

WASTE STREAM	9J33/C	Conditioned Sludge
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SITE Hunterston 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		= 145.2	172.2
Future arisings:				0.0
Total future arisings:			0.0	0.0
Total waste volume:			145.2	172.2

Number of waste packages in stock: At 1.4.2025..... 66 packages

Comment on arising rates: -

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 Sludge arisings from the spent fuel storage pond. SRT2 and SRT3

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Sludge contains a mixture of Magnox sludge and a low density aluminium hydroxide floc. There are no large items in this waste stream.

Changes since waste generated: -

Bulk density (t/m³): ~ 2.0

Comment on density: This represents the conditioned waste density.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Sludge (79%), consisting of Aluminium hydroxide, silicic acid, silica, potassium ferrous-ferro-cyanide, magnesium hydroxide and water. Grout (21%)

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: No sheet metal expected in this waste stream.

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	= 0	-	
Other ferrous metals.....	< 0.50	-	
Iron.....		-	
Aluminium.....		-	
Beryllium.....	0	-	
Cobalt.....		-	
Copper.....	= 0	-	
Lead.....	= 0	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....		-	
Nickel.....		-	
Titanium.....		-	
Uranium.....		-	
Zinc.....	= 0	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	= 0	-	
Other metals.....	TR	"Other" metals include nickel, chromium, cobalt, calcium and strontium at trace quantities.	

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.....	TR	-	
Total rubber.....	TR	-	
Halogenated rubber.....	TR	-	
Non-halogenated rubber.....	TR	-	
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.....	~ 79.0	including <0.5% aluminium hydroxide and <1% magnesium hydroxide	
Soil.....	= 0	-	
Brick/Stone/Rubble.....	= 0	-	
Cementitious material.....	= 21.0	grout	
Sand.....		-	
Glass/Ceramics.....	= 0	-	
Graphite.....	= 0	-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....		-	
Asbestos.....	= 0	-	
Non/low friable.....		-	
Moderately friable.....		-	
Highly friable.....		-	
Free aqueous liquids.....	P	-	
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.....	TR	-
Chloride.....	TR	-
Iodide.....	TR	-
Cyanide.....	NE	-
Carbonate.....	TR	-
Nitrate.....	TR	-
Nitrite.....	TR	-
Phosphate.....	TR	-
Sulphate.....	TR	-
Sulphide.....	TR	-

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Combustible metals.....	< 1.0	-
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.....	< 1.0	-
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:

The waste is encapsulated in a BFS/OPC matrix.

Conditioning plants:

Plant Name	Location

Likely conditioning matrix:

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Further information on the conditioning matrix:

The matrix is expected to be 9:1 BFS/OPC.

Waste Packaging:

Likely container type:	Container	Waste packaged (vol%)	Waste loading (m³)	Payload (m³)	Number of packages	Estimated start date for packaging
	3 m³ drum	100.0	2.2	2.2	66	-

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

Other information on packaging and conditioning: Wet ILW recovery and encapsulation plant used to condition waste.

Conditioned density (t/m³): ~ 2.0
 Conditioned density comment: The conditioned density range is not estimated.

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)	NE		
Expected to be Non-NSD HAW managed under Scottish Government's policy	NE		
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: -

Uncertainty: The values quoted are indicative of the activities that might be expected.

Measurement of radioactivities: -

Chemical form of radionuclides:

- H-3: Tritium will be present as water.
- C-14: Carbon 14 will be present as 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: Radium isotope content is insignificant.
- Th: The thorium isotope content is insignificant.
- U: 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 present as 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	8.68E-05	C C 1			Gd 153		8		
Be 10	3.43E-08	C C 2			Ho 163	3.79E-08	C C 2		
C 14	2.36E-05	C C 1			Ho 166m	1.17E-05	C C 2		
Na 22		8			Tm 170		8		
Al 26		8			Tm 171		8		
Cl 36	7.65E-07	C C 1			Lu 174		8		
Ar 39	1.84E-05	C C 2			Lu 176		8		
Ar 42		8			Hf 178n	1.24E-05	C C 2		
K 40		8			Hf 182		8		
Ca 41	1.56E-06	C C 1			Pt 193	1.21E-05	C C 2		
Mn 53		8			Tl 204	7.75E-07	C C 2		
Mn 54		8			Pb 205		8		
Fe 55	2.11E-06	C C 1			Pb 210		8		
Co 60	1.80E-05	C C 1			Bi 208		8		
Ni 59	1.06E-06	C C 1			Bi 210m		8		
Ni 63	3.73E-05	C C 1			Po 210		8		
Zn 65		8			Ra 223		8		
Se 79	5.08E-08	C C 2			Ra 225		8		
Kr 81	2.86E-07	C C 2			Ra 226		8		
Kr 85	5.18E-04	C C 2			Ra 228		8		
Rb 87		8			Ac 227		8		
Sr 90	9.48E-03	C C 1			Th 227		8		
Zr 93	2.06E-06	C C 2			Th 228	2.32E-08	C C 2		
Nb 91		8			Th 229		8		
Nb 92		8			Th 230		8		
Nb 93m	7.21E-06	C C 2			Th 232		8		
Nb 94	1.88E-06	C C 2			Th 234	1.70E-06	C C 2		
Mo 93	4.28E-08	C C 2			Pa 231		8		
Tc 97		8			Pa 233	1.84E-07	C C 2		
Tc 99	1.51E-05	C C 1			U 232	2.26E-08	C C 2		
Ru 106		8			U 233	3.86E-08	C C 2		
Pd 107	1.45E-07	C C 2			U 234	2.27E-06	C C 1		
Ag 108m	1.90E-06	C C 2			U 235	4.12E-08	C C 1		
Ag 110m		8			U 236	2.23E-07	C C 2		
Cd 109		8			U 238	1.70E-06	C C 1		
Cd 113m	3.11E-06	C C 2			Np 237	1.84E-07	C C 2		
Sn 119m		8			Pu 236		8		
Sn 121m	1.90E-05	C C 2			Pu 238	7.07E-04	C C 1		
Sn 123		8			Pu 239	7.76E-04	C C 1		
Sn 126	4.93E-07	C C 2			Pu 240	7.69E-04	C C 1		
Sb 125	2.01E-07	C C 2			Pu 241	1.05E-02	C C 1		
Sb 126	6.90E-08	C C 2			Pu 242	1.55E-06	C C 2		
Te 125m	5.04E-08	C C 2			Am 241	3.59E-03	C C 1		
Te 127m		8			Am 242m	4.59E-06	C C 2		
I 129	2.08E-07	C C 1			Am 243	5.76E-06	C C 2		
Cs 134	1.20E-08	C C 1			Cm 242	3.78E-06	C C 1		
Cs 135	6.23E-07	C C 2			Cm 243	4.54E-06	C C 1		
Cs 137	5.78E-02	C C 1			Cm 244	4.96E-05	C C 1		
Ba 133	1.59E-06	C C 2			Cm 245	8.44E-09	C C 2		
La 137	2.89E-09	C C 2			Cm 246		8		
La 138		8			Cm 248		8		
Ce 144		8			Cf 249		8		
Pm 145	4.14E-08	C C 2			Cf 250		8		
Pm 147	2.33E-06	C C 1			Cf 251		8		
Sm 147		8			Cf 252		8		
Sm 151	6.90E-04	C C 1			Unsp a		8		
Eu 152	2.42E-06	C C 2			Unsp b/g		8		
Eu 154	5.47E-05	C C 1			Total a	5.91E-03	*	0	*
Eu 155	5.57E-06	C C 1			Total b/g	7.93E-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