

WASTE STREAM	9F46	Fuel Skips in Pond
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SITE Sizewell A

SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Nuclear Restoration Services Ltd (NRS)

WASTE TYPE LLW

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:				

0.0

93.6

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

Comment on arising rates: -

Additional information on quantities: Fuel skips in the fuel storage pond have become redundant since the reactors were defuelled and now all the fuel has been sent for reprocessing.

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

WASTE SOURCE Fuel skips were used for the storage and transport of fuel elements. Now the reactors have been defuelled and all the fuel sent off-site for reprocessing the fuel skips are redundant.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: The waste is 91 contaminated fuel skips. 74 of which are short skips which are approximately 0.824 m x 1.18 m x 1.029 m. 17 are long skips which are approximately 1.357 m x 0.824 m x 1.029 m in size. Thickness of skip is 8.2 mm.

Changes since waste generated: -

Bulk density (t/m³): ~ 0.42

Comment on density: Density refers to envelope volume of skip. Density of skip material only would be close to that of steel.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): -

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: -

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	= 0	-	
Other ferrous metals.....	~ 100.0	-	
Iron.....		-	
Aluminium.....	= 0	-	
Beryllium.....		-	
Cobalt.....		-	
Copper.....	= 0	-	
Lead.....	= 0	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	TR	-	
Nickel.....		-	
Titanium.....		-	
Uranium.....		-	
Zinc.....	= 0	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	= 0	-	
Other metals.....	= 0	-	

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.....	NE	-	

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):

Not yet determined		
	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....	NE	-
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		= 100.0

Comments on planned treatments:

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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
	1/2 Height IP-2 Disposal/Re-usable ISO (TC01/TC02)	100.0	10.0	18.3	10	-

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	0.42	
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 from pond operations and plant operation.

Uncertainty: -

Measurement of radioactivities: Activities are based upon Sizewell skip coupon sampling and analysis in 2008 and subsequent full characterisation of skips in 2017.

Chemical form of radionuclides:

H-3: Content is insignificant.
C-14: Content is insignificant.
Cl-36: -
Se-79: Content is insignificant.
Tc-99: Content is insignificant.
I-129: -
Ra: Content is insignificant.
Th: Content is insignificant.
U: Content is insignificant.
Np: Content is insignificant.
Pu: Not determined but could be 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	3.64E-06	C C 1			Gd 153			8	
Be 10					Ho 163			8	
C 14	9.18E-07	C C 1			Ho 166m			8	
Na 22					Tm 170			8	
Al 26					Tm 171			8	
Cl 36	3.50E-08	C C 1			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	3.21E-07	C C 1			Pb 210			8	
Co 60	8.80E-07	C C 2			Bi 208			8	
Ni 59					Bi 210m			8	
Ni 63	2.37E-07	C C 1			Po 210			8	
Zn 65					Ra 223			8	
Se 79					Ra 225			8	
Kr 81					Ra 226			8	
Kr 85					Ra 228			8	
Rb 87					Ac 227			8	
Sr 90	3.11E-03	C C 1			Th 227			8	
Zr 93					Th 228			8	
Nb 91					Th 229			8	
Nb 92					Th 230			8	
Nb 93m					Th 232			8	
Nb 94					Th 234			8	
Mo 93					Pa 231			8	
Tc 97					Pa 233			8	
Tc 99					U 232			8	
Ru 106	4.30E-08	C C 2			U 233			8	
Pd 107					U 234			8	
Ag 108m					U 235			8	
Ag 110m					U 236			8	
Cd 109					U 238			8	
Cd 113m					Np 237			8	
Sn 119m					Pu 236			8	
Sn 121m					Pu 238	2.40E-06	C C 1		
Sn 123					Pu 239	2.00E-06	C C 1		
Sn 126					Pu 240	2.00E-06	C C 1		
Sb 125	5.56E-07	C C 2			Pu 241	1.38E-04	C C 1		
Sb 126					Pu 242			8	
Te 125m	1.39E-07	C C 2			Am 241	8.59E-06	C C 1		
Te 127m					Am 242m			8	
I 129					Am 243			8	
Cs 134	1.92E-06	C C 2			Cm 242			8	
Cs 135					Cm 243	1.67E-07	C C 1		
Cs 137	8.85E-04	C C 2			Cm 244	1.50E-07	C C 1		
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	2.78E-06	C C 1			Cf 251			8	
Sm 147					Cf 252			8	
Sm 151	7.71E-07	C C 1			Unsp a			8	
Eu 152					Unsp b/g			8	
Eu 154	2.26E-06	C C 2			Total a	1.53E-05	*	0	*
Eu 155	1.17E-06	C C 2			Total b/g	4.15E-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