

WASTE STREAM	2N18	Low Level Waste Drums
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SITE LLW Repository

SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Nuclear Waste Services (NWS)

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:	0.0			
Total waste volume:	4.0			

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

Comment on arising rates: Waste associated with the 2N18 stream has been generated and is currently being stored pending disposal.

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 Historically, drums of waste from numerous sites were consigned to the LLWR for LLW Disposal. They have been stored on the LLWR site for ~30 years. There is a total of ten x 400 litre drums. Re-characterisation of the drums has enabled 7 of them to be re-classified as VLLW (3 remain as LLW). This waste stream covers the full inventory of ten drums.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: The drums contained various materials such as sludges (dry), soft bagged waste, and broken lab ware (glass) inside plastic tubs.

Changes since waste generated: Each drum was opened, investigated and the contents sampled. Other than processing of the waste within the drums and obtaining samples, there have been no physical or chemical changes.

Bulk density (t/m³): ~ 0.36

Comment on density: Bulk density is based on an estimate of the total waste mass (1.4t) divided by the total waste volume (4m3).

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Metals (19%), Plastics (PPE and plastic labware) (15%), rubble/cement (48%), glass (3%), paper/cotton (5%), wood (10%).

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: No bulk items in this wastestream. 19% (%wt) of metal present as sheet (representative of the 400 litre drum).

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	~ 19.0	-	
Other ferrous metals.....		Mild steel 400 litre drums.	
Iron.....		-	
Aluminium.....		-	
Beryllium.....		-	
Cobalt.....		-	
Copper.....		-	
Lead.....		-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....		-	
Nickel.....		-	
Titanium.....		-	
Uranium.....		-	
Zinc.....		-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....		-	
Other metals.....		-	

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulotics.....	~ 15.0	plastic (lab bottles and polystyrene)	
Paper, cotton.....	~ 5.0	Paper wipes	
Wood.....	~ 10.0	Wood shavings	
Halogenated plastics.....		-	
Total non-halogenated plastics.....	~ 15.0	PVC wrapping and sheets	
Condensation polymers.....		-	
Others.....		-	
Organic ion exchange materials.....		-	
Total rubber.....		-	
Halogenated rubber.....		-	
Non-halogenated rubber.....		-	
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.....		-	
Inorganic sludges and flocs.....		-	
Soil.....		-	
Brick/Stone/Rubble.....	~ 30.0	-	
Cementitious material.....	~ 18.0	-	
Sand.....		-	
Glass/Ceramics.....	~ 3.0	lab ware (glass)	
Graphite.....		-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....		-	
Asbestos.....		-	
Non/low friable.....		-	
Moderately friable.....		-	
Highly friable.....		-	
Free aqueous liquids.....		-	
Free non-aqueous liquids.....		-	
Powder/Ash.....		-	

COMPONENTS OF MATERIALS, WASTE PROPERTIES, MATERIALS NOT CONTRIBUTING TO MASS

Inorganic anions (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Fluoride.....		-
Chloride.....		-
Iodide.....		-
Cyanide.....		-
Carbonate.....		-
Nitrate.....		-
Nitrite.....		-
Phosphate.....		-
Sulphate.....		-
Sulphide.....		-

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Combustible metals.....		-
Low flash point liquids.....		-
Explosive materials.....		-
Phosphorus.....		-
Hydrides.....		-
Biological etc. materials.....		-
Biodegradable materials.....		-
Putrescible wastes.....		-
Non-putrescible wastes.....		-
Corrosive materials.....		-
Pyrophoric materials.....		-
Generating toxic gases.....		-
Reacting with water.....		-
Higher activity particles.....		-
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....		-

Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants:

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Acrylamide.....		-
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.....		-
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	Off-site	100.0

Comments on planned treatments:

7 of the 10 LLW drums will be consigned to landfill for disposal. 3 of the 10 drums will be disposed of as LLW in the Vault.

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)	30.0	1.2	1.2	1	-

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)			
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	= 30.0	~ 0.36	
Expected to be consigned to a Landfill Facility	= 70.0	~ 0.36	
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: Yes

Baseline Management Route	Opportunity Management Route	Stream volume (%)	Opportunity Confidence	Comment
On-site disposal facility	Landfill	~ 30.0	AMBER	Low resource and other priorities have affected the consignment of these drums.

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: Historic processes from external sites prior to transfer to the LLWR.

Uncertainty: Specific activities have been based on the sampling results of each drum.

Measurement of radioactivities: An intrusive sampling campaign took place and samples were dispatched to a lab for full characterisation analysis.

Chemical form of radionuclides:

H-3: Present - Tritium oxide.
C-14: Present
Cl-36: Not present
Se-79: Not present
Tc-99: Present
I-129: Not present
Ra: -
Th: Thorium oxide (powder)
U: Uranium oxide
Np: Not present
Pu: Plutonium oxide

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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	~ 1.54E-04	B B 2			Gd 153				
Be 10					Ho 163				
C 14	~ 1.95E+00	B B 2			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	~ 2.92E-08	B B 2			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	~ 1.85E-06	B B 2		
Mo 93					Pa 231				
Tc 97					Pa 233				
Tc 99					U 232				
Ru 106					U 233				
Pd 107					U 234	~ 4.41E-06	A A 2		
Ag 108m					U 235	~ 5.10E-07	A A 2		
Ag 110m					U 236				
Cd 109					U 238	~ 4.76E-06	A A 2		
Cd 113m					Np 237				
Sn 119m					Pu 236				
Sn 121m					Pu 238				
Sn 123					Pu 239				
Sn 126					Pu 240				
Sb 125					Pu 241	~ 3.85E-09	A A 2		
Sb 126					Pu 242				
Te 125m					Am 241	~ 2.70E-09	A A 2		
Te 127m					Am 242m				
I 129					Am 243				
Cs 134					Cm 242				
Cs 135					Cm 243				
Cs 137	~ 1.14E-08	B B 2			Cm 244				
Ba 133					Cm 245				
La 137					Cm 246				
La 138					Cm 248				
Ce 144					Cf 249				
Pm 145					Cf 250				
Pm 147					Cf 251				
Sm 147					Cf 252				
Sm 151					Unsp a				
Eu 152					Unsp b/g				
Eu 154	~ 6.23E-09	B B 2			Total a	9.68E-06	*	0	*
Eu 155					Total b/g	1.95E+00	*	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