

WASTE STREAM	3S03	Spent Cartridge Filters (ILW)
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SITE Sizewell B

SITE OWNER EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Ltd (EDFE NGL)

WASTE CUSTODIAN EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Ltd (EDFE NGL)

WASTE TYPE ILW

WASTE VOLUMES

Stocks:
Future arisings:

	Reported (m ³)
At 1.4.2025	~ 3.8
1.4.2025 - 31.3.2026	= 0.1
1.4.2026 - 31.3.2027	= 0.1
1.4.2027 - 31.3.2028	= 0.1
1.4.2028 - 31.3.2035	= 0.8
1.4.2035 - 31.3.2043	= 1.8

OR

Conditioned (m ³)	Packaged (m ³)

Total future arisings:

2.9

Total waste volume:

6.7

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

Comment on arising rates: Arising rate based on 20 filters being generated in an 18 month cycle. Using a bounding volume of 0.0084m³ for an 8" filter the annual arising equates to 0.112m³. Post EoG arisings are based on the decommissioning assumption of 2x annual rate for 8 years.
Waste filters over 100mSv/hr are decay stored in Ductile Cast Iron (DCI) Containers (circa 260). Waste filters less than 100mSv/hr are repacked in Multipack Drums (circa 11). Each Multipack Drum can contain 6x8" filters or 10x4" filters.

Additional information on quantities: -

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x 1.25 Arisings (upper): x 1.25
Stock (lower): x 0.75 Arisings (lower): x 0.75

WASTE SOURCE Spent cartridge filters.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Spent filter cartridges (100 vol%). No other constituents identified. The amount of particulate radioactive material trapped on each filter may be very variable. There may be some retained water.

Changes since waste generated: -

Bulk density (t/m³): = 0.85

Comment on density: -

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): The waste is spent filter cartridges, which are composed principally of stainless steel supports with glass fibre filter element and some organic materials. Fission products, actinides and other activation products will be present as contaminants. Stainless steel (~85% wt), glass fibre (~1% wt). Small quantities of epoxy resin (~5% wt), polyester (~1%wt), polyester / polypropylene (~1% wt) and ethylene propylene rubber (~0.15% wt) are used for fixing and sealing purposes. Remaining component is retained water.

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: About 7 inch diameter by 18 inch high hollow cylinder. Has top and bottom disks that are connected by three rods and a metal gauze containing the filter matrix.

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	~ 85.0	304 - 100%.	
Other ferrous metals.....	= 0	-	
Iron.....	= 0	-	
Aluminium.....	NE	-	
Beryllium.....	NE	-	
Cobalt.....	NE	-	
Copper.....	NE	-	
Lead.....	NE	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	= 0	-	
Nickel.....	NE	-	
Titanium.....	NE	-	
Uranium.....	NE	-	
Zinc.....	NE	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	= 0	-	
Other metals.....	TR	-	

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.....	~ 7.0	-	
Condensation polymers.....	~ 5.0	-	
Others.....	~ 2.0	-	
Organic ion exchange materials.....	= 0	-	
Total rubber.....	~ 0.15	-	
Halogenated rubber.....	= 0	-	
Non-halogenated rubber.....	~ 0.15	-	
Hydrocarbons.....	NE	-	
Oil or grease.....	NE	-	
Fuel.....	= 0	-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar).....	= 0	-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar).....	= 0	-	
Bitumen.....	= 0	-	
Others.....	= 0	-	
Other organics.....	TR	-	

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.....	= 0	-	
Glass/Ceramics.....	~ 1.0	-	
Graphite.....	= 0	-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....	= 0	-	
Asbestos.....	= 0	-	
Non/low friable.....	-	-	
Moderately friable.....	-	-	
Highly friable.....	-	-	
Free aqueous liquids.....	~ 6.9	-	
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.....	TR	-
Chloride.....	TR	-
Iodide.....	TR	-
Cyanide.....	= 0	-
Carbonate.....	TR	-
Nitrate.....	TR	-
Nitrite.....	NE	-
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.....	= 0	-
Corrosive materials.....	= 0	-
Pyrophoric materials.....	= 0	-
Generating toxic gases.....	= 0	-
Reacting with water.....	= 0	-
Higher activity particles.....	P	May be present.
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....	= 0	-

Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants:

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

Complexing agents (%wt):

Not yet determined		
	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....	NE	-
DPTA.....	NE	-
NTA.....	NE	-
Polycarboxylic acids.....	NE	-
Other organic complexants.....	NE	May be present in trace quantities.
Total complexing agents.....	NE	-

Physical components:

	Number	Type(s) and comment
Sources.....	= 0	-
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	On-site	= 100.0

Comments on planned treatments:

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Conditioning method:

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Conditioning plants:

Plant Name	Location
Sizewell B Modified Radioactive Waste Building (MRWB)	Sizewell B

Likely conditioning matrix:

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Further information on the conditioning matrix:

The encapsulating matrix is expected to be 3:1 PFA/OPC.

