

<b>WASTE STREAM</b>	<b>9F315</b>	<b>Mild Steel (Reactor) LLW</b>
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**SITE** Sizewell A  
**SITE OWNER** Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

**WASTE CUSTODIAN** Magnox Limited

**WASTE TYPE** LLW

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.....	569.0 m <sup>3</sup>
Total future arisings:		569.0 m <sup>3</sup>
Total waste volume:		569.0 m <sup>3</sup>

Comment on volumes: Waste volumes have been reassessed since publication of the 2010 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 LLW packages.  
 Physical components (%wt): Mild steel items (100%), including the pressure vessel.  
 Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.  
 Bulk density (t/m<sup>3</sup>): ~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 types are BS15 and RPV Steel.	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

**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 Recycling / reuse Other / various None		100.0

Comment on planned treatments: -

**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 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	100.0	1.4

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

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

Disposal Route	Stream volume %		
	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
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 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			

**Opportunities for alternative disposal routing: -**

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

**Waste Packaging for Disposal:**

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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) 4m box (no shielding) Other	100.0	10	57

Other information:                      Data have been presented as though the waste will be in dedicated containers. It is likely that this waste will be placed in containers with other LLW.

**Waste Planned for Disposal at the LLW Repository:**

Container voidage:                      Inaccessible voidage is not expected.

Waste Characterisation Form (WCH):                      -

Waste consigned for disposal to LLWR in year of generation:                      The timing of consignment of the waste for disposal cannot be determined at present.

**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:                                      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.

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 <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				8	Gd 153				8
Be 10				8	Ho 163				8
C 14			1.98E-03	CC 2	Ho 166m				8
Na 22				8	Tm 170				8
Al 26				8	Tm 171				8
Cl 36			2.61E-07	DC 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		5.3E-09	CC 2	8
Mn 54				8	Pb 205				8
Fe 55			8E-09	CC 1	Pb 210				8
Co 60			1.24E-05	CC 2	Bi 208				8
Ni 59			7.11E-05	CC 2	Bi 210m				8
Ni 63			4.05E-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	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				8	Th 230				8
Nb 93m				8	Th 232				8
Nb 94			1.41E-07	CC 2	Th 234				8
Mo 93			3.32E-05	CC 2	Pa 231				8
Tc 97				8	Pa 233				8
Tc 99			7.7E-06	CC 2	U 232				8
Ru 106				8	U 233				8
Pd 107				8	U 234				8
Ag 108m			1.43E-06	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	<b>Total a</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>		
Eu 155				8	<b>Total b/g</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6.16E-03</b>	<b>CC 2</b>	

**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