

WASTE STREAM	5B326	MTR Reprocessing Plant ILW
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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 = 2.3			
Future arisings:	1.4.2026 - 31.3.2027 = 0.1			
	1.4.2027 - 31.3.2028 = 0.3			
	1.4.2035 - 31.3.2036 = 0.4			
	1.4.2036 - 31.3.2037 = 0.1			
	1.4.2039 - 31.3.2040 = 0.4			
	1.4.2044 - 31.3.2045 = 8.6			
	1.4.2046 - 31.3.2047 = 20.8			
	1.4.2047 - 31.3.2048 = 33.1			
	1.4.2048 - 31.3.2049 = 0.3			
	1.4.2049 - 31.3.2050 = 1.9			
	1.4.2050 - 31.3.2051 = 2.3			
	1.4.2051 - 31.3.2052 = 2.2			
Total future arisings:	70.4			
Total waste volume:	72.6			

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

Comment on arising rates: Programme data is based on Life Time Plan 2024 dataset generated in December 2023. The final strategy for the treatment of Pond sludge has still to be confirmed.

Additional information on quantities: -

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x 1.02 Arisings (upper): x 1.20
Stock (lower): x 0.98 Arisings (lower): x 0.80

WASTE SOURCE Contaminated fuel reprocessing plant hardware, concrete shielding. Pond sludge

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Fuel reprocessing plant hardware, e.g. vessels, pond equipment and pipework and concrete shielding. Steel vessels will be cut to an economic size and concrete shielding will be size reduced.

Changes since waste generated: -

Bulk density (t/m³): = 0.72

Comment on density: Based on actuals data from Dounreay's waste consignment system between 2010-2019. Data considered acceptable for 2025 submission.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Aluminium (0.24%), Brick/Rubble (47.72%), Cadmium (0.01%), Cementitious material (e.g. concrete) (9.03%), Copper (0.02%), Inorganic sludges and flocs (0.67%), Lead (0.39%), Mild Steel (19.95%), Plastic (0.19%), Rubber (TR), Stainless steel (17.58%), Titanium (0.84%), WEEE not containing hazardous components (0.05%), Wood/ Wood composite (3.30%),

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: The items will be of variable shape and thickness, from disused vessels and pipework.

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	= 17.6	Stainless steel assumed to be 316.	
Other ferrous metals.....	= 19.9	Mild steel	
Iron.....	0	-	
Aluminium.....	= 0.24	-	
Beryllium.....	0	-	
Cobalt.....	0	-	
Copper.....	= 0.02	-	
Lead.....	= 0.39	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	0	-	
Nickel.....	0	-	
Titanium.....	= 0.84	-	
Uranium.....	0	-	
Zinc.....	0	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	0	-	
Other metals.....	= 0.06	Cadmium 0.01%, WEEE not containing hazardous components 0.05%,	

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulotics.....	= 3.3	-	
Paper, cotton.....	0	-	
Wood.....	= 3.3	-	
Halogenated plastics.....	= 0.09	-	
Total non-halogenated plastics.....	= 0.09	-	
Condensation polymers.....	NE	-	
Others.....	NE	-	
Organic ion exchange materials.....	0	-	
Total rubber.....	< 0.01	-	
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.....	NE	-	
Other organics.....	0	-	

Other materials (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Inorganic ion exchange materials.....	0	-	
Inorganic sludges and flocs.....	= 0.67	-	
Soil.....	0	-	
Brick/Stone/Rubble.....	= 47.7	-	
Cementitious material.....	= 9.0	-	
Sand.....	0	-	
Glass/Ceramics.....	0	-	
Graphite.....	0	-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....	0	-	
Asbestos.....	0	-	
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.....	0	-
Chloride.....	NE	-
Iodide.....	NE	-
Cyanide.....	0	-
Carbonate.....	NE	-
Nitrate.....	NE	-
Nitrite.....	NE	-
Phosphate.....	0	-
Sulphate.....	0	-
Sulphide.....	NE	-

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.....	NE	-
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....	= 0	-

Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants:

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Acrylamide.....	-	-
Benzene.....	NE	-
Chlorinated solvents.....	-	-
Formaldehyde.....	-	-
Organometallics.....	-	-
Phenol.....	NE	-
Styrene.....	-	-
Tri-butyl phosphate.....	NE	-
Other organophosphates.....	-	-
Vinyl chloride.....	NE	-
Arsenic.....	NE	-
Barium.....	-	-
Boron.....	NE	-
Boron (in Boral).....	-	-
Boron (non-Boral).....	-	-
Cadmium.....	= 0.02	components from misc items in HAC
Caesium.....	-	-
Selenium.....	NE	-
Chromium.....	NE	-
Molybdenum.....	NE	-
Thallium.....	-	-
Tin.....	NE	-
Vanadium.....	NE	-
Mercury compounds.....	-	-
Others.....	NE	-

Complexing agents (%wt):

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

Physical components:

	Number	Type(s) and comment
Sources.....	-	-
Electronic & Electrical Equipment (EEE)	-	-
EEE Type 1.....	-	-
EEE Type 2.....	= 1	Crane lifting arm controls (in pond containment), Pond Bridge (Full item, not just WEEE component)
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:

RHILW will be packaged into 500l drums for long term storage. CHILW will be supercompacted with the pucks being encapsulated into 500L drums.

