

WASTE STREAM	5G25	DRAGON High Active Components
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SITE Winfrith

SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Nuclear Restoration Services Ltd (NRS)

WASTE TYPE ILW

WASTE VOLUMES

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

At 1.4.2025..... - packages

0.0

0.2

Comment on arising rates: -

Additional information on quantities: Volumes based on assessment (ILW/LLW) of individual items.

Uncertainty factors on volumes:

Stock (upper):	x 1.20	Arisings (upper):	x -
Stock (lower):	x 0.80	Arisings (lower):	x -

WASTE SOURCE This waste consists of the fuel spikes from the Dragon reactor

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Fuel spikes removed from the Dragon reactor core. The fuel elements were placed on the fuel spikes which were housed within the Dragon core base plate. The spikes contained a cyclone which served the purpose of collecting dust from the purge gasses. The spikes will therefore be highly contaminated and activated as a result of the cyclone and their position within the core. Waste stream will comprise twelve 10 litre cans containing a total of 37 fuel spikes. Waste stream may also include other hotspots and anything not suitable for a 6m3 box, so isn't limited to the above.

Changes since waste generated: -

Bulk density (t/m³): = 7.9

Comment on density: -

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Stainless Steel. Constituents taken from Dragon activation model. Fe (67%), Cr (17%), Ni (9.1%), Mn (1.5%), Others (5.4%)

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: -

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	= 100.0	Fe (67%), Cr (17%), Ni (9.1%), Mn (1.5%), Others (5.4%)	
Other ferrous metals.....	-	-	
Iron.....	-	-	
Aluminium.....	-	-	
Beryllium.....	= 0	-	
Cobalt.....	-	-	
Copper.....	= 0	-	
Lead.....	= 0	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	-	-	
Nickel.....	-	-	
Titanium.....	-	-	
Uranium.....	-	-	
Zinc.....	= 0	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	-	-	
Other metals.....	-	-	

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulose.....	= 0	-	
Paper, cotton.....	= 0	-	
Wood.....	= 0	-	
Halogenated plastics.....		-	
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.....	= 0	-	
Sand.....		-	
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.....	0	-
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.....	= 0	-
DPTA.....		-
NTA.....		-
Polycarboxylic acids.....		-
Other organic complexants.....		-
Total complexing agents.....		-

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	Off-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:

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Conditioning method:

The fuel spikes will be loaded into 12 cans (11 with 3 spikes and one can with 4 spikes). These will then be sent to Harwell in flasks for intermediate storage. Final conditioning will be undertaken at Harwell into 500l drums, as 5C52 Cement encapsulation at Harwell WEP.

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: -

Other information on packaging and conditioning: -

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: Contamination and activation from location in core and purpose of waste.

Uncertainty: -

Measurement of radioactivities: A 3D model of the reactor was used to calculate the neutron fluxes utilising the Monte Carlo code MCNP4C2. The flux calculations of the Monte-Carlo model were then input into a series of FISPACT calculations.

Chemical form of radionuclides:

- H-3: Tritium isotope present as trace element in the activated materials.
- C-14: Carbon-14 isotope present as trace element in the activated materials.
- Cl-36: Chlorine-36 isotope present as trace element in the activated materials.
- Se-79: Selenium-79 isotope present as trace element in the activated materials.
- Tc-99: Technetium-99 isotope present as trace element in the activated materials.
- I-129: Iodine-129 isotope present as trace element in the activated materials.
- Ra: Radium isotopes present as trace elements in the activated materials.
- Th: Thorium isotopes present as trace elements in the activated materials.
- U: Uranium isotopes present as trace elements in the activated materials.
- Np: Neptunium isotopes present as trace elements in the activated materials.
- Pu: Plutonium isotopes present as trace elements in the activated materials.

