

WASTE STREAM	5B348	Effluent Treatment Plant LLW
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SITE Dounreay

SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

WASTE CUSTODIAN Nuclear Restoration Services Ltd (NRS)

WASTE TYPE LLW

WASTE VOLUMES

	Reported (m ³)	OR	Conditioned (m ³)	Packaged (m ³)
Stocks:	At 1.4.2025			
Future arisings:	1.4.2025 - 31.3.2026	= 30.6		
	1.4.2026 - 31.3.2027	= 34.1		
	1.4.2027 - 31.3.2028	= 32.5		
	1.4.2028 - 31.3.2029	= 28.1		
	1.4.2029 - 31.3.2030	= 28.0		
	1.4.2030 - 31.3.2031	= 28.0		
	1.4.2031 - 31.3.2032	= 28.0		
	1.4.2032 - 31.3.2033	= 28.1		
	1.4.2033 - 31.3.2034	= 28.0		
	1.4.2034 - 31.3.2035	= 28.0		
	1.4.2035 - 31.3.2036	= 28.0		
	1.4.2036 - 31.3.2037	= 28.1		
	1.4.2037 - 31.3.2038	= 28.0		
	1.4.2038 - 31.3.2039	= 28.0		
	1.4.2039 - 31.3.2040	= 28.0		
	1.4.2040 - 31.3.2041	= 28.1		
	1.4.2041 - 31.3.2042	= 28.0		
	1.4.2042 - 31.3.2043	= 28.0		
	1.4.2043 - 31.3.2044	= 28.0		
	1.4.2044 - 31.3.2045	= 28.1		
	1.4.2045 - 31.3.2046	= 28.0		
	1.4.2046 - 31.3.2047	= 88.0		
	1.4.2047 - 31.3.2048	= 846.8		
Total future arisings:		1535.9		
Total waste volume:		1535.9		

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

Comment on arising rates: Arisings dates have been taken from NRS Dounreay's Life time Plan 2024 as generated at December 2023.

Additional information on quantities: -

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

WASTE SOURCE The waste will arise during decommissioning of the old low level liquid effluent facility.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: The waste is expected to consist mainly of metal from pipework and concrete from drains.

Changes since waste generated: -

Bulk density (t/m³): = 0.84

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

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Asphalt (0.03%), Brick/Rubble (4.08%), Cementitious material (e.g. concrete) (52.73%), Copper (0.02%), Fibreglass (TR), Glass (TR), Inorganic sludges and flocs (0.72%), Iron (TR), Mild Steel (7.34%), Other (3.24%), Paper (3.32%), Plastic (23.45%), Rubber (1.52%), Stainless steel (0.69%), WEEE not containing hazardous components (TR), Wood/ Wood composite (2.23%), Unhalogenated Plastic (0.61%).

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: 15.09% by wt of all metals will be sheet from ventilation and ducting. Assumed sheet metal thickness is of a range between 1.6-2.5mm.
7.83% by wt of all metals will be bulk from tanks and gloveboxes.

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	= 0.69	-	
Other ferrous metals.....	= 7.3	-	
Iron.....	= 0.01	-	
Aluminium.....	0	-	
Beryllium.....	0	-	
Cobalt.....	0	-	
Copper.....	= 0.02	-	
Lead.....	0	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	0	-	
Nickel.....	0	-	
Titanium.....	0	-	
Uranium.....	0	-	
Zinc.....	0	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	0	-	
Other metals.....	< 0.01	-	

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulotics.....	= 5.5	-	
Paper, cotton.....	= 3.3	-	
Wood.....	= 2.2	-	
Halogenated plastics.....	= 11.7	-	
Total non-halogenated plastics.....	= 12.3	-	
Condensation polymers.....	NE	-	
Others.....	NE	-	
Organic ion exchange materials.....	0	-	
Total rubber.....	= 1.5	-	
Halogenated rubber.....	NE	-	
Non-halogenated rubber.....	NE	-	
Hydrocarbons.....	= 0.03	-	
Oil or grease.....	0	-	
Fuel.....	NE	-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar).....	0	-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar).....	= 0.03	-	
Bitumen.....	0	-	
Others.....	NE	-	
Other organics.....	= 3.2	-	

