

WASTE STREAM	2F20	LWR Pond Furniture (Racks and Frames) from First Generation Oxide Storage Pond
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SITE Sellafield

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 = 0			
Future arisings:	1.4.2025 - 31.3.2035 = 0			
	1.4.2035 - 31.3.2036 = 531.0			
	1.4.2036 - 31.3.2037 = 531.0			
	1.4.2037 - 31.3.2038 = 486.0			
	1.4.2038 - 31.3.2039 = 486.0			
	1.4.2039 - 31.3.2040 = 152.0			
	1.4.2048 - 31.3.2049 = 1079.6			
	1.4.2049 - 31.3.2050 = 1079.6			
	1.4.2050 - 31.3.2051 = 1079.6			
	1.4.2051 - 31.3.2052 = 1079.6			
	1.4.2052 - 31.3.2053 = 1079.6			
Total future arisings:	7584.0			
Total waste volume:	7584.0			

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

Comment on arising rates: Arisings are either part of POCO activities across the LWR fuel storage ponds or generated to accommodate new/replacement pond furniture. Wastes are anticipated to be generated after 2028.

Additional information on quantities: 2F20 includes a broad range of pond furniture materials. Envelope volumes per item type have been used. Volumetrically, the waste stream volume may be significantly overestimated if wastes are size reduced; however, this is not factored into the the lower uncertainty factor with bulk density based on envelope volume for consistency.

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x - Arisings (upper): x 1.10
Stock (lower): x - Arisings (lower): x 0.90

WASTE SOURCE Storage racks, skips, frames and other miscellaneous pond furniture items used for storing LWR fuels and associated materials.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Open structures of varying geometries. All items are large (<20m³) and heavy (<2t).

Changes since waste generated: The waste will be decontaminated using N10, HiFoam and usual treatment. Residual, less mobile activity to be removed by abrasive disk.

Bulk density (t/m³): ~ 0.11

Comment on density: Densities are 0.4 t/m³ for open frames and 0.1 t/m³ for MEB storage frames, based on envelope volumes. The average rack density is approximately 0.11 t/m³, calculated as weight of rack 1150 kg / uncompacted volume 11.25 m³.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Mild steel (94%), stainless steel (3%), aluminium alloy (1%), paint.

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: 70% sheet metal (approx 5mm), 30% bulk metal (25-75mm).

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	= 3.0	304L.	
Other ferrous metals.....	= 94.0	-	
Iron.....	= 0	-	
Aluminium.....	= 1.0	-	
Beryllium.....	= 0	-	
Cobalt.....	= 0	-	
Copper.....	= 0	-	
Lead.....	= 0	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	= 0	-	
Nickel.....	= 0	-	
Titanium.....	= 0	-	
Uranium.....	= 0	-	
Zinc.....	= 0	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	= 0	-	
Other metals.....	= 0	The waste contains aluminium alloy (1%).	

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulotics.....	= 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.....	NE	-	
Halogenated rubber.....	= 0.02	-	
Non-halogenated rubber.....	NE	-	
Hydrocarbons.....	= 0	-	
Oil or grease.....	-	-	
Fuel.....	-	-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar).....	-	-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar).....	-	-	
Bitumen.....	-	-	
Others.....	-	-	
Other organics.....	P	Residual C-14 contamination	100.0

Other materials (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Inorganic ion exchange materials.....	= 0	-	
Inorganic sludges and flocs.....	< 2.0	-	
Soil.....	= 0	-	
Brick/Stone/Rubble.....	= 0	-	
Cementitious material.....	= 0	-	
Sand.....	= 0	-	
Glass/Ceramics.....	= 0	-	
Graphite.....	= 0	-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....	= 0	-	
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.....	= 0	-
Corrosive materials.....	= 0	-
Pyrophoric materials.....	= 0	-
Generating toxic gases.....	= 0	-
Reacting with water.....	= 0	-
Higher activity particles.....	P	There may be some active particles in the sludge.
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....	= 0	-

Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants:

