

WASTE STREAM	9G04/C	Ion Exchange Material Conditioned Waste
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SITE Trawsfynydd

SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Nuclear Restoration Services Ltd (NRS)

WASTE TYPE ILW

WASTE VOLUMES

	At 1.4.2025	Reported (m ³)	OR	Conditioned (m ³)	Packaged (m ³)
Stocks:	At 1.4.2025			= 164.3	301.8
Future arisings:					0.0
Total future arisings:				0.0	0.0
Total waste volume:				164.3	301.8

Number of waste packages in stock: At 1.4.2025..... 450 packages

Comment on arising rates: The volume of waste packaged in type 1803C drums is 164.25 m3. There will be no further arisings of this waste stream.

Additional information on quantities: -

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x 1.00 Arisings (upper): x -
Stock (lower): x 1.00 Arisings (lower): x -

WASTE SOURCE Ion exchange materials retrieved from storage tanks (resin vault 2) and solidified in the solidification plant at Trawsfynydd.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Conditioned ion exchange material in packages originally intended for sea dumping. The packages (450) are type 1803C. Each is of gross weight about 2.5 t and contains approximately 0.23 m3 of conditioned ion exchange material. The total volume of the raw material packaged was about 60 m3. Drums are 0.9 m diameter x 1.2 m high. Waste conditioning was carried out during 1985. The packages each weigh about 2.5 t and so require suitable lifting equipment.

Changes since waste generated: -

Bulk density (t/m³): = 1.3

Comment on density: Density of conditioned waste is 1.29 t/m3. Density of packaged waste is approx. 3.2 t/m3 as the sea dump drums are weighted with iron shot cement.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): The ion exchange material has been conditioned by mixing with a polymer. Packaging and conditioning was carried out in 1985 the mean percentage wt of conditioned waste per drum (excludes package and capping grout): Ion exchange material (62.5% wt), polymer (29% wt), Extender (2.3% wt), Catalyst (0.86% wt), steel grit (5.2% wt) and Promotor (0.13% wt)

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: Mild steel liners and reinforcing bars are present.

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	= 0	-	
Other ferrous metals.....	~ 5.2	Steel grit mixed into the inactive feed material	
Iron.....	~ 0	-	
Aluminium.....	= 0	-	
Beryllium.....	0	-	
Cobalt.....	-	-	
Copper.....	= 0	-	
Lead.....	= 0	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	= 0	-	
Nickel.....	-	-	
Titanium.....	-	-	
Uranium.....	-	-	
Zinc.....	= 0	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	= 0	-	
Other metals.....	= 0	-	

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulotics.....	= 0	-	
Paper, cotton.....	= 0	-	
Wood.....	= 0	-	
Halogenated plastics.....	= 0	-	
Total non-halogenated plastics.....	= 32.3	-	
Condensation polymers.....	= 32.3	Base polymer (29%), Extender (2.3%), Catalyst (0.86%), Promotor (0.13%)	
Others.....	= 0	-	
Organic ion exchange materials.....	~ 31.3	Lewatit (40%) plus other resins that are unspecified as organic or inorganic.	
Total rubber.....	0	-	
Halogenated rubber.....	-	-	
Non-halogenated rubber.....	-	-	
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.....	~ 31.3	AW500 (47%) plus other resins that are unspecified as organic or inorganic.	
Inorganic sludges and flocs.....	= 0	-	
Soil.....	= 0	-	
Brick/Stone/Rubble.....	= 0	-	
Cementitious material.....	-	-	
Sand.....	-	-	
Glass/Ceramics.....	= 0	-	
Graphite.....	= 0	-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....	-	-	
Asbestos.....	= 0	-	
Non/low friable.....	-	-	
Moderately friable.....	-	-	
Highly friable.....	-	-	
Free aqueous liquids.....	-	-	
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.....	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.....	= 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		
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:

Waste has been conditioned by encapsulating in type 1803C drums. Further packaging of this waste stream is required to meet transport compliance prior to transfer to the GDF.

