

WASTE STREAM	9A84	Miscellaneous Contaminated Items from Post Irradiation Examination
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SITE Berkeley

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	= 0.1		
Future arisings:				
Total future arisings:		0.0		
Total waste volume:		0.1		

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

Comment on arising rates: -

Additional information on quantities: This waste was accumulated in 1977. It originated at Berkeley Technology Centre. There will be no further arisings of this waste stream.

Uncertainty factors on volumes:

Stock (upper):	x 1.10	Arisings (upper):	x -
Stock (lower):	x 0.90	Arisings (lower):	x -

WASTE SOURCE The waste consists principally of non-fuel element debris from the post irradiation examination work carried out on fuel, steel and graphite in the Berkeley Technology Centre caves and cells.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: The waste consists principally of non-fuel element debris from the post irradiation examination work carried out on fuel, steel and graphite in the Berkeley Technology Centre caves and cells. This waste comprises non-combustible wastes such as metals and glass. The waste is contained in 5 mild steel black cans. As the waste is containerised, it is unlikely that there will be any large items that will require special handling.

Changes since waste generated: -

Bulk density (t/m³): = 0.48

Comment on density: Density calculated using mass of container and external volume.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): The waste will include steel, glass and graphite. Fission products, actinides and other activation products will be present as contaminants.

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: Much of the metal will be of only 1-2mm thickness, but there will be items of greater thickness.

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	NE	-	
Other ferrous metals.....	~ 60.0	-	
Iron.....		-	
Aluminium.....	= 0	-	
Beryllium.....	0	-	
Cobalt.....		-	
Copper.....	= 0	-	
Lead.....	= 0	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	TR	-	
Nickel.....		-	
Titanium.....		-	
Uranium.....		-	
Zinc.....	= 0	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	= 0	-	
Other metals.....	= 0	Other' metals have not been identified.	

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulose.....	TR	-	
Paper, cotton.....	TR	-	
Wood.....	= 0	-	
Halogenated plastics.....	= 0	-	
Total non-halogenated plastics.....	NE	-	
Condensation polymers.....	NE	-	
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.....	~ 40.0	-	
Graphite.....	TR	-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....		-	
Asbestos.....	= 0	-	
Non/low friable.....		-	
Moderately friable.....		-	
Highly friable.....		-	
Free aqueous liquids.....	= 0	-	
Free non-aqueous liquids.....	= 0	-	
Powder/Ash.....	NE	-	

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

Inorganic anions (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Fluoride.....	= 0	-
Chloride.....	NE	-
Iodide.....	= 0	-
Cyanide.....	= 0	-
Carbonate.....	NE	-
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):

Yes		
	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....	TR	-
DPTA.....		-
NTA.....		-
Polycarboxylic acids.....		-
Other organic complexants.....		Organic complexing agents may be present in small quantities.
Total complexing agents.....	< 1.0	-

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		

Comments on planned treatments:

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Conditioning method:

This stream is to be co-packaged with 9A63, 9A64, 9A83, 9A33, 9A34, 9A35, 9A41, 9A42, 9A43, 9A49, 9A50, 9A51, 9A54, 9A55, 9A56, 9A74. Packages are assigned to 9A33/C, 9A34, 9A74.

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)			
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 waste has become contaminated from the processes concerned with the examination of irradiated fuel at Berkeley Nuclear Laboratories (now Berkeley Technology Centre).

Uncertainty: The values quoted are indicative of the expected activities. Specific activity is a function of operating history.

Measurement of radioactivities: Specific activities were derived by estimation based upon available information.

Chemical form of radionuclides:

H-3: Most tritium is expected to be present as water but some may be in the form of other inorganic compounds or as organic compounds.

C-14: Chemical form of carbon 14 has not been determined but may be graphite.

Cl-36: The chemical form of chlorine 36 in these wastes is not known.

Se-79: -

Tc-99: -

I-129: -

Ra: -

Th: -

U: Chemical form of uranium isotopes has not been determined but may be uranium oxides.

Np: -

Pu: Chemical form of plutonium isotopes has not been determined but may be plutonium 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	1.14E-04	C C 2			Gd 153		8		
Be 10					Ho 163		8		
C 14	9.95E-06	C C 2			Ho 166m		8		
Na 22					Tm 170		8		
Al 26					Tm 171		8		
Cl 36	7.00E-07	C C 2			Lu 174		8		
Ar 39					Lu 176		8		
Ar 42					Hf 178n		8		
K 40					Hf 182		8		
Ca 41					Pt 193		8		
Mn 53					Tl 204		8		
Mn 54					Pb 205		8		
Fe 55					Pb 210		8		
Co 60	2.45E-07	C C 2			Bi 208		8		
Ni 59	1.00E-06	C C 2			Bi 210m		8		
Ni 63	5.60E-05	C C 2			Po 210		8		
Zn 65					Ra 223		8		
Se 79	1.21E-08	C C 2			Ra 225		8		
Kr 81					Ra 226		8		
Kr 85					Ra 228		8		
Rb 87					Ac 227		8		
Sr 90	2.06E-03	C C 2			Th 227		8		
Zr 93	6.00E-07	C C 2			Th 228		8		
Nb 91					Th 229		8		
Nb 92					Th 230		8		
Nb 93m	5.42E-07	C C 2			Th 232		8		
Nb 94					Th 234	3.00E-07	C C 2		
Mo 93					Pa 231		8		
Tc 97					Pa 233	4.57E-08	C C 2		
Tc 99	3.00E-06	C C 2			U 232		8		
Ru 106					U 233		8		
Pd 107					U 234	3.25E-07	C C 2		
Ag 108m	< 2.77E-06	C 3			U 235	7.00E-09	C C 2		
Ag 110m					U 236	4.03E-08	C C 2		
Cd 109					U 238	3.00E-07	C C 2		
Cd 113m					Np 237	4.58E-08	C C 2		
Sn 119m					Pu 236		8		
Sn 121m					Pu 238	1.34E-04	C C 2		
Sn 123					Pu 239	9.99E-05	C C 2		
Sn 126	4.35E-08	C C 2			Pu 240	1.99E-04	C C 2		
Sb 125					Pu 241	2.58E-04	C C 2		
Sb 126	< 6.09E-09	C 3			Pu 242	1.00E-07	C C 2		
Te 125m					Am 241	3.63E-04	C C 2		
Te 127m					Am 242m	7.00E-07	C C 2		
I 129	6.00E-09	C C 2			Am 243	2.99E-07	C C 2		
Cs 134					Cm 242	5.78E-07	C C 2		
Cs 135	1.00E-07	C C 2			Cm 243	6.14E-08	C C 2		
Cs 137	2.16E-03	C C 2			Cm 244	2.84E-07	C C 2		
Ba 133					Cm 245		8		
La 137					Cm 246		8		
La 138					Cm 248		8		
Ce 144					Cf 249		8		
Pm 145					Cf 250		8		
Pm 147					Cf 251		8		
Sm 147					Cf 252		8		
Sm 151	1.35E-05	C C 2			Unsp a				
Eu 152	1.45E-08	C C 2			Unsp b/g				
Eu 154	3.26E-07	C C 2			Total a	7.98E-04	*	0	*
Eu 155	1.38E-09	C C 2			Total b/g	4.69E-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