

**WASTE STREAM****9J46****Miscellaneous Activated Components R2**

**SITE** Hunterston A  
**SITE OWNER** Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

**WASTE CUSTODIAN** Magnox Limited

**WASTE TYPE** ILW; SPD3

Is the waste subject to Scottish Policy: Yes

**WASTE VOLUMES**

		Reported	
Stocks:	At 1.4.2022.....	0.6 m <sup>3</sup>	
Total future arisings:		0 m <sup>3</sup>	
Total waste volume:		0.6 m <sup>3</sup>	
Comment on volumes:	No further arisings.		
Uncertainty factors on volumes:	Stock (upper):	x 1.2	Arisings (upper) x
	Stock (lower):	x 0.8	Arisings (lower) x

**WASTE SOURCE** The source of the waste is in-core components.

**PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS**

General description: The waste consists of redundant control rods and associated equipment such as distance tubes. Control rods are approximately 200 kg each and are 7.08 m long (120 mm maximum diameter).

Physical components (%wt): Control rods and distance tubes (~100%).

Sealed sources: The waste does not contain sealed sources.

Bulk density (t/m<sup>3</sup>): ~2.5

Comment on density: Bulk density is raw as stored and is estimated.

**CHEMICAL COMPOSITION**

General description and components (%wt): The waste consists principally of stainless steel, with other unspecified metals.

Chemical state: Neutral

Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: The chemical form of tritium has not been determined but may be present as water or as other inorganic compounds or as organic compounds.  
 C-14: Carbon 14 will be present as graphite.  
 Cl-36: The chemical form of chlorine 36 content has not been determined.  
 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 has not been determined but may be uranium oxides.  
 Np: The neptunium content is insignificant.  
 Pu: The chemical form of plutonium isotopes has not been determined but may be plutonium oxides.

Metals and alloys (%wt): Control rods are 7 m long x 0.12 m max diameter.

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grade(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	~90.0	The waste contains steel and other metals. Alloying proportions of tin, nickel, niobium and molybdenum may be present. Control rods contain boron steel inserts.	
Other ferrous metals.....	NE		
Iron.....			
Aluminium.....	NE		

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Beryllium.....	NE	
Cobalt.....		
Copper.....	NE	
Lead.....	NE	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	TR	
Nickel.....		
Titanium.....		
Uranium.....		
Zinc.....	NE	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	TR	
Other metals.....	NE	"Other" metals have not been identified.

Organics (%wt):                      None expected.

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

	(%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.....	NE
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 are no inorganic anions present.

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

Materials of interest for           There are no hazardous materials present.  
waste acceptance 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.....		

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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.....		
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):      No

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....		
DPTA.....		
NTA.....		
Polycarboxylic acids.....		
Other organic complexants.....		
Total complexing agents.....	0	

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Potential for the waste to contain discrete items: Yes. Large Metal Items (LMIs)/"substantial" thickness items considered "durable" assumed DIs; Stainless items assumed DIs.

**PACKAGING AND CONDITIONING**

Conditioning method: The waste is not expected to be supercompacted. It will be placed in baskets in a 4m ILW stainless steel box and is now assumed to be encapsulated.

Plant Name: -

Location: Hunterston A Decommissioning Site

Plant startup date: 2075

Total capacity (m<sup>3</sup>/y incoming waste): ~5000.0

Target start date for packaging this stream: 2075

Throughput for this stream (m<sup>3</sup>/y incoming waste): <1.0

Other information: The current proposal is to store the waste as at present until Final Dismantling commences. All waste is expected to be retrieved when a conditioning campaign is undertaken. Baskets of different ILW may be in the same package.

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	< 1

Likely container type comment: Container choice may be influenced by the Transport Regulations at the time of Final Site Clearance. 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.

Range in container waste volume: This waste will only occupy one box.

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

Likely conditioning matrix: Not specified

Other information: The waste is assumed to be encapsulated. The matrix is likely to be BFS/OPC.

Conditioned density (t/m<sup>3</sup>): ~3.0

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

Other information on conditioning: Appropriate plant will be provided at the Station in accordance with Company strategy. Wastes will be in baskets placed in the waste packages. Baskets of different Final Dismantling ILW wastes may be in the same packages. The matrix is likely to be BFS/OPC. The density of the encapsulated waste would probably be about 3t/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 steel, principally due to Fe55 and Co-60.

Uncertainty: Specific activity is a function of Station operating history. The values quoted are indicative of the activities that might be expected.

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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:

Estimates are based upon theoretical assessments.

Other information:

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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	<1.53E+00	C 3			Gd 153		8		
Be 10		8			Ho 163		8		
C 14	2.00E-02	CC 2			Ho 166m		8		
Na 22		8			Tm 170		8		
Al 26		8			Tm 171		8		
Cl 36	3E-05	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		8		
Mn 54		8			Pb 205		8		
Fe 55	9.46E-02	CC 2			Pb 210		8		
Co 60	4.14E-01	CC 1			Bi 208		8		
Ni 59	4E-02	CC 2			Bi 210m		8		
Ni 63	2.76E+00	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	<3.76E-05	C 3			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	4E-05	CC 2			Th 234	<7E-09	C 3		
Mo 93		8			Pa 231		8		
Tc 97		8			Pa 233		8		
Tc 99	<1E-08	C 3			U 232		8		
Ru 106		8			U 233		8		
Pd 107		8			U 234		8		
Ag 108m	3.92E-05	CC 2			U 235		8		
Ag 110m		8			U 236		8		
Cd 109		8			U 238	<7E-09	C 3		
Cd 113m		8			Np 237		8		
Sn 119m		8			Pu 236		8		
Sn 121m		8			Pu 238	<2.73E-06	C 3		
Sn 123		8			Pu 239	<3E-06	C 3		
Sn 126		8			Pu 240	<4.00E-06	C 3		
Sb 125		8			Pu 241	<3.37E-05	C 3		
Sb 126		8			Pu 242	<2E-09	C 3		
Te 125m		8			Am 241	<8.71E-06	C 3		
Te 127m		8			Am 242m	<1.88E-08	C 3		
I 129		8			Am 243	<6.00E-09	C 3		
Cs 134		8			Cm 242	<1.55E-08	C 3		
Cs 135		8			Cm 243	<3.80E-09	C 3		
Cs 137	<5.31E-05	C 3			Cm 244	<3.17E-08	C 3		
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	<3.77E-09	C 3			Cf 251		8		
Sm 147		8			Cf 252		8		
Sm 151	<8.20E-07	C 3			Other a				
Eu 152	1.08E-05	CC 2			Other b/g				
Eu 154	7.58E-06	CC 2			<b>Total a</b>	<b>1.85E-05</b>	<b>CC 2</b>	<b>0</b>	
Eu 155		8			<b>Total b/g</b>	<b>4.86E+00</b>	<b>CC 2</b>	<b>0</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