

WASTE STREAM	2A06	Redundant Activated Control Rods LLW
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SITE Calder Hall

SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Sellafield Ltd

WASTE TYPE LLW

WASTE VOLUMES

	Reported (m ³)	OR	Conditioned (m ³)	Packaged (m ³)
Stocks:	At 1.4.2025			
Future arisings:	= 7.6			
Total future arisings:	0.0			
Total waste volume:	7.6			

Number of waste packages in stock: At 1.4.2025..... - packages

Comment on arising rates: -

Additional information on quantities: Waste stream 2A06 comprises of redundant activated control rods and flux scanner guide tubes removed from the reactors in the 1960's and stored in a purpose built facility. This LLW will arise as the rods are removed from the facility and cut to separate the LLW from the ILW (waste stream 2A01).

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x 1.20 Arisings (upper): x -
Stock (lower): x 0.80 Arisings (lower): x -

WASTE SOURCE The waste has arisen from the operation of Calder reactors and activation of the materials due to neutron exposure.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: The waste arises as boron steel tubes encased in a stainless steel outer tube, sealed at both ends, from the operation of Calder reactors. Control rods are long and therefore difficult to package without size reduction. It is envisaged that each rod will be size reduced to segregate the ILW from the LLW.

Changes since waste generated: Some of the rods have been sheathed in concrete as part of their installation in the storage facility.

Bulk density (t/m³): = 0.96

Comment on density: Bulk density value taken from waste stream characterisation document for LLW in the Control Rod storage facility.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Boron steel (~62 wt%), stainless steel (<5 wt%), concrete (33%).

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: The waste comprises boron steel tubes encased in a stainless steel outer tube, sealed at both ends.

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	< 5.0	18:8 austenitic grade.	
Other ferrous metals.....	~ 62.0	-	
Iron.....	-	-	
Aluminium.....	-	-	
Beryllium.....	= 0	-	
Cobalt.....	= 0	-	
Copper.....	-	-	
Lead.....	= 0	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	= 0	-	
Nickel.....	-	-	
Titanium.....	-	-	
Uranium.....	= 0	-	
Zinc.....	= 0	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	= 0	-	
Other metals.....	= 0	-	

Organics (%wt):

	(%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):

	(%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.....	= 33.0	As concrete sheathes around the outside of some of the control rods.	
Sand.....	= 0	No sand, other than that present in the concrete.	
Glass/Ceramics.....	= 0	-	
Graphite.....	= 0	-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....		-	
Asbestos.....	= 0	-	
Non/low friable.....		-	
Moderately friable.....		-	
Highly friable.....		-	
Free aqueous liquids.....	= 0	-	
Free non-aqueous liquids.....	= 0	-	
Powder/Ash.....	= 0	-	

COMPONENTS OF MATERIALS, WASTE PROPERTIES, MATERIALS NOT CONTRIBUTING TO MASS

Inorganic anions (%wt):

	(%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 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.....	= 0	-
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 substances / non hazardous pollutants:

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Acrylamide.....	-	-
Benzene.....	-	-
Chlorinated solvents.....	-	-
Formaldehyde.....	-	-
Organometallics.....	-	-
Phenol.....	-	-
Styrene.....	-	-
Tri-butyl phosphate.....	-	-
Other organophosphates.....	-	-
Vinyl chloride.....	-	-
Arsenic.....	-	-
Barium.....	-	-
Boron.....	< 4.0	-
Boron (in Boral).....	-	-
Boron (non-Boral).....	< 4.0	-
Cadmium.....	-	-
Caesium.....	-	-
Selenium.....	-	-
Chromium.....	-	-
Molybdenum.....	-	-
Thallium.....	-	-
Tin.....	-	-
Vanadium.....	-	-
Mercury compounds.....	-	-
Others.....	-	-

Complexing agents (%wt):

No		
	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....	-	-
DPTA.....	-	-
NTA.....	-	-
Polycarboxylic acids.....	-	-
Other organic complexants.....	-	-
Total complexing agents.....	= 0	-

Physical components:

	Number	Type(s) and comment
Sources.....	= 0	-
Electronic & Electrical Equipment (EEE)		
EEE Type 1.....	= 0	-
EEE Type 2.....	= 0	-
EEE Type 3.....	= 0	-
EEE Type 4.....	= 0	-
EEE Type 5.....	= 0	-

TREATMENT, PACKAGING AND DISPOSAL

Planned on-site / off-site treatment(s):

Treatment	On-site / Off-site	Stream volume %
Size reduction		
Decay storage		
Low force compaction		
Supercompaction (HFC)		
Incineration		
Drying/dewatering/liquid separation		
Tie down/fixatives/strippable coating/painting application		
Decontamination		
Metal treatment		
Recycling / reuse		
Thermal treatment, including vitrification		
Encapsulation		
Polymer encapsulation		
Other physical treatment		
Other chemical treatment		
Containerisation		
Treatment not yet determined		
None		= 100.0

Comments on planned treatments:

It has been assumed for the 2025 UK RWI that no further treatment will be carried out prior to disposal and that all the LLW will be non-compactable waste to be consigned to LLWR for disposal.