Waste Packaging:

Likely container type:

Container	Waste packaged (vol%)	Waste loading (m³)	Payload (m³)	Number of packages	Estimated start date for packaging
500 l drum	100.0	0.03	0.47	267	-

Range in container waste loading:

Waste filters are typically stored 1 per Ductile Cast Iron (DCI) Container due to activity. Periodic repacking campaigns are carried out on decayed filters which results in 6x8" filters or 10x4" filters per container. For disposal, some filters will have decayed to LLW levels and will be disposed under 3S08. Overall waste loading is assumed to average at 3x8" (0.0252m³) filters per container.

The drums will be self-shielding made from Ductile Cast Iron (DCI) to give a shield wall thickness of 185 mm. The external profile is the same as the standard NDA 500 litre drum. It is possible that the waste will be required to be transferred to standard unshielded 500 litre drums, however this is not yet determined.

Other information on packaging and conditioning:

Appropriate plant to be provided at the Station in accordance with EDF Energy strategy. Conditioning is expected to take place after short term accumulation (about 1 year) for the most active filters. Some of the less active filters will be left in an unconditioned state for 10-15 years to allow decay to LLW levels.

Conditioned density (t/m³):

~ 1.8

Conditioned density comment:

The density is expected to lie between 1.5 and 2.5t/m³.

Management Routes:

Disposal Route	Stream volume %	Raw density t/m ³	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: Spent filter cartridges from various filters. Contamination is principally by fission products, actinides and activation products, with traces of soluble fission products.

Uncertainty: The activity values quoted are indicative of the activities expected. The activity estimates are thought to be accurate to within a factor of 10.

Measurement of radioactivities: Theoretical assessments.

Chemical form of radionuclides:

- H-3: Will be present in any retained water.
- C-14: Trace (value unknown but not thought significant), probably as oxide.
- Cl-36: Not expected to be significant.
- Se-79: Not expected to be significant.
- Tc-99: Not expected to be significant.
- I-129: Not expected to be significant.
- Ra: Not expected to be significant.
- Th: Not expected to be significant.
- U: Not expected to be significant.
- Np: Not expected to be significant.
- Pu: Not expected to be significant.

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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-01	C C 2	1.00E-05	C C 2	Gd 153				
Be 10		8		8	Ho 163				
C 14	6.30E-02	C C 2	3.00E-09	C 3	Ho 166m				
Na 22		4		4	Tm 170				
Al 26		4		4	Tm 171				
Cl 36		8	7.00E-08	C C 2	Lu 174				
Ar 39					Lu 176				
Ar 42					Hf 178n				
K 40					Hf 182				
Ca 41		8		8	Pt 193				
Mn 53					Ti 204				
Mn 54	1.43E-04	C C 2	2.00E-02	C C 2	Pb 205				
Fe 55	2.01E-01	C C 2	2.00E-02	C C 2	Pb 210		8		8
Co 60	1.62E-01	C C 2	2.00E-02	C C 2	Bi 208				
Ni 59		8	2.00E-06	C C 2	Bi 210m				
Ni 63	3.13E-01	C C 2	2.00E-04	C C 2	Po 210		8		8
Zn 65	9.80E-07	C C 2	1.00E-03	C C 2	Ra 223				
Se 79		8	8.62E-10	C C 2	Ra 225				
Kr 81					Ra 226		8		8
Kr 85					Ra 228				
Rb 87					Ac 227				
Sr 90		8	2.00E-04	C C 2	Th 227				
Zr 93		8	2.00E-08	C C 2	Th 228				
Nb 91					Th 229		8		8
Nb 92					Th 230		8		8
Nb 93m		8		8	Th 232		8		8
Nb 94		8	2.00E-07	C C 2	Th 234				
Mo 93		8	3.00E-07	C C 2	Pa 231		8		8
Tc 97					Pa 233				
Tc 99		8	2.00E-09	C C 2	U 232				
Ru 106		8	2.00E-03	C C 2	U 233		8		8
Pd 107		8	2.00E-09	C C 2	U 234		8		8
Ag 108m		8		8	U 235		8		8
Ag 110m					U 236		8		8
Cd 109					U 238		8		8
Cd 113m					Np 237		8		8
Sn 119m					Pu 236				
Sn 121m		8		8	Pu 238		8		8
Sn 123					Pu 239		8		8
Sn 126		8		8	Pu 240		8		8
Sb 125					Pu 241		8		8
Sb 126					Pu 242		8		8
Te 125m					Am 241		8		8
Te 127m					Am 242m		8		8
I 129		8		8	Am 243		8		8
Cs 134		8	2.00E-03	C C 2	Cm 242		8		8
Cs 135		8	7.00E-09	C C 2	Cm 243		8		8
Cs 137	5.32E-02	C C 2	3.00E-03	C C 2	Cm 244		8		8
Ba 133					Cm 245		8		8
La 137					Cm 246		8		8
La 138					Cm 248				
Ce 144		8	2.00E-03	C C 2	Cf 249				
Pm 145					Cf 250				
Pm 147		8	2.00E-04	C C 2	Cf 251				
Sm 147					Cf 252				
Sm 151		8	4.00E-07	C C 2	Unsp a		8		8
Eu 152		8	6.00E-09	C C 2	Unsp b/g	1.00E-03	C C 2	1.00E-01	C C 2
Eu 154		8	2.00E-05	C C 2	Total a	0	*	0	*
Eu 155		8	1.00E-05	C C 2	Total b/g	1.05E+00	*	1.71E-01	*

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