

WASTE STREAM	5B24	Operational CHILW
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SITE Dounreay

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			
Future arisings:	= 769.8			
Total future arisings:	0.0			
Total waste volume:	769.8			

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

Comment on arising rates: No future arisings.

Additional information on quantities: Any further arisings of plutonium contaminated material will be covered by decommissioning streams.

Uncertainty factors on volumes:

Stock (upper):	x 1.02	Arisings (upper):	x -
Stock (lower):	x 0.98	Arisings (lower):	x -

WASTE SOURCE Reprocessing support, analytical and waste facilities and development work. Wastes from POCO may also be included.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: The waste comprises filters, glass, metal, concrete, process residues, tins, isomantles and general wastes such as tissues, swabs, plastic bags and rubber gloves. All waste in this stream is in 200 litre drums. The waste contains no large items.

Changes since waste generated: -

Bulk density (t/m³): = 0.26

Comment on density: The density has been obtained from the consignor's declarations.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Stainless steel (34%), mild steel (45%), concrete (3%), glass (3.8%), non-halogenated plastics (2%), halogenated plastics (9%), cellulose (0.5%), rubber (1.3%) and others (1.4%).

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: Both bulk and sheet metal may be present, proportions unknown.

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	= 34.0	-	
Other ferrous metals.....	= 45.0	-	
Iron.....	= 0	-	
Aluminium.....	~ 0.01	-	
Beryllium.....	= 0	-	
Cobalt.....	= 0	-	
Copper.....	TR	-	
Lead.....	~ 0.07	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	TR	-	
Nickel.....	= 0	-	
Titanium.....	= 0	-	
Uranium.....	= 0	-	
Zinc.....	TR	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	TR	-	
Other metals.....	= 1.2	-	

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulose.....	= 0.50	-	
Paper, cotton.....	= 0.50	-	
Wood.....	TR	-	
Halogenated plastics.....	= 9.0	-	
Total non-halogenated plastics.....	= 2.0	-	
Condensation polymers.....	NE	-	
Others.....	NE	-	
Organic ion exchange materials.....	= 0	-	
Total rubber.....	= 1.3	-	
Halogenated rubber.....	NE	-	
Non-halogenated rubber.....	NE	-	
Hydrocarbons.....	= 0	-	
Oil or grease.....	= 0	-	
Fuel.....	NE	-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar).....	= 0	-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar).....	= 0	-	
Bitumen.....	= 0	-	
Others.....	= 0	-	
Other organics.....	= 0	-	

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.....	= 3.0	-	
Sand.....	= 0	-	
Glass/Ceramics.....	= 3.8	-	
Graphite.....	= 0	-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....	= 0	-	
Asbestos.....	= 0.10	-	
Non/low friable.....	NE	-	
Moderately friable.....	NE	-	
Highly friable.....	NE	-	
Free aqueous liquids.....	= 0	-	
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.....	NE	-
Carbonate.....	NE	-
Nitrate.....	TR	-
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.....	NE	-
Explosive materials.....	= 0	-
Phosphorus.....	= 0	-
Hydrides.....	= 0	-
Biological etc. materials.....	= 0	-
Biodegradable materials.....	= 0	-
Putrescible wastes.....	= 0	-
Non-putrescible wastes.....	= 0	-
Corrosive materials.....	NE	-
Pyrophoric materials.....	= 0	-
Generating toxic gases.....	= 0	-
Reacting with water.....	= 0	-
Higher activity particles.....	NE	-
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):

No		
	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....	= 0	-
DPTA.....	= 0	-
NTA.....	= 0	-
Polycarboxylic acids.....	= 0	-
Other organic complexants.....	= 0	-
Total complexing agents.....	= 0	-

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	On-site	= 100.0
Decay storage		
Low force compaction		
Supercompaction (HFC)		
Incineration		
Drying/dewatering/liquid separation	On-site	= 100.0
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:

It is estimated that between 2 and 8 CHILW pucks will be placed into each 500l drum with the average being 5 drums per 500l drum. A small percentage of drums may not be suitable for supercompaction and will be directly immobilised into the 500l drum.

Conditioning method:

Waste will be conditioned using a grout matrix into 500L drums. This will be done through a dedicated ILW repackaging facility, which will handle both RHILW and CHILW 200L drums. This facility will produce conditioned 500L drums.

