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| <b>WASTE STREAM</b> | <b>9F312</b> | <b>Graphite ILW</b> |
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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 <sup>3</sup>      |
| Future arisings -      | 1.4.2092 - 31.3.2095..... | 3606.0 m <sup>3</sup> |
| Total future arisings: |                           | 3606.0 m <sup>3</sup> |
| Total waste volume:    |                           | 3606.0 m <sup>3</sup> |

Comment on volumes: Waste volumes have been reassessed since publication of the 2007 Inventory. All of the graphite is now expected to be ILW. 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** Moderator and reflector graphite from reactor dismantling.

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

General description: Graphite blocks and other graphite components. Waste can be packaged in standard ILW containers.  
 Physical components (%wt): Graphite (~100%).  
 Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.  
 Bulk density (t/m<sup>3</sup>): ~1.25  
 Comment on density: The density is the effective density of the waste as cut for packaging assuming 90% of the waste is in blocks and 10% is rubble.

**CHEMICAL COMPOSITION**

General description and components (%wt): Graphite and possibly traces of ferrous metals.  
 Chemical state: Neutral  
 Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: Tritium may be chemically bound with the graphite.  
 C-14: Carbon 14 will be present as graphite.  
 Cl-36: Chlorine 36 will probably be chemically bound to the graphite. Some may be linked chemically with impurities in the graphite.  
 Se-79: The selenium content is insignificant.  
 Tc-99: The technetium content is insignificant.  
 Ra: Radium isotope content is insignificant.  
 Th: The thorium content is insignificant.  
 U: There may be traces of uranium as metal or oxide.  
 Np: The neptunium content is insignificant.  
 Pu: There may be traces of plutonium as metal or oxide.  
 Metals and alloys (%wt): There are no metallic items present.

|                           | (%wt) | Type(s) / Grade(s) with proportions                 | % of total C14 activity |
|---------------------------|-------|---|-------------------------|
| Stainless steel.....      | TR    | There may be trace contamination by ferrous metals. |                         |
| Other ferrous metals..... | TR    | There may be trace contamination by ferrous metals. |                         |
| Iron.....                 |       |   |                         |
| Aluminium.....            | 0     |   |                         |

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| Beryllium.....          | TR |                                      |
| Cobalt.....             |    |                                      |
| Copper.....             | 0  |                                      |
| Lead.....               | 0  |                                      |
| Magnox/Magnesium.....   | 0  |                                      |
| Nickel.....             |    |                                      |
| Titanium.....           |    |                                      |
| Uranium.....            |    |                                      |
| Zinc.....               | 0  |                                      |
| Zircaloy/Zirconium..... | 0  |                                      |
| Other metals.....       | 0  | There are no "other" metals present. |

Organics (%wt):                      None expected. Halogenated plastics and rubbers will not be present.

|                                     | (%wt) | Type(s) and comment | % of total C14 activity |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Total cellulosics.....              | 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):                      Only graphite expected.

|                                    | (%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     |                     |                         |

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|                               |       |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Graphite.....                 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| 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):           None of the inorganic anions listed in the table is expected to be present at greater than trace concentration.

|                | (%wt) | Type(s) and comment                                     |
|----------------|-------|---|
| Fluoride.....  | TR    | Detected at trace levels in inactive graphite material. |
| Chloride.....  | TR    |   |
| Iodide.....    | 0     |   |
| Cyanide.....   | 0     |   |
| Carbonate..... | TR    |   |
| Nitrate.....   | TR    |   |
| Nitrite.....   | 0     |   |
| Phosphate..... | TR    | Detected at trace levels in inactive graphite material. |
| Sulphate.....  | TR    | Detected at trace levels in inactive graphite material. |
| Sulphide.....  | 0     |   |

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:           No materials likely to pose a fire or other non-radiological hazard have been identified. Graphite presents a low fire risk; it is difficult but not impossible to ignite.

|                                | (%wt) | Type(s) and comment                                     |
|--------------------------------|-------|---|
| Combustible metals.....        | 0     |   |
| Low flash point liquids.....   | 0     |   |
| Explosive materials.....       | 0     |   |
| Phosphorus.....                | TR    | Detected at trace levels in inactive graphite material. |
| 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..... |       |   |

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Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....