Conditioning method:

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

Conditioning plants:

Plant Name	Location
Combined ILW Repackaging Facility	Dounreay

Likely conditioning matrix:

Non-standard

Further information on the conditioning matrix:

Dounreay uses: 1:3 OPC:PFA 42% Water

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 (basket for waste)	72.6	0.20	0.40	266	-
500 l drum (pucks)	27.4	0.52	0.40	39	-

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. Assume 3:2 Z6033 to 500L drum ratio.

Other information on packaging and conditioning:

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Conditioned density (t/m³):

~ 2.5

Conditioned density comment:

The density is likely to be around 2-3 te/m3

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 repackaging of ILW into 500 L Drums. However, details of this will be confirmed through the design process of the repackaging facility.

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: The facility is a research materials test reactor fuel reprocessing plant. The source of radioactivity from MTR fuel reprocessing work previously carried out in the facility (and also from other research reactors).

Uncertainty: The estimates given for stocks and arisings are based off consignors data for the MTR Reprocessing Facility.

Measurement of radioactivities: From consignment data.

Chemical form of radionuclides:

- H-3: -
- C-14: -
- Cl-36: -
- Se-79: -
- Tc-99: -
- I-129: -
- Ra: -
- Th: -
- U: -
- Np: -
- Pu: -

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Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m ³				Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m ³			
	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					Ti 204				
Mn 54					Pb 205				
Fe 55					Pb 210	= 1.06E-14	C C 2	= 1.06E-14	C C 2
Co 60					Bi 208				
Ni 59					Bi 210m				
Ni 63					Po 210	= 8.12E-15	C C 2	= 8.12E-15	C C 2
Zn 65					Ra 223	= 3.11E-12	C C 2	= 3.11E-12	C C 2
Se 79					Ra 225	= 3.57E-19	C C 2	= 3.57E-19	C C 2
Kr 81					Ra 226	= 1.79E-13	C C 2	= 1.79E-13	C C 2
Kr 85					Ra 228	= 7.28E-18	C C 2	= 7.28E-18	C C 2
Rb 87					Ac 227	= 3.23E-12	C C 2	= 3.23E-12	C C 2
Sr 90	= 3.38E-03	C C 2	= 3.38E-03	C C 2	Th 227	= 3.11E-12	C C 2	= 3.11E-12	C C 2
Zr 93					Th 228	= 3.45E-18	C C 2	= 3.45E-18	C C 2
Nb 91					Th 229	= 3.68E-19	C C 2	= 3.68E-19	C C 2
Nb 92					Th 230	= 1.38E-10	C C 2	= 1.38E-10	C C 2
Nb 93m					Th 232	= 2.52E-17	C C 2	= 2.52E-17	C C 2
Nb 94					Th 234				
Mo 93					Pa 231	= 3.61E-11	C C 2	= 3.61E-11	C C 2
Tc 97					Pa 233	= 1.55E-10	C C 2	= 1.55E-10	C C 2
Tc 99					U 232				
Ru 106					U 233	= 1.99E-15	C C 2	= 1.99E-15	C C 2
Pd 107					U 234	= 2.50E-06	C C 2	= 2.50E-06	C C 2
Ag 108m					U 235	= 2.84E-07	C C 2	= 2.84E-07	C C 2
Ag 110m					U 236	= 8.53E-08	C C 2	= 8.53E-08	C C 2
Cd 109	6.70E-06		= 6.70E-06	C C 2	U 238				
Cd 113m					Np 237	= 1.58E-10	C C 2	= 1.58E-10	C C 2
Sn 119m					Pu 236				
Sn 121m					Pu 238	= 1.70E-04	C C 2	= 1.70E-04	C C 2
Sn 123					Pu 239	= 4.91E-06	C C 2	= 4.91E-06	C C 2
Sn 126					Pu 240	= 5.06E-06	C C 2	= 5.06E-06	C C 2
Sb 125					Pu 241	= 2.58E-04	C C 2	= 2.58E-04	C C 2
Sb 126					Pu 242				
Te 125m					Am 241	= 8.24E-05	C C 2	= 8.24E-05	C C 2
Te 127m					Am 242m				
I 129					Am 243				
Cs 134					Cm 242				
Cs 135					Cm 243				
Cs 137	= 6.23E-03	C C 2	= 6.23E-03	C C 2	Cm 244	= 5.47E-06	C C 2	= 5.47E-06	C C 2
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	= 1.16E-05	C C 2	= 1.16E-05	C C 2	Unsp a				
Eu 152					Unsp b/g				
Eu 154	= 7.25E-05	C C 2	= 7.25E-05	C C 2	Total a	2.70E-04	*	2.70E-04	*
Eu 155	= 5.23E-06	C C 2	= 5.23E-06	C C 2	Total b/g	9.96E-03	*	9.96E-03	*

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