Conditioning plants:

Plant Name	Location
Combined ILW Repackaging Facility	Dounreay

Likely conditioning matrix:

Non-standard

Further information on the conditioning matrix:

Dounreay will use: Cement PFA 3:1 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 (pucks)	100.0	0.73	0.40	1061	-

Range in container waste loading: It is estimated that between 2 and 8 CHILW pucks will be placed into each 500l drum with the average being 5 drums per 500l drum. A small percentage of drums may not be suitable for supercompaction and will be directly immobilised into the 500l drum.

Other information on packaging and conditioning: -

Conditioned density (t/m³): ~ 2.5

Conditioned density comment: The conditioned density may lie in the range 2- 3 t/m³ dependent on supercompactor performance.

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: Yes

Baseline Management Route	Opportunity Management Route	Stream volume (%)	Opportunity Confidence	Comment
Non-NSDF HAW	Dounreay LLWDV	NE	RED	There is potential for LLW to be diverted out of this stream during the repackaging of ILW into 500L drums. However, details of this will be confirmed during the design of the facility.

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: The activity is in the form of plutonium contamination on materials.

Uncertainty: Activities are known to be within a factor of three.

Measurement of radioactivities: Alpha activities are based on O and A grade plutonium content from drum records. Beta/gamma activities are based on measurements from a number of drums. Decayed from 2022 submission.

Chemical form of radionuclides:

- H-3: Not likely to be present.
- C-14: Not likely to be present.
- Cl-36: Not likely to be present.
- Se-79: -
- Tc-99: Not likely to be present.
- I-129: Not likely to be present.
- Ra: Not likely to be present.
- Th: Not likely to be present.
- U: Likely to be present as oxides, possibly carbides.
- Np: Probably present in trace amounts.
- Pu: Likely to be present as 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					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	2.33E-16	B B 2			Pb 205				
Fe 55					Pb 210	6.81E-18	B B 2		
Co 60	1.04E-11	B B 2			Bi 208				
Ni 59					Bi 210m				
Ni 63					Po 210	6.20E-18	B B 2		
Zn 65					Ra 223	2.98E-16	B B 2		
Se 79					Ra 225	7.40E-21	B B 2		
Kr 81					Ra 226	4.54E-17	B B 2		
Kr 85					Ra 228	6.12E-16	B B 2		
Rb 87					Ac 227	3.05E-16	B B 2		
Sr 90	8.74E-10	B B 2			Th 227	2.96E-16	B B 2		
Zr 93					Th 228	1.86E-13	B B 2		
Nb 91					Th 229	7.46E-21	B B 2		
Nb 92					Th 230	1.86E-14	B B 2		
Nb 93m					Th 232	1.19E-15	B B 2		
Nb 94					Th 234	4.40E-12	B B 2		
Mo 93					Pa 231	2.36E-15	B B 2		
Tc 97					Pa 233	2.11E-13	B B 2		
Tc 99					U 232	1.84E-13	B B 2		
Ru 106	3.81E-15	B B 2			U 233	1.03E-17	B B 2		
Pd 107					U 234	2.24E-10	B B 2		
Ag 108m					U 235	9.82E-12	B B 2		
Ag 110m					U 236	1.14E-11	B B 2		
Cd 109					U 238	4.40E-12	B B 2		
Cd 113m					Np 237	2.12E-13	B B 2		
Sn 119m					Pu 236				
Sn 121m					Pu 238	1.42E-08	B B 2		
Sn 123					Pu 239	1.64E-08	B B 2		
Sn 126					Pu 240	2.44E-08	B B 2		
Sb 125	3.91E-13	B B 2			Pu 241	5.25E-07	B B 2		
Sb 126					Pu 242	2.19E-11	B B 2		
Te 125m	9.24E-14	B B 2			Am 241	4.03E-08	B B 2		
Te 127m					Am 242m	1.15E-12	B B 2		
I 129					Am 243	1.55E-16	B B 2		
Cs 134	9.90E-13	B B 2			Cm 242	9.66E-13	B B 2		
Cs 135					Cm 243	9.86E-16	B B 2		
Cs 137	1.18E-09	B B 2			Cm 244	1.09E-11	B B 2		
Ba 133					Cm 245				
La 137					Cm 246				
La 138					Cm 248				
Ce 144					Cf 249				
Pm 145					Cf 250				
Pm 147	9.30E-12	B B 2			Cf 251				
Sm 147	1.68E-21	B B 2			Cf 252				
Sm 151	2.15E-11	B B 2			Unsp a				
Eu 152	3.51E-12	B B 2			Unsp b/g				
Eu 154	1.35E-11	B B 2			Total a	9.57E-08	*	0	*
Eu 155	6.81E-12	B B 2			Total b/g	5.27E-07	*	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