

WASTE STREAM	2F22/C	High Level Contaminated Waste
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SITE Sellafield

SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Sellafield Ltd

WASTE TYPE HLW

WASTE VOLUMES

Stocks:
Future arisings:

	Reported (m ³)
At 1.4.2025	
1.4.2025 - 31.3.2026	
1.4.2029 - 31.3.2030	
1.4.2030 - 31.3.2031	
1.4.2031 - 31.3.2032	
1.4.2032 - 31.3.2033	
1.4.2033 - 31.3.2034	
1.4.2034 - 31.3.2035	

OR

Conditioned (m ³)	Packaged (m ³)
= 0	0.0
= 0	0.0
= 1.5	2.0
= 1.5	2.0
= 1.5	2.0
= 1.5	2.0
= 1.5	2.0
= 0.8	1.0
8.3	10.8
8.3	10.8

Total future arisings:
Total waste volume:

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

Comment on arising rates: Total arisings based on pessimistic assumption that 55 containers of HA tech waste will be produced. Arisings dates are based on most up to date PSWP.

Additional information on quantities: Current assessments of the total waste arising in this stream indicate uncertainties of the order of +/-x3.

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x - Arisings (upper): x 3.00
Stock (lower): x - Arisings (lower): x 0.33

WASTE SOURCE HLW contaminated plant items. Intention is to cut glass product from plant items.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: WVP highly active plant items consigned to this waste stream are primarily failed melter components contaminated with a quantity of vitrified waste. The vitrified waste will be cut from the plant items for storage in standard stainless steel vitrification containers.

Changes since waste generated: -

Bulk density (t/m³): = 2.7

Comment on density: Density of vitrified product glass.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): SiO₂ (47.2%), Na₂O (8.6%), B₂O₃ (17.3%), Li₂O (2.0%), waste oxides (25%).

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: -

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	-		
Other ferrous metals.....	-		
Iron.....	-		
Aluminium.....	-		
Beryllium.....	-		
Cobalt.....	-		
Copper.....	-		
Lead.....	-		
Magnox/Magnesium.....	-		
Nickel.....	-		
Titanium.....	-		
Uranium.....	-		
Zinc.....	-		
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	-		
Other metals.....	-		

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulose.....	-	-	-
Paper, cotton.....	-	-	-
Wood.....	-	-	-
Halogenated plastics.....	-	-	-
Total non-halogenated plastics.....	-	-	-
Condensation polymers.....	-	-	-
Others.....	-	-	-
Organic ion exchange materials.....	-	-	-
Total rubber.....	-	-	-
Halogenated rubber.....	-	-	-
Non-halogenated rubber.....	-	-	-
Hydrocarbons.....	-	-	-
Oil or grease.....	-	-	-
Fuel.....	-	-	-
Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar).....	-	-	-
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar).....	-	-	-
Bitumen.....	-	-	-
Others.....	-	-	-
Other organics.....	-	-	-

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.....	= 0	-	-
Glass/Ceramics.....	= 100.0	-	-
Graphite.....	= 0	-	-
Desiccants/Catalysts.....	= 0	-	-
Asbestos.....	= 0	-	-
Non/low friable.....	= 0	-	-
Moderately friable.....	= 0	-	-
Highly friable.....	= 0	-	-
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.....	-	-
Chloride.....	-	-
Iodide.....	-	-
Cyanide.....	-	-
Carbonate.....	-	-
Nitrate.....	-	-
Nitrite.....	-	-
Phosphate.....	-	-
Sulphate.....	-	-
Sulphide.....	-	-

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Combustible metals.....	-	-
Low flash point liquids.....	-	-
Explosive materials.....	-	-
Phosphorus.....	-	-
Hydrides.....	-	-
Biological etc. materials.....	-	-
Biodegradable materials.....	-	-
Putrescible wastes.....	-	-
Non-putrescible wastes.....	-	-
Corrosive materials.....	-	-
Pyrophoric materials.....	-	-
Generating toxic gases.....	-	-
Reacting with water.....	-	-
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.....	-	-
Boron (in Boral).....	-	-
Boron (non-Boral).....	-	-
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.....	-	-

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	On-site	= 100.0
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		

Comments on planned treatments:

All HLW is vitrified.

Conditioning method:

Vitrification

Conditioning plants:

Plant Name	Location
Waste Vitrification Plant (WVP)	Sellafield

Likely conditioning matrix:

Glass

Further information on the conditioning matrix:

Borosilicate glass matrix.

Waste Packaging:

Likely container type:	Container	Waste packaged (vol%)	Waste loading (m³)	Payload (m³)	Number of packages	Estimated start date for packaging
	Steel Disposal Container HLW	100.0	0.08	0.15	110	-

Range in container waste loading: Based on 50% voidage when waste loaded into vitrification canisters.

Other information on packaging and conditioning: -

Conditioned density (t/m³): = 2.7

Conditioned density comment: Assumed same density as vitrified product, based on 400kg average glass per container in 1.5m³.

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: Adherent vitrified fission product oxides and calcined fission product nitrates.

Uncertainty: The activities are estimated since there is no significant operational experience yet in producing HA waste containers. As such uncertainties are large.

Measurement of radioactivities: This waste is stored with a 50% stored volume voidage and is assumed to be equivalent to vitrification plant product glass. On this basis the specific activity of this waste is estimated to be ~50% of the specific activity of the waste being processed in the vitrification plants.

Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: Not present.
C-14: Not present.
Cl-36: Present as oxide in trace quantities.
Se-79: Likely to be present as oxide.
Tc-99: Likely to be present as oxide.
I-129: Present as oxide.
Ra: Likely to be present as oxide.
Th: Likely to be present as oxide.
U: Present as oxide.
Np: Likely to be present as oxide.
Pu: Present as oxide.

