

WASTE STREAM	2D203	Operational PCM from Aldermaston
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SITE Sellafield

SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Sellafield Ltd

WASTE TYPE ILW

WASTE VOLUMES

	Reported (m ³)	OR	Conditioned (m ³)	Packaged (m ³)
Stocks:	At 1.4.2025			
Future arisings:	= 0.4			
Total future arisings:	0.0			
Total waste volume:	0.4			

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

Comment on arising rates: Future transfers of drums are not quantified in this waste stream to avoid double counting as they are reported by AWE in waste stream 7A21.

Additional information on quantities: The 2D203 population is a small and well known population that is tracked for NDA reporting.

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x 1.00 Arisings (upper): x -
Stock (lower): x 1.00 Arisings (lower): x -

WASTE SOURCE Operational PCM has arisen from a variety of facilities engaged in research, handling and analysis of plutonium metal or plutonium contaminated material over the past 60 years.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: The waste consists of solids arising from operations with plutonium. These include tools, filters, glovebox gloves, discarded and unusable equipment. It also includes some facility re-kit (refurbishment) wastes.

Changes since waste generated: -

Bulk density (t/m³): ~ 0.32

Comment on density: Mass of waste divided by volume.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Metal (48.1%), cellulosic (4.8%), plastics (47.1%), non-organics (0.2%).

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: Metal is present in a large range of thicknesses.

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	NE	-	
Other ferrous metals.....	~ 33.4	Mild steel from drums is majority component.	
Iron.....	NE	-	
Aluminium.....	~ 0	In form of bulpit cans or part of filters. Not as foil.	
Beryllium.....	NE	-	
Cobalt.....	NE	-	
Copper.....	~ 0	-	
Lead.....	~ 2.5	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	NE	-	
Nickel.....	NE	-	
Titanium.....	NE	-	
Uranium.....	NE	-	
Zinc.....	NE	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	NE	-	
Other metals.....	~ 12.2	-	

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulose.....	~ 4.8	-	LDPE has been included as a condensation polymer for this return rather than other organics.
Paper, cotton.....	~ 0	-	
Wood.....	~ 4.8	-	
Halogenated plastics.....	~ 22.8	-	
Total non-halogenated plastics.....	~ 24.4	-	
Condensation polymers.....	~ 24.4	-	
Others.....	~ 0	-	
Organic ion exchange materials.....	NE	-	
Total rubber.....	~ 0	-	
Halogenated rubber.....	NE	-	
Non-halogenated rubber.....	~ 0	-	
Hydrocarbons.....	NE	-	
Oil or grease.....	NE	-	
Fuel.....	NE	-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar).....	NE	-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar).....	NE	-	
Bitumen.....	NE	-	
Others.....	NE	-	
Other organics.....	NE	-	

Other materials (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Inorganic ion exchange materials.....	NE	-	
Inorganic sludges and flocs.....	NE	-	
Soil.....	NE	-	
Brick/Stone/Rubble.....	NE	-	
Cementitious material.....	NE	-	
Sand.....	NE	-	
Glass/Ceramics.....	~ 0	-	
Graphite.....	NE	-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....	NE	-	
Asbestos.....	NE	-	
Non/low friable.....	NE	-	
Moderately friable.....	NE	-	
Highly friable.....	NE	-	
Free aqueous liquids.....	NE	-	
Free non-aqueous liquids.....	NE	-	
Powder/Ash.....	NE	-	

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

Inorganic anions (%wt):

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

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Combustible metals.....	NE	-
Low flash point liquids.....	NE	-
Explosive materials.....	NE	-
Phosphorus.....	NE	-
Hydrides.....	NE	-
Biological etc. materials.....	NE	-
Biodegradable materials.....	P	-
Putrescible wastes.....	NE	-
Non-putrescible wastes.....	P	-
Corrosive materials.....	NE	-
Pyrophoric materials.....	NE	-
Generating toxic gases.....	NE	-
Reacting with water.....	NE	-
Higher activity particles.....	NE	-
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....	NE	-

Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants:

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

Complexing agents (%wt):

Not yet determined		
	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....	NE	-
DPTA.....	NE	-
NTA.....	NE	-
Polycarboxylic acids.....	NE	-
Other organic complexants.....	NE	-
Total complexing agents.....	NE	-

Physical components:

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

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	On-site	= 100.0

Comments on planned treatments:

Conditioning method: Drums are processed through the Waste Treatment Complex (WTC). These drums could then be supercompacted in WTC and loaded into a basket within a 500L product drum such that there is a cement annulus between the basket and drum containments. Future WTC facilities (WTC 2 etc.) are currently projected to use thermal treatment but it is expected that this stream will be entirely processed through WTC1.

Conditioning plants:

Plant Name	Location
Waste Treatment Complex 1 (WTC1)	Sellafield

Likely conditioning matrix: Non-standard

Further information on the conditioning matrix:

A GGBS/ CEM I grout mix is used to generate the grout annulus which surrounds the compacted feed drums in a WTC product drum. The range of GGBS:CEM 1 is typically of the range 4.4-5.6:1. Water to powder ratio for the mix is within the range of 0.47-0.597. The conditioning matrix relevant to future facilities (WTC2 and WTC3) is currently unknown.

Waste Packaging:

Likely container type:	Container	Waste packaged (vol%)	Waste loading (m³)	Payload (m³)	Number of packages	Estimated start date for packaging
	500 l drum (basket for waste)	100.0	1.1	0.50	1	2025

Range in container waste loading: The reported waste loading is for the current WTC (supercompaction) process. Typically between 1 and 10 compacted 200 litre drums will be loaded into a 500 litre drum, with an average of 5.7.

Other information on packaging and conditioning: -

Conditioned density (t/m³): = 2.1

Conditioned density comment: Conditioned density calculated using data from current WTC product drum stock. The density is typically between 1.8 and 2.6 t/m³, although values outside of this range are possible.

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		2050
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: The source of radioactivity is from glovebox and operations at AWE site.

Uncertainty: The specific activity is based on records of arisings.

Measurement of radioactivities: Specific activity has been derived using measured activity and dividing by the measured waste volume.

Chemical form of radionuclides:

- H-3: -
- C-14: -
- Cl-36: -
- Se-79: -
- Tc-99: -
- I-129: -
- Ra: -
- Th: -
- U: Oxide form
- Np: -
- Pu: Oxide form

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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					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					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	5.49E-03	B B 2		
Sn 123					Pu 239	1.70E-01	B B 2		
Sn 126					Pu 240	3.95E-02	B B 2		
Sb 125					Pu 241	4.23E-02	B B 2		
Sb 126					Pu 242	4.61E-06	B B 2		
Te 125m					Am 241	4.49E-02	B B 2		
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	2.60E-01	*	0	*
Eu 155					Total b/g	4.23E-02	*	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