

WASTE STREAM	9F26	Miscellaneous Activated Components - R1
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SITE Sizewell A

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	= 142.0		
Future arisings:				
Total future arisings:		0.0		
Total waste volume:		142.0		

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

Comment on arising rates: -

Additional information on quantities: -

Uncertainty factors on volumes:

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

WASTE SOURCE Redundant or defective components removed from the reactor cores or fuelling machines / servicing machines.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Flux flattening elements (absorber bars), fuel element support struts, fuelling machine broken hoses, flux scanning wires, control rods and chains, thermocouple harnesses and cables, charge chute bottom sections and redundant BCD equipment. Special handling will be required for some large items. Control rods and charge chute lengths may be of the order of 6 m long, assuming they have not been cut into sections. Components may weigh up to 1.7 t.

Changes since waste generated: -

Bulk density (t/m³): < 1.0

Comment on density: The average density has not been fully assessed but will be less than 1 t/m³.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Principally mild steel with other wastes containing graphite and stainless steel. Other components that may be present in smaller quantities are copper, boron steel, electrical wire insulation and PVC sheeting used for wrapping contaminated items.

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: Approximately 99% bulk metal wastes.

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	~ 7.5	Nickel and chromium will be present as constituents of stainless steel.	
Other ferrous metals.....	~ 90.0	Generally carbon steels with 300 series stainless steels.	
Iron.....	-	-	
Aluminium.....	= 0	-	
Beryllium.....	0	-	
Cobalt.....	-	-	
Copper.....	< 0.10	-	
Lead.....	= 0	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	TR	-	
Nickel.....	-	-	
Titanium.....	-	-	
Uranium.....	-	-	
Zinc.....	= 0	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	= 0	-	
Other metals.....	NE	Cadmium may be present as an additive in the steel control rods.	

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulose.....	= 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.....	= 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.....	TR	-	

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.....	TR	-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....		-	
Asbestos.....	= 0	-	
Non/low friable.....		-	
Moderately friable.....		-	
Highly friable.....		-	
Free aqueous liquids.....	= 0	-	
Free non-aqueous liquids.....	TR	-	
Powder/Ash.....	= 0	-	

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.....	= 0	-
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.....	TR	-
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.....	TR	-
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 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:

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Conditioning method:

All of the waste is expected to be retrieved and conditioned when a conditioning campaign is undertaken. The waste will be conditioned to satisfy the disposal requirements which are effective at the time of retrieval/conditioning. It is currently assumed that the waste will be placed in baskets in the waste packages and will be encapsulated but not supercompacted.

Conditioning plants:

Plant Name	Location
RDC Encap SZA	Sizewell A

Likely conditioning matrix:

Unknown

Further information on the conditioning matrix:

BFS/OPC (possibly PFA/OPC) is the likely encapsulation matrix.

Waste Packaging:

Likely container type:	Container	Waste packaged (vol%)	Waste loading (m³)	Payload (m³)	Number of packages	Estimated start date for packaging
	4 m box (0 mm concrete shielding)	100.0	16.2	18.9	9	-

Range in container waste loading: Not yet determined. No significant variability is expected.

Other information on packaging and conditioning: The container material is expected to be stainless steel. The type of container to be used is under review. Waste will be retained on site pending reactor dismantling and Site Clearance. Appropriate plant to be provided at the Station in accordance with Company strategy. The waste will be in baskets placed in the waste packages. Baskets of different Final Decommissioning ILW may be in the same waste package. Encapsulation matrix is likely to be BFS/OPC (possibly PFA/OPC). The density of the conditioned waste product would be about 3 t/m³.

Conditioned density (t/m³): ~ 3.0
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: Redundant or defective components such as control rods, charge chutes, absorber bars and thermocouples removed from reactor cores and fuelling machines/reactor servicing machine.

Uncertainty: Specific activity is a function of Station operating history. The values quoted are indicative of the activities that might be expected. Activity estimates are thought to be accurate within a factor of 10, but could be lower by a factor of 100.

Measurement of radioactivities: Activities have been calculated from activation calculations with assumptions for contamination.

Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: The chemical form of tritium has not been determined.
C-14: The chemical form of carbon 14 may be graphite.
Cl-36: The chemical form of chlorine 36 has not been determined.
Se-79: The selenium content is insignificant.
Tc-99: The technetium content is insignificant.
I-129: -
Ra: The radium isotope content is insignificant.
Th: The thorium isotope content is insignificant.
U: The uranium isotope content is insignificant.
Np: The neptunium content is insignificant.
Pu: The chemical form of plutonium isotopes has not been determined but may be in the form of 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	7.36E-03	C D 2			Gd 153		8		
Be 10		8			Ho 163		8		
C 14	2.00E-03	C D 2			Ho 166m		8		
Na 22		8			Tm 170		8		
Al 26		8			Tm 171		8		
Cl 36	3.00E-05	C C 2			Lu 174		8		
Ar 39		8			Lu 176		8		
Ar 42		8			Hf 178n		8		
K 40		8			Hf 182		8		
Ca 41		8			Pt 193		8		
Mn 53		8			Tl 204		8		
Mn 54		8			Pb 205		8		
Fe 55	9.13E-05	C D 2			Pb 210		8		
Co 60	3.22E-04	C D 2			Bi 208		8		
Ni 59		8			Bi 210m		8		
Ni 63		8			Po 210		8		
Zn 65		8			Ra 223		8		
Se 79		8			Ra 225		8		
Kr 81		8			Ra 226		8		
Kr 85		8			Ra 228		8		
Rb 87		8			Ac 227		8		
Sr 90	3.92E-05	C D 2			Th 227		8		
Zr 93		8			Th 228		8		
Nb 91		8			Th 229		8		
Nb 92		8			Th 230		8		
Nb 93m		8			Th 232		8		
Nb 94		8			Th 234		8		
Mo 93		8			Pa 231		8		
Tc 97		8			Pa 233		8		
Tc 99		8			U 232		8		
Ru 106		8			U 233		8		
Pd 107		8			U 234		8		
Ag 108m		8			U 235		8		
Ag 110m		8			U 236		8		
Cd 109		8			U 238		8		
Cd 113m		8			Np 237		8		
Sn 119m		8			Pu 236		8		
Sn 121m		8			Pu 238	2.60E-06	C D 2		
Sn 123		8			Pu 239	3.00E-06	C D 2		
Sn 126		8			Pu 240	4.00E-06	C D 2		
Sb 125		8			Pu 241	2.55E-05	C D 2		
Sb 126		8			Pu 242		8		
Te 125m		8			Am 241	1.09E-05	C D 2		
Te 127m		8			Am 242m		8		
I 129		8			Am 243		8		
Cs 134		8			Cm 242		8		
Cs 135		8			Cm 243	1.98E-08	C D 2		
Cs 137	2.65E-04	C D 2			Cm 244	2.02E-07	C D 2		
Ba 133		8			Cm 245		8		
La 137		8			Cm 246		8		
La 138		8			Cm 248		8		
Ce 144		8			Cf 249		8		
Pm 145		8			Cf 250		8		
Pm 147		8			Cf 251		8		
Sm 147		8			Cf 252		8		
Sm 151		8			Unsp a		8		
Eu 152		8			Unsp b/g		8		
Eu 154		8			Total a	2.07E-05	*	0	*
Eu 155		8			Total b/g	1.01E-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