NTA				
Polycarboxylic acid	ds			
Other organic com				
Total complexing a		0		
		ems (I MIs	)/"substantial" thickness ite	ems considere
			ess items assumed DIs.	

TREATMENT, PACKAGING AND DISPOSAL

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		
Recyling / reuse		
Other / various		
None		100.0

Comment on planned treatments:

Metal spindles are expected to be disposed of as non-active wastes.

#### **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	10.0	
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	90.0	

Classification codes for waste expected to be consigned to a landfill facility:

17 04 05, 17 06 03\*

#### Upcoming (2022/23-2024/25) Waste Routing (if expected to change from above):

Disposal Route	Stream volume %				
Disposal Notice	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25		
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### Opportunities for alternative disposal routing:

Baseline 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)

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)			. 0
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: Particulates collected by the filters.

Uncertainty: Activities are expected to be very low. There is a strong possibility that this waste will be

VLLW, but this cannot be confirmed until retrieval.

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:

Activities have been calculated from available information.

Other information: Specific activity is a function of Station operating history.

	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³				Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³				
	Waste at	Bands and	Future	Bands and		Waste at	Bands and	Future	Bands and
Nuclide	1.4.2022	Code	arisings	Code	Nuclide	1.4.2022	Code	arisings	Code
H 3	2.59E-07	CC 2			Gd 153		8		
Be 10		8			Ho 163		8		
C 14	5.00E-08	CC 2			Ho 166m		8		
Na 22		8			Tm 170		8		
Al 26		8			Tm 171		8		
CI 36	9E-08	CC 2			Lu 174		8		
Ar 39		8			Lu 176		8		
Ar 42		8			Hf 178n		8		
K 40		8			Hf 182		8		
Ca 41		8			Pt 193		8		
Mn 53		8			TI 204		8		
Mn 54		8			Pb 205		8		
Fe 55		8			Pb 210		8		
Co 60	6.94E-09	CC 2			Bi 208		8		
Ni 59		8			Bi 210m		8		
Ni 63	1.80E-07	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		8			Th 227		8		
Zr 93		8			Th 228		8		
Nb 91 Nb 92		8			Th 229		8		
		8			Th 230		8		
Nb 93m Nb 94		8			Th 232		8		
Mo 93		8 8			Th 234 Pa 231		8 8		
Tc 97		8			Pa 233		8		
Tc 99		8			U 232		8		
Ru 106		8			U 233		8		
Pd 107		8			U 234		8		
Ag 108m		8			U 235		8		
Ag 110m		8			U 236		8		
Cd 109		8			U 238		8		
Cd 113m		8			Np 237		8		
Sn 119m		8			Pu 236		8		
Sn 121m		8			Pu 238		8		
Sn 123		8			Pu 239		8		
Sn 126		8			Pu 240		8		
Sb 125		8			Pu 241		8		
Sb 126		8			Pu 242		8		
Te 125m		8			Am 241		8		
Te 127m		8			Am 242m		8		
I 129		8			Am 243		8		
Cs 134		8			Cm 242		8		
Cs 135		8			Cm 243		8		
Cs 137		8			Cm 244		8		
Ba 133		8			Cm 245		8		
La 137		8			Cm 246		8		
La 138		8			Cm 248		8		
Ce 144		8			Cf 249		8		
Pm 145		8			Cf 250		8		
Pm 147		8			Cf 251		8		
Sm 147		8			Cf 252		8		
Sm 151		8			Other a				
Eu 152		8			Other b/g				
Eu 154		8			Total a	0		0	
Eu 155		8			Total b/g	5.86E-07	CC 2	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.

- Measured activity
   Derived activity (best estimate)
   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