Hazardous substances /      None expected  
non hazardous pollutants:

|                                       | (%wt) | Type(s) and comment   |
|---------------------------------------|-------|---|
| Acrylamide.....                       |       |   |
| Benzene.....                          |       |   |
| Chlorinated solvents.....             |       |   |
| Formaldehyde.....                     |       |   |
| Organometallics.....                  |       |   |
| Phenol.....                           |       |   |
| Styrene.....                          |       |   |
| Tri-butyl phosphate.....              |       |   |
| Other organophosphates.....           |       |   |
| Vinyl chloride.....                   |       |   |
| Arsenic.....                          | TR    | Detected at trace levels in inactive graphite material.                                 |
| Barium.....                           |       |   |
| Boron.....                            |       |   |
| Boron (in Boral).....                 |       |   |
| Boron (non-Boral).....                |       |   |
| Cadmium.....                          |       |   |
| Caesium.....                          |       |   |
| Selenium.....                         |       |   |
| Chromium.....                         |       |   |
| Molybdenum.....                       |       |   |
| Thallium.....                         | TR    | Detected at trace levels in inactive graphite material.                                 |
| Tin.....                              |       |   |
| Vanadium.....                         |       |   |
| Mercury compounds.....                |       |   |
| Others.....                           | TR    | Gallium, germanium and rubidium detected at trace levels in inactive graphite material. |
| 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.....  |       |                     |

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Polycarboxylic acids.....  
 Other organic complexants.....  
 Total complexing agents.....      TR

Potential for the waste to contain discrete items:      Yes. Graphite Bricks/Tiles assumed to be DIs. Bricks assumed drummed (ungouted) so assumed Bricks are DIs; If gouted, Drum is also a DI. "Rubble" pieces assumed drummed (ungouted) assumed NOT DIs; If gouted, Drum is a DI.

**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 (m<sup>3</sup>/y incoming waste):      ~5000.0  
 Target start date for packaging this stream:      2092  
 Throughput for this stream (m<sup>3</sup>/y incoming waste):      ~900.0  
 Other information:      It is currently intended that FDSC wastes will be gouted.

| Likely container type: | Container             | Waste packaged (%vol) | Waste loading (m <sup>3</sup> ) | Payload (m <sup>3</sup> ) | Number of packages |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
|                        | 4m box (no shielding) | 100.0                 | 16.2                            | 18.9                      | 223                |

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/m<sup>3</sup>):      ~1.7  
 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 1.7 t/m<sup>3</sup>.  
 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 graphite and impurities.  |
| Uncertainty:                                    | The values quoted were derived by calculation from available material specification and are indicative of the activities that are expected. The major source of uncertainty is the impurity levels.                                     |
| 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. With additional data from newly calculated inventories including 100 ppb U precursor as per M/EF/GEN/EAN/0008/20        |
| Other information:                              | The activities quoted are those at 85 years after reactor shutdown, i.e. in 2091. There may be some contamination by Cs137. Fission of trace uranium impurity in the graphite may result in some fission product and actinide activity. |