Conditioning method:

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Conditioning plants:

Plant Name	Location

Likely conditioning matrix:

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Further information on the conditioning matrix:

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Waste Packaging:

Likely container type:	Container	Waste packaged (vol%)	Waste loading (m³)	Payload (m³)	Number of packages	Estimated start date for packaging
	1/2 Height IP-2 Disposal/Re-usable ISO (TC01/TC02)	100.0	10.0	18.3	1	-

Range in container waste loading:

Other information on packaging and conditioning: Data have been presented as though the waste will be in dedicated containers. However it is likely that this waste will be placed in containers with other LLW.

Conditioned density (t/m³): -
Conditioned density comment: -

Management Routes:

Disposal Route	Stream volume %	Raw density t/m³	Start date
Expected to be consigned to a Near Site, Near Surface Disposal Facility (Scotland)	= 100.0		
Expected to be Non-NSD HAW managed under Scottish Government's policy			
Expected to be disposed to LLW Vaults NRS Dounreay			
Expected to be consigned to the Geological Disposal Facility			
Expected to be consigned to a Near Surface Disposal Facility			
Expected to be consigned to the LLW Repository			
Expected to be consigned to a Landfill Facility			
Expected to be disposed On-Site			
Expected to be managed by In-Situ Disposal			
Expected to be consigned to an Incineration Facility			
Expected to be consigned to a Metal Treatment Facility			
Expected to be Out of Scope			
Expected to be recycled / reused			
Disposal route not known			

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

Opportunities for alternative disposal routing: No

Baseline Management Route	Opportunity Management Route	Stream volume (%)	Opportunity Confidence	Comment
-	-	-	-	-

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: Cobalt-60 is the main source of activity in the waste arising from activation.

Uncertainty: The average specific activity has been calculated using the estimated volume of LLW in the stored waste (7.58 m³).

Measurement of radioactivities: Activities have been estimated using available information on the process by which the control rods and guide tubes were activated. Following 45 years of decay, no radionuclides are expected other than Co-60 and a trace of Ni-63.

Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: Nil.
C-14: Nil.
Cl-36: Nil.
Se-79: Nil.
Tc-99: Nil.
I-129: Nil.
Ra: Nil.
Th: Nil.
U: Nil.
Np: Nil.
Pu: Nil.

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Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³				Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m³			
	Waste at 1.4.2025	Bands and Code	Future Arisings	Bands and Code		Waste at 1.4.2025	Bands and Code	Future Arisings	Bands and Code
H 3	~ 1.08E-03	A A 2			Gd 153				
Be 10					Ho 163				
C 14					Ho 166m				
Na 22					Tm 170				
Al 26					Tm 171				
Cl 36					Lu 174				
Ar 39					Lu 176				
Ar 42					Hf 178n				
K 40					Hf 182				
Ca 41					Pt 193				
Mn 53	Tl 204								
Mn 54	Pb 205								
Fe 55	Pb 210								
Co 60	~ 8.17E-05	~ 8.17E-05	A A 2		Bi 208				
Ni 59					Bi 210m				
Ni 63					Po 210				
Zn 65					Ra 223				
Se 79					Ra 225				
Kr 81					Ra 226				
Kr 85					Ra 228				
Rb 87					Ac 227				
Sr 90					Th 227				
Zr 93					Th 228				
Nb 91					Th 229				
Nb 92					Th 230				
Nb 93m					Th 232				
Nb 94					Th 234				
Mo 93					Pa 231				
Tc 97					Pa 233				
Tc 99					U 232				
Ru 106					U 233				
Pd 107					U 234				
Ag 108m					U 235				
Ag 110m					U 236				
Cd 109					U 238				
Cd 113m					Np 237				
Sn 119m					Pu 236				
Sn 121m					Pu 238				
Sn 123					Pu 239				
Sn 126					Pu 240				
Sb 125					Pu 241				
Sb 126					Pu 242				
Te 125m					Am 241				
Te 127m					Am 242m				
I 129					Am 243				
Cs 134					Cm 242				
Cs 135					Cm 243				
Cs 137					Cm 244				
Ba 133					Cm 245				
La 137					Cm 246				
La 138					Cm 248				
Ce 144					Cf 249				
Pm 145					Cf 250				
Pm 147					Cf 251				
Sm 147					Cf 252				
Sm 151					Unsp a				
Eu 152					Unsp b/g				
Eu 154					Total a	0	*	0	*
Eu 155					Total b/g	1.16E-03	*	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 the 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
* Total calculated from the 114 declared radionuclides