

WASTE STREAM	2N15	LLW from PCM Operations for Combustible Treatment
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SITE LLW Repository

SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Nuclear Waste Services (NWS)

WASTE TYPE LLW

WASTE VOLUMES

Stocks:	At 1.4.2025	Reported (m³) ~ 49.1	OR	Conditioned (m³)	Packaged (m³)
Future arisings:					
Total future arisings:		0.0			
Total waste volume:		49.1			

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

Comment on arising rates: No arisings as all waste has been generated

Additional information on quantities: -

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x 1.30 Arisings (upper): x -
Stock (lower): x 0.70 Arisings (lower): x -

WASTE SOURCE The waste primarily comprises of soft waste (predominantly PPE) and hard wastes (contaminated building materials) generated during decontamination and POCO activities in the PCM facilities on the LLWR site.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: PCM decommissioning wastes and PPE. Soft waste including: gloves, overshoes, PPE (including air-fed suits) and filters. Building materials, wood, fibreglass. Redundant equipment including: Plastics i.e storage boxes, small volumes of potentially contaminated oils and ion exchange resins.

Changes since waste generated: There are small volumes of potentially contaminated oils and ion exchange resins. If these are not suitable for incineration they will be conditioned to enable vault disposal.

Bulk density (t/m³): ~ 2.0

Comment on density: Bulk density is based on an estimate of the total waste mass divided by the total waste volume.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): paper/cotton (50%), wood (30%), halogenated plastics (10%), rubber (9.78%), inorganic ion exchange materials (0.08%), glass/ceramics (0.09%), free non-aqueous liquids (0.05%).

Chemical state: Alkali

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.....	= 0	-	
Iron.....	= 0	-	
Aluminium.....	= 0	-	
Beryllium.....	= 0	-	
Cobalt.....	= 0	-	
Copper.....	= 0	-	
Lead.....	= 0	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	= 0	-	
Nickel.....	= 0	-	
Titanium.....	= 0	-	
Uranium.....	= 0	-	
Zinc.....	= 0	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	= 0	-	
Other metals.....	= 0	-	

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulotics.....	~ 80.0	-	
Paper, cotton.....	~ 50.0	-	
Wood.....	~ 30.0	-	
Halogenated plastics.....	~ 10.0	Including PVC.	
Total non-halogenated plastics.....		-	
Condensation polymers.....		-	
Others.....		-	
Organic ion exchange materials.....	NE	-	
Total rubber.....	~ 9.8	-	
Halogenated rubber.....	~ 9.8	Pessimistically assumed to be halogenated.	
Non-halogenated rubber.....	NE	-	
Hydrocarbons.....		-	
Oil or grease.....		-	
Fuel.....		-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar).....		-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar).....		-	
Bitumen.....		-	
Others.....		-	
Other organics.....		-	

Other materials (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Inorganic ion exchange materials.....	~ 0.08	-	
Inorganic sludges and flocs.....	0	-	
Soil.....	0	-	
Brick/Stone/Rubble.....	= 0	-	
Cementitious material.....	= 0	-	
Sand.....	= 0	-	
Glass/Ceramics.....	~ 0.09	Fibreglass	
Graphite.....		-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....	0	-	
Asbestos.....		-	
Non/low friable.....		-	
Moderately friable.....		-	
Highly friable.....		-	
Free aqueous liquids.....		Only for onsite discharge.	
Free non-aqueous liquids.....	~ 0.05	Oils from redundant equipment and battery acid.	
Powder/Ash.....		-	

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.....	NE	-
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.....	P 0.04	Oils from redundant equipment.
Explosive materials.....	= 0	-
Phosphorus.....	NE	-
Hydrides.....	= 0	-
Biological etc. materials.....	= 0	-
Biodegradable materials.....	= 80.0	-
Putrescible wastes.....	= 0	-
Non-putrescible wastes.....	= 80.0	Paper, wood.
Corrosive materials.....	= 0.01	Lead - acid battery.
Pyrophoric materials.....	= 0	-
Generating toxic gases.....	= 0	-
Reacting with water.....	= 0	-
Higher activity particles.....	NE	Possible, but unlikely due to ILW/LLW segregation.
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....	= 0	-

Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants:

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	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Acrylamide.....	= 0	-
Benzene.....	NE	-
Chlorinated solvents.....	= 0	-
Formaldehyde.....	= 0	-
Organometallics.....	= 0	-
Phenol.....	NE	-
Styrene.....	= 0	-
Tri-butyl phosphate.....	NE	Potentially present in hydraulic fluids.
Other organophosphates.....	= 0	-
Vinyl chloride.....	NE	-
Arsenic.....	NE	-
Barium.....	= 0	-
Boron.....	NE	-
Boron (in Boral).....	= 0	-
Boron (non-Boral).....	= 0	-
Cadmium.....	-	-
Caesium.....	= 0	-
Selenium.....	NE	-
Chromium.....	= 0	-
Molybdenum.....	= 0	-
Thallium.....	= 0	-
Tin.....	NE	-
Vanadium.....	NE	-
Mercury compounds.....	= 0	-
Others.....	= 0	-

Complexing agents (%wt):

Yes

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....	= 0	-
DPTA.....	= 0	-
NTA.....	= 0	-
Polycarboxylic acids.....	-	Not estimated
Other organic complexants.....	-	Not estimated
Total complexing agents.....	<< 0.01	-

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	Off-site	= 100.0
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:

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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
	-	-	-	-	-	-

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	~ 2.0	
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: Waste has become contaminated through contact with PCM waste stored / processed in the buildings.

Uncertainty: Specific activities have been based on sample results for waste items or similar waste items or inferred from monitoring data where available, but the majority of the waste volume is still to be characterised. Specific activities by mass have been converted to specific activities by volume, so uncertainties in the volume estimates will also be carried over.

Measurement of radioactivities: A number of characterisation methods have been used including; sampling and hand held monitoring.

Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: Trace quantities could be present as organically bound or free tritium.
C-14: Not expected to be present
Cl-36: Not expected to be present
Se-79: Not expected to be present
Tc-99: Not expected to be present
I-129: Not expected to be present
Ra: Could be present as metals, oxides or other forms.
Th: Could be present as metals, oxides or other forms.
U: Oxides, fluorides.
Np: Could be present as metals, oxides or other forms.
Pu: Nitrate, sulphide, fluoride or mixed 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	~ 2.13E-09 C C 2				Gd 153				
Be 10					Ho 163				
C 14					Ho 166m				
Na 22					Tm 170				
Al 26					Tm 171				
Cl 36					Lu 174				
Ar 39					Lu 176				
Ar 42					Hf 178n				
K 40					Hf 182				
Ca 41					Pt 193				
Mn 53					Tl 204				
Mn 54					Pb 205				
Fe 55					Pb 210				
Co 60					Bi 208				
Ni 59					Bi 210m				
Ni 63					Po 210				
Zn 65					Ra 223				
Se 79					Ra 225				
Kr 81					Ra 226				
Kr 85					Ra 228				
Rb 87					Ac 227				
Sr 90					Th 227				
Zr 93					Th 228				
Nb 91					Th 229				
Nb 92					Th 230				
Nb 93m					Th 232				
Nb 94					Th 234				
Mo 93					Pa 231				
Tc 97					Pa 233				
Tc 99					U 232				
Ru 106					U 233				
Pd 107					U 234				
Ag 108m					~ 2.69E-08 B B 2				
Ag 110m					~ 1.76E-09 B B 2				
Cd 109					~ 2.51E-10 B B 2				
Cd 113m					~ 4.02E-09 C C 2				
Sn 119m					~ 5.02E-12 C C 2				
Sn 121m									
Sn 123					~ 2.39E-08 B B 2				
Sn 126					~ 1.34E-06 B B 2				
Sb 125					~ 1.01E-07 B B 2				
Sb 126					~ 5.35E-07 B B 2				
Te 125m					~ 5.02E-12 B B 2				
Te 127m					~ 4.04E-07 B B 2				
I 129									
Cs 134									
Cs 135									
Cs 137									
Ba 133									
La 137									
La 138									
Ce 144									
Pm 145									
Pm 147									
Sm 147									
Sm 151									
Eu 152									
Eu 154									
Eu 155									

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