Other materials (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Inorganic ion exchange materials.....	0	-	
Inorganic sludges and flocs.....	= 0.72	-	
Soil.....	0	-	
Brick/Stone/Rubble.....	= 4.1	-	
Cementitious material.....	= 52.7	-	
Sand.....	0	-	
Glass/Ceramics.....	< 0.01	-	
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.....	NE	-
Low flash point liquids.....	NE	-
Explosive materials.....	NE	-
Phosphorus.....	NE	-
Hydrides.....	NE	-
Biological etc. materials.....	NE	-
Biodegradable materials.....	0	-
Putrescible wastes.....	NE	-
Non-putrescible wastes.....	NE	-
Corrosive materials.....	NE	-
Pyrophoric materials.....	NE	-
Generating toxic gases.....	NE	-
Reacting with water.....	0	-
Higher activity particles.....	NE	-
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....	NE	-

Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants:

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

Complexing agents (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
EDTA.....		-
DPTA.....		-
NTA.....		-
Polycarboxylic acids.....		-
Other organic complexants.....		-
Total complexing agents.....		-

Physical components:

	Number	Type(s) and comment
Sources.....	= 0	-
Electronic & Electrical Equipment (EEE)		-
EEE Type 1.....		-
EEE Type 2.....		-
EEE Type 3.....	= 1	Vacuum
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	= 41.0
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:

41% of the waste stream will be supercompacted on 200 L drums before being placed in HHISOs. HHISOs filled with bulk waste, compacted drums, or a mix of both will be encapsulated before final disposal.

Conditioning method:

For LLW, waste will be grouted into non IP rated HHISOs through a dedicated grouting facility.

Conditioning plants:

Plant Name	Location

Likely conditioning matrix:

Non-standard

Further information on the conditioning matrix:

~35% Water content and plasticiser
Dounreay uses PFA:OPC 3:1

Waste Packaging:

Likely container type:

Container	Waste packaged (vol%)	Waste loading (m³)	Payload (m³)	Number of packages	Estimated start date for packaging
Non IP-2 rated 1/2 Height ISO (DC02)	100.0	11.5	15.6	134	-

Range in container waste loading:

The waste loading value is a rough average using previously consigned waste data. Waste loading per ISO can vary significantly, based on how the container is loaded. In general, bulk items leads to a lower waste loading value where as compactable leads to a higher one. Most containers contain a mix of the two.

Other information on packaging and conditioning:

The waste will consist of large uncompactable items and 200 litre drums that have already been compacted. The waste will be loaded into alternative non IPS rated LLW Disposal HHISO for transfer to the NRSD LLW Disposal facility.

Conditioned density (t/m³):

~ 2.0

Conditioned density comment:

The value is the midpoint between a range of densities going from 1.49-2.47. These were taken from HHISOs disposed of in NRSD LLW Disposal Vaults.

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: Yes

Baseline Management Route	Opportunity Management Route	Stream volume (%)	Opportunity Confidence	Comment
Dounreay LLWDV	Metal treatment facility	P	RED	Trial is currently underway to open the Metal Treatment Route. The metallic waste treatment route % remains indicative and is subject to further review and characterisation by NRS Dounreay.
Dounreay LLWDV	Incineration facility	< 41.0	GREEN	This opportunity is still at an early stage of development. A small scale trial has taken place. This can potentially divert up to all compactable LLW. The incinerables waste route 41% is theoretical maximum based on 100% drummed LLW being suitable for incineration. The 41% is subject to further review by NRS Dounreay.
Dounreay LLWDV	Landfill	P	RED	Cementitious materials and brickwork potentially available for offsite diversion to landfill. Further characterisation of the waste is required to ensure suitability for this wasteroute.

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: The radioactivity arises from contamination of the low level liquid effluent facility.

Uncertainty: Within a factor of 10 for arisings.

Measurement of radioactivities: -

Chemical form of radionuclides