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	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Acrylamide.....	= 0	-
Benzene.....	= 0	-
Chlorinated solvents.....	= 0	-
Formaldehyde.....	= 0	-
Organometallics.....	= 0	-
Phenol.....	= 0	-
Styrene.....	= 0	-
Tri-butyl phosphate.....	= 0	-
Other organophosphates.....	= 0	-
Vinyl chloride.....	= 0	-
Arsenic.....	= 0	-
Barium.....	= 0	-
Boron.....	= 0	-
Boron (in Boral).....	-	-
Boron (non-Boral).....	-	-
Cadmium.....	= 0	-
Caesium.....	= 0	-
Selenium.....	= 0	-
Chromium.....	= 0	-
Molybdenum.....	= 0	-
Thallium.....	= 0	-
Tin.....	= 0	-
Vanadium.....	= 0	-
Mercury compounds.....	= 0	-
Others.....	= 0	-

Complexing agents (%wt):

Yes

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....	= 0	-
DPTA.....	= 0	-
NTA.....	= 0	-
Polycarboxylic acids.....	= 0	-
Other organic complexants.....	TR	Traces of N10 and other chemicals may be present from decontamination process.
Total complexing agents.....	TR	-

Physical components:

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

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:

Treatment and disposal plans are currently under development. Options being considered include on-site treatment (decontamination & size reduction) & disposal as LLW and consignment to an off-site metals treatment facility.

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
-	-	-	-	-	-

Range in container waste loading:

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Other information on packaging and conditioning:

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Conditioned density (t/m³):

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Conditioned density comment:

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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: Not yet determined

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

RADIOACTIVITY

Source:	The activity on storage racks and frames arises from pond water contamination and could probably be readily removed by decontamination procedures. Individual bottle racks and fuel skips are also contaminated with fuel crud dislodged during storage (see 2F36 and 2F15).
Uncertainty:	The nuclide activity values represent only the skips which constitute a small proportion of the wastestream. The bulk of the wastestream consists of racks and frames which have considerably lower activity.
Measurement of radioactivities:	Radiometric analysis of 3 skips and 5 open baskets was carried out and the measured Co-60 activity of the worst case skip divided by the volume of a skip (15.4m ³). The other isotopes are derived from the Co-60 measurement in combination with analysis of fuel crud and external data.
Chemical form of radionuclides:	H-3: - C-14: Oxides. Cl-36: - Se-79: - Tc-99: Oxides. I-129: - Ra: - Th: - U: Oxides. Np: - Pu: Oxides.

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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			~ 1.16E-12	B C 2	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			~ 1.20E-11	B C 2	Pb 205				
Fe 55			~ 1.91E-06	B C 2	Pb 210				
Co 60			~ 2.55E-06	A A 1	Bi 208				
Ni 59			~ 6.93E-09	B C 2	Bi 210m				
Ni 63			~ 8.64E-09	B C 2	Po 210				
Zn 65					Ra 223				
Se 79					Ra 225				
Kr 81					Ra 226				
Kr 85					Ra 228				
Rb 87					Ac 227				
Sr 90			~ 7.32E-08	B C 2	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			~ 2.05E-11	B C 2	U 232				
Ru 106					U 233				
Pd 107					U 234			~ 1.39E-11	B C 2
Ag 108m					U 235				
Ag 110m					U 236			~ 1.39E-11	B C 2
Cd 109					U 238			~ 1.39E-11	B C 2
Cd 113m					Np 237				
Sn 119m					Pu 236				
Sn 121m					Pu 238			~ 3.26E-08	B C 2
Sn 123					Pu 239			~ 7.16E-09	B C 2
Sn 126					Pu 240				
Sb 125					Pu 241			~ 7.33E-08	B C 2
Sb 126					Pu 242				
Te 125m					Am 241			~ 7.52E-07	B C 2
Te 127m					Am 242m				
I 129			~ 4.09E-14	B C 2	Am 243				
Cs 134					Cm 242				
Cs 135					Cm 243			~ 1.21E-10	B C 2
Cs 137			~ 1.00E-07	B C 2	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	*	7.92E-07	*
Eu 155					Total b/g	0	*	4.72E-06	*

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