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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				8	Gd 153			= 3.46E-08	C C 2
Be 10			= 3.19E-05	C C 2	Ho 163			= 8.33E-09	C C 2
C 14				8	Ho 166m			= 3.24E-04	C C 2
Na 22				6	Tm 170			= 1.15E-12	C C 2
Al 26				6	Tm 171			= 9.42E-06	C C 2
Cl 36				8	Lu 174			= 1.45E-10	C C 2
Ar 39				8	Lu 176			= 1.79E-14	C C 2
Ar 42				8	Hf 178n				
K 40			= 3.91E-09	C C 2	Hf 182			= 2.67E-13	C C 2
Ca 41			= 9.72E-05	C C 2	Pt 193			= 5.07E-09	C C 2
Mn 53			= 9.52E-11	C C 2	Tl 204			= 2.30E-10	C C 2
Mn 54			= 2.84E-06	C C 2	Pb 205			= 1.49E-10	C C 2
Fe 55			= 3.93E-02	C C 2	Pb 210			= 2.65E-07	C C 2
Co 60			= 7.04E-01	C C 2	Bi 208			= 3.08E-14	C C 2
Ni 59			= 1.33E-03	C C 2	Bi 210m			= 6.39E-15	C C 2
Ni 63			= 1.30E-01	C C 2	Po 210			= 2.59E-07	C C 2
Zn 65			= 1.10E-09	C C 2	Ra 223			= 2.95E-06	C C 2
Se 79			= 8.72E-03	C C 2	Ra 225			= 1.44E-08	C C 2
Kr 81				8	Ra 226			= 5.85E-07	C C 2
Kr 85			= 6.34E-21	C C 2	Ra 228			= 2.69E-11	C C 2
Rb 87			= 3.21E-06	C C 2	Ac 227			= 2.96E-06	C C 2
Sr 90			= 4.72E+03	C C 2	Th 227			= 2.91E-06	C C 2
Zr 93			= 2.76E-01	C C 2	Th 228			= 1.52E-05	C C 2
Nb 91			= 3.18E-08	C C 2	Th 229			= 1.44E-08	C C 2
Nb 92			= 2.49E-10	C C 2	Th 230			= 3.75E-05	C C 2
Nb 93m			= 2.19E-01	C C 2	Th 232			= 2.86E-11	C C 2
Nb 94			= 1.90E-05	C C 2	Th 234			= 1.06E-05	C C 2
Mo 93			= 1.05E-04	C C 2	Pa 231			= 4.41E-06	C C 2
Tc 97			= 1.71E-11	C C 2	Pa 233			= 1.86E-02	C C 2
Tc 99			= 1.34E+00	C C 2	U 232			= 3.60E-07	C C 2
Ru 106			= 1.47E-01	C C 2	U 233			= 1.62E-06	C C 2
Pd 107			= 1.43E-02	C C 2	U 234			= 5.15E-05	C C 2
Ag 108m			= 2.46E-06	C C 2	U 235			= 5.05E-07	C C 2
Ag 110m			= 6.48E-06	C C 2	U 236			= 5.85E-06	C C 2
Cd 109			= 2.26E-09	C C 2	U 238			= 1.06E-05	C C 2
Cd 113m			= 7.12E-01	C C 2	Np 237			= 1.86E-02	C C 2
Sn 119m			= 1.04E-06	C C 2	Pu 236			= 1.14E-07	C C 2
Sn 121m			= 2.34E+00	C C 2	Pu 238			= 3.86E-01	C C 2
Sn 123			= 1.79E-08	C C 2	Pu 239			= 8.48E-02	C C 2
Sn 126			= 2.05E-02	C C 2	Pu 240			= 2.05E-01	C C 2
Sb 125			= 1.63E+00	C C 2	Pu 241			= 4.99E+00	C C 2
Sb 126			= 1.52E-02	C C 2	Pu 242			= 3.31E-04	C C 2
Te 125m			= 3.98E-01	C C 2	Am 241			= 1.83E+02	C C 2
Te 127m			= 1.50E-08	C C 2	Am 242m			= 4.93E-01	C C 2
I 129			= 1.49E-19	C C 2	Am 243			= 7.87E-01	C C 2
Cs 134			= 1.59E+00	C C 2	Cm 242			= 4.07E-01	C C 2
Cs 135			= 9.74E-02	C C 2	Cm 243			= 3.17E-01	C C 2
Cs 137			= 6.62E+03	C C 2	Cm 244			= 2.34E+01	C C 2
Ba 133			= 2.75E-06	C C 2	Cm 245			= 7.15E-03	C C 2
La 137			= 4.63E-07	C C 2	Cm 246			= 1.35E-03	C C 2
La 138			= 2.59E-11	C C 2	Cm 248			= 1.07E-08	C C 2
Ce 144			= 4.34E-02	C C 2	Cf 249			= 1.04E-07	C C 2
Pm 145			= 1.18E-05	C C 2	Cf 250			= 1.61E-07	C C 2
Pm 147			= 2.58E+01	C C 2	Cf 251			= 4.49E-09	C C 2
Sm 147			= 1.26E-06	C C 2	Cf 252			= 4.92E-10	C C 2
Sm 151			= 4.67E+01	C C 2	Unsp a			NE	
Eu 152			= 2.31E-01	C C 2	Unsp b/g			NE	
Eu 154			= 5.30E+01	C C 2	Total a	0	*	2.09E+02	*
Eu 155			= 4.19E+00	C C 2	Total b/g	0	*	1.15E+04	*

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