

WASTE STREAM	9F311	Mild Steel (Reactor) ILW
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SITE Sizewell 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.....	0 m ³
Future arisings -	1.4.2092 - 31.3.2095.....	398.0 m ³
Total future arisings:		398.0 m ³
Total waste volume:		398.0 m ³

Comment on volumes: Waste volumes have been reassessed since publication of the 2007 Inventory. Final Dismantling & Site Clearance is assumed to commence in 2088 with reactor dismantling commencing in 2092 and lasting for three years. Volumes and radioactivity have been calculated for 85 years after reactor shutdown, i.e. 2091.

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x Arisings (upper) x 1.2
 Stock (lower): x Arisings (lower) x 0.8

WASTE SOURCE Mild steel items from the reactor structure.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: A variety of mild steel items. Waste can be packaged in standard ILW containers.
 Physical components (%wt): Mild steel items (100%), including the core support plate and core restraint structure.
 Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.
 Bulk density (t/m³): ~1.4
 Comment on density: The density is of the waste as cut for packaging.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Mild steel (100%).
 Chemical state: Neutral
 Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: The tritium content is insignificant.
 C-14: The carbon 14 is incorporated in the steel. There also may be some contamination as graphite.
 Cl-36: The chlorine 36 is incorporated in the steel.
 Se-79: The selenium content is insignificant.
 Tc-99: The technetium content is insignificant.
 Ra: The radium content is insignificant.
 Th: The thorium content is insignificant.
 U: The uranium content is insignificant.
 Np: The neptunium content is insignificant.
 Pu: The plutonium content is insignificant.
 Metals and alloys (%wt): All of the waste will be bulk metal items which have been cut for packaging. Metal thicknesses will probably range from a few mm to about 100 mm.

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grade(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	0		
Other ferrous metals.....	100.0	All of the waste included in this waste stream is mild steel. Mild steel is type BS15.	100.0
Iron.....			
Aluminium.....	0		
Beryllium.....	0		

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Cobalt.....	<0.03	Data based on test specimens of a general Magnox reactor pressure vessel.
Copper.....	0	
Lead.....	0	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	0	
Nickel.....	<0.15	Data based on test specimens of a general Magnox reactor pressure vessel.
Titanium.....		
Uranium.....		
Zinc.....	0	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	0	
Other metals.....	TR	Silver and niobium

Organics (%wt): None expected. There are no halogenated plastics and rubbers present.

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulose.....	0		
Paper, cotton.....	0		
Wood.....	0		
Halogenated plastics	0		
Total non-halogenated plastics.....	0		
Condensation polymers.....	0		
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.....	0		

Other materials (%wt): Some graphite dust may be associated with reactor materials.

	(%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.....			

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Glass/Ceramics.....	0
Graphite.....	TR
Desiccants/Catalysts.....	
Asbestos.....	0
Non/low friable.....	
Moderately friable.....	
Highly friable.....	
Free aqueous liquids.....	0
Free non-aqueous liquids.....	0
Powder/Ash.....	0

Inorganic anions (%wt): There may be a trace of chloride present.

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

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria: No materials likely to pose a fire or other non-radiological hazard have been identified.

	(%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.....		

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Hazardous substances /
non hazardous pollutants: None expected

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Acrylamide.....		
Benzene.....		
Chlorinated solvents.....		
Formaldehyde.....		
Organometallics.....		
Phenol.....		
Styrene.....		
Tri-butyl phosphate.....		
Other organophosphates.....		
Vinyl chloride.....		
Arsenic.....		
Barium.....		
Boron.....		
Boron (in Boral).....		
Boron (non-Boral).....		
Cadmium.....		
Caesium.....		
Selenium.....		
Chromium.....		
Molybdenum.....	<0.03	Data based on test specimens of a general Magnox reactor pressure vessel.
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.....		

Complexing agents (%wt): Yes

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....		
DPTA.....		
NTA.....		
Polycarboxylic acids.....		
Other organic complexants.....		
Total complexing agents.....	TR	

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Potential for the waste to contain discrete items: Yes. Large Metal Items (LMIs)/"substantial" thickness items considered "durable" assumed DIs. NB If recycled then DI Limits n/a

PACKAGING AND CONDITIONING

Conditioning method: The waste is not expected to be supercompacted. It will be placed in baskets in the waste packages followed by encapsulation.

Plant Name: None

Location: Sizewell A site.

Plant startup date: 2092

Total capacity (m³/y incoming waste): ~5000.0

Target start date for packaging this stream: 2092

Throughput for this stream (m³/y incoming waste): ~100.0

Other information: It is currently intended that FSC wastes should be grouted.

Likely container type:	Container	Waste packaged (%vol)	Waste loading (m³)	Payload (m³)	Number of packages
	4m box (no shielding)	100.0	16.2	18.9	25

Likely container type comment: The waste is assumed to be in baskets in the waste package so the occupied volume in the package is greater than the original waste volume. Container choice may be influenced by Transport Regulations at the time of final site clearance.

Range in container waste volume: Not yet determined. No significant variability is expected.

Other information on containers: The container material is expected to be stainless steel.

Likely conditioning matrix: Blast Furnace Slag / Ordinary Portland Cement

Other information: The waste is assumed to be encapsulated.

Conditioned density (t/m³): ~3.0

Conditioned density comment: The conditioned waste density assumes that the waste will be encapsulated.

Other information on conditioning: The waste will be in baskets placed in the waste packages. Baskets of different Final Dismantling & Site Clearance ILW wastes may be in the same waste package. The encapsulation matrix is likely to be BFS/OPC and the density of the encapsulated waste will probably be about 3 t/m3.

Opportunities for alternative disposal routing: -

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

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: Activation of the mild steel and its impurities.

Uncertainty: The values quoted were derived by calculation from available material specifications and are indicative of the activities that are to be expected. The major source of uncertainty is the impurity levels.

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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 specific activities were estimated from neutron activation calculations of the material and its impurities.

Other information:

The activities quoted are those at 85 years after reactor shutdown, i.e. in 2091. There may be some contamination by Cs137.

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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				8	Gd 153				8
Be 10				8	Ho 163				8
C 14			1.85E-02	CC 2	Ho 166m				8
Na 22				8	Tm 170				8
Al 26				8	Tm 171				8
Cl 36			3.52E-06	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	Tl 204		4.32E-08	CC 2	8
Mn 54				8	Pb 205				8
Fe 55			1.05E-07	CC 2	Pb 210				8
Co 60			1.25E-04	CC 2	Bi 208				8
Ni 59			9.2E-04	CC 2	Bi 210m				8
Ni 63			5.33E-02	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				8	Th 229				8
Nb 92			1.82E-09	CC 2	Th 230				8
Nb 93m				6	Th 232				8
Nb 94			9.16E-07	CC 2	Th 234				8
Mo 93			1.27E-04	CC 2	Pa 231				8
Tc 97				8	Pa 233				8
Tc 99			2.8E-05	CC 2	U 232				8
Ru 106				8	U 233				8
Pd 107				8	U 234				8
Ag 108m			1.22E-05	CC 2	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				6	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	0	7.30E-02	CC 2	

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