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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	5.74E-01	C C 2			Gd 153		8		
Be 10	4.08E-08	C C 2			Ho 163	2.16E-06	C C 2		
C 14	3.48E-01	C C 2			Ho 166m	2.75E-05	C C 2		
Na 22		8			Tm 170		8		
Al 26		8			Tm 171	1.00E-08	C C 2		
Cl 36	5.16E-05	C C 2			Lu 174		8		
Ar 39	9.22E-04	C C 2			Lu 176		8		
Ar 42	4.97E-07	C C 2			Hf 178n	1.36E-03	C C 2		
K 40	2.16E-08	C C 2			Hf 182	1.12E-09	C C 2		
Ca 41	3.12E-04	C C 2			Pt 193	5.19E-03	C C 2		
Mn 53		8			Tl 204	6.41E-04	C C 2		
Mn 54		8			Pb 205	1.12E-08	C C 2		
Fe 55	3.41E-02	C C 2			Pb 210		8		
Co 60	2.13E+00	C C 2			Bi 208		8		
Ni 59	2.16E+00	C C 2			Bi 210m	4.44E-09	C C 2		
Ni 63	2.07E+02	C C 2			Po 210		8		
Zn 65		8			Ra 223		8		
Se 79	3.48E-07	C C 2			Ra 225	9.18E-08	C C 2		
Kr 81	3.36E-06	C C 2			Ra 226		8		
Kr 85	2.36E-04	C C 2			Ra 228	1.13E-08	C C 2		
Rb 87	4.32E-09	C C 2			Ac 227		8		
Sr 90	1.66E-03	C C 2			Th 227		8		
Zr 93	1.56E-07	C C 2			Th 228	3.60E-07	C C 2		
Nb 91	6.32E-07	C C 2			Th 229	9.19E-08	C C 2		
Nb 92		8			Th 230	2.08E-09	C C 2		
Nb 93m	2.48E-03	C C 2			Th 232	1.13E-08	C C 2		
Nb 94	4.44E-03	C C 2			Th 234	1.92E-08	C C 2		
Mo 93	1.80E-03	C C 2			Pa 231		8		
Tc 97	3.84E-09	C C 2			Pa 233	3.04E-09	C C 2		
Tc 99	3.48E-04	C C 2			U 232	3.39E-07	C C 2		
Ru 106		8			U 233	1.19E-05	C C 2		
Pd 107	3.36E-09	C C 2			U 234	6.37E-07	C C 2		
Ag 108m	2.02E-04	C C 2			U 235		8		
Ag 110m		8			U 236	3.25E-09	C C 2		
Cd 109		8			U 238	1.92E-08	C C 2		
Cd 113m	2.13E-06	C C 2			Np 237	3.04E-09	C C 2		
Sn 119m		8			Pu 236		8		
Sn 121m	1.56E-04	C C 2			Pu 238	7.33E-05	C C 2		
Sn 123		8			Pu 239	1.03E-05	C C 2		
Sn 126	7.80E-09	C C 2			Pu 240	4.92E-05	C C 2		
Sb 125	5.05E-07	C C 2			Pu 241	6.47E-04	C C 2		
Sb 126	1.09E-09	C C 2			Pu 242	2.04E-07	C C 2		
Te 125m	1.27E-07	C C 2			Am 241	2.09E-04	C C 2		
Te 127m		8			Am 242m	4.89E-07	C C 2		
I 129	1.20E-09	C C 2			Am 243	4.32E-07	C C 2		
Cs 134	4.00E-08	C C 2			Cm 242	4.04E-07	C C 2		
Cs 135	1.44E-07	C C 2			Cm 243	1.99E-07	C C 2		
Cs 137	1.67E-03	C C 2			Cm 244	2.38E-06	C C 2		
Ba 133	3.16E-05	C C 2			Cm 245		8		
La 137	1.92E-06	C C 2			Cm 246		8		
La 138		8			Cm 248		8		
Ce 144		8			Cf 249		8		
Pm 145	1.04E-05	C C 2			Cf 250		8		
Pm 147	3.44E-08	C C 2			Cf 251		8		
Sm 147		8			Cf 252		8		
Sm 151	2.98E-04	C C 2			Unsp a				
Eu 152	6.71E-07	C C 2			Unsp b/g	1.12E-09			
Eu 154	1.48E-03	C C 2			Total a	3.59E-04	*	0	*
Eu 155	7.63E-06	C C 2			Total b/g	2.12E+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