Conditioning plants:

Plant Name	Location

Likely conditioning matrix:

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Further information on the conditioning matrix:

Individual type 1803C drums have been conditioned by encapsulation with a polymer matrix. To create the final waste packages, current estimates suggest that 6 type 1803C drums will be overpacked into a 4m ILW box before disposal to a suitable repository. This is likely to involve infilling the space between the drums in the 4m ILW Box with a BFS/OPC 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 (200 mm concrete shielding)	100.0	2.2	10.9	75	-

Range in container waste loading: Six type 1803 drums could be held in each 4m box.

Other information on packaging and conditioning:

The overall volume of Type 1803C drums is approximately 760 litres and they are made of mild steel. The 4m ILW Box is expected to be made of stainless steel.

Conditioned density (t/m³):

= 1.3

Conditioned density comment:

The density of the conditioned waste (resin and polymer) is approximately 1.29t/m³. The expected density of the final waste packages (4m ILW Box containing 6 type 1803C drums) is approximately 2.5 t/m³.

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:

Conditioned used ion exchange resins arising from the treatment of pond and effluent water. Contamination by fission products is the main source of activity. Some actinides are also present.

Uncertainty:

The range of uncertainty on the beta/gamma activity is about 10-15% and on the alpha activity 20%.

Measurement of radioactivities:

The assigned radioactivity has been determined from plant operating records supported by sampling and analysis of the raw resin prior to conditioning. The quoted activities are based upon declared activities on package records from 1985, these have been decayed to reference date 1/4/25. The conditioned waste volume is taken into account, not the package volume.

Chemical form of radionuclides:

H-3: Chemical form of tritium has not been determined but is likely to be water or as other inorganic or as organic compounds.
 C-14: The carbon 14 content is insignificant.
 Cl-36: The chlorine 36 content is insignificant.
 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: Chemical form of plutonium isotopes 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	2.53E-05	C C 2			Gd 153			8	
Be 10					Ho 163			8	
C 14	7.18E-07	C C 2			Ho 166m			8	
Na 22					Tm 170			8	
Al 26					Tm 171			8	
Cl 36	2.28E-08	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					Ti 204			8	
Mn 54					Pb 205			8	
Fe 55	1.40E-08	C C 2			Pb 210			8	
Co 60	2.15E-07	C C 2			Bi 208			8	
Ni 59					Bi 210m			8	
Ni 63	2.94E-06	C C 2			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	4.23E-03	C C 2			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	1.04E-07	C C 2		
Mo 93					Pa 231			8	
Tc 97					Pa 233			8	
Tc 99	1.61E-05	C C 2			U 232			8	
Ru 106					U 233			8	
Pd 107					U 234	7.99E-08	C C 2		
Ag 108m					U 235	1.12E-08	C C 2		
Ag 110m					U 236			8	
Cd 109					U 238	1.04E-07	C C 2		
Cd 113m					Np 237			8	
Sn 119m					Pu 236			8	
Sn 121m					Pu 238	1.69E-05	C C 2		
Sn 123					Pu 239	1.79E-05	C C 2		
Sn 126					Pu 240	2.22E-05	C C 2		
Sb 125	4.44E-09	C C 2			Pu 241	3.47E-04	C C 2		
Sb 126					Pu 242			8	
Te 125m	1.11E-09	C C 2			Am 241	4.76E-05	C C 2		
Te 127m					Am 242m			8	
I 129	3.00E-08	C C 2			Am 243			8	
Cs 134	3.03E-07	C C 2			Cm 242			8	
Cs 135					Cm 243	2.89E-08	C C 2		
Cs 137	4.15E-02	C C 2			Cm 244	3.53E-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	4.66E-08	C C 2			Cf 251			8	
Sm 147					Cf 252			8	
Sm 151	1.37E-06	C C 2			Unsp a				
Eu 152					Unsp b/g				
Eu 154	8.17E-07	C C 2			Total a	1.05E-04	*	0	*
Eu 155	7.36E-08	C C 2			Total b/g	4.62E-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