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| Nuclide | Mean radioactivity, TBq/m <sup>3</sup> |                |                 |                | Nuclide          | Mean radioactivity, TBq/m <sup>3</sup> |                 |                 |                |
|---------|--|----------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
|         | 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     |  |                | 3.4E-03         | CC 2           | Gd 153           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Be 10   |  |                |                 | 8              | Ho 163           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| C 14    |  |                | 1.26E-01        | BB 2           | Ho 166m          |  | 2.79E-06        | CC 2            | 8              |
| Na 22   |  |                |                 | 8              | Tm 170           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Al 26   |  |                |                 | 8              | Tm 171           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Cl 36   |  |                | 2.92E-04        | 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   |  |                | 3.27E-04        | CC 2           | Pt 193           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Mn 53   |  |                |                 | 8              | Tl 204           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Mn 54   |  |                |                 | 8              | Pb 205           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Fe 55   |  |                |                 | 8              | Pb 210           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Co 60   |  |                | 2.5E-07         | CC 2           | Bi 208           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Ni 59   |  |                | 3.54E-05        | CC 2           | Bi 210m          |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Ni 63   |  |                | 2.66E-03        | 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   |  |                | 8.76E-07        | CC 2           | Ra 228           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Rb 87   |  |                |                 | 8              | Ac 227           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Sr 90   |  |                | 2.75E-04        | CC 2           | Th 227           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Zr 93   |  |                | 7.88E-08        | CC 2           | Th 228           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Nb 91   |  |                |                 | 8              | Th 229           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Nb 92   |  |                |                 | 8              | Th 230           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Nb 93m  |  |                | 7.6E-08         | CC 2           | Th 232           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Nb 94   |  |                | 8.2E-07         | CC 2           | Th 234           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Mo 93   |  |                |                 | 8              | Pa 231           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Tc 97   |  |                |                 | 8              | Pa 233           |  | 1.05E-09        | CC 2            | 8              |
| Tc 99   |  |                | 4.94E-07        | CC 2           | U 232            |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Ru 106  |  |                |                 | 8              | U 233            |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Pd 107  |  |                | 7.4E-09         | CC 2           | U 234            |  | 6.3E-09         | CC 2            | 8              |
| Ag 108m |  |                | 2.21E-06        | CC 2           | U 235            |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Ag 110m |  |                |                 | 8              | U 236            |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Cd 109  |  |                |                 | 8              | U 238            |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Cd 113m |  |                |                 | 8              | Np 237           |  | 1.05E-09        | CC 2            | 8              |
| Sn 119m |  |                |                 | 8              | Pu 236           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Sn 121m |  |                | 1.95E-04        | CC 2           | Pu 238           |  | 1.59E-05        | CC 2            | 8              |
| Sn 123  |  |                |                 | 8              | Pu 239           |  | 1.72E-06        | CC 2            | 8              |
| Sn 126  |  |                | 2.97E-08        | CC 2           | Pu 240           |  | 1.52E-05        | CC 2            | 8              |
| Sb 125  |  |                |                 | 8              | Pu 241           |  | 1.97E-05        | CC 2            | 8              |
| Sb 126  |  |                | 4.16E-09        | CC 2           | Pu 242           |  | 2.14E-07        | CC 2            | 8              |
| Te 125m |  |                |                 | 8              | Am 241           |  | 3.66E-05        | CC 2            | 8              |
| Te 127m |  |                |                 | 8              | Am 242m          |  | 4.16E-08        | CC 2            | 8              |
| I 129   |  |                |                 | 8              | Am 243           |  | 5.44E-06        | CC 2            | 8              |
| Cs 134  |  |                |                 | 8              | Cm 242           |  | 3.44E-08        | CC 2            | 8              |
| Cs 135  |  |                | 2.24E-08        | CC 2           | Cm 243           |  | 5.3E-08         | CC 2            | 8              |
| Cs 137  |  |                | 5.44E-04        | CC 2           | Cm 244           |  | 1.58E-04        | CC 2            | 8              |
| Ba 133  |  |                | 6.41E-07        | CC 2           | Cm 245           |  | 3.19E-07        | CC 2            | 8              |
| La 137  |  |                |                 | 8              | Cm 246           |  | 2.3E-06         | CC 2            | 8              |
| La 138  |  |                |                 | 8              | Cm 248           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Ce 144  |  |                |                 | 8              | Cf 249           |  | 7.57E-09        | CC 2            | 8              |
| Pm 145  |  |                | 1.35E-07        | CC 2           | Cf 250           |  | 1.23E-09        | CC 2            | 8              |
| Pm 147  |  |                |                 | 8              | Cf 251           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Sm 147  |  |                |                 | 8              | Cf 252           |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Sm 151  |  |                | 2.83E-06        | CC 2           | Other a          |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Eu 152  |  |                | 1.34E-08        | CC 2           | Other b/g        |  |                 |                 | 8              |
| Eu 154  |  |                | 7.97E-07        | CC 2           | <b>Total a</b>   | <b>0</b>                               | <b>2.36E-04</b> | <b>CC 2</b>     | 8              |
| Eu 155  |  |                | 2.57E-09        | CC 2           | <b>Total b/g</b> | <b>0</b>                               | <b>1.34E-01</b> | <b>CC 2</b>     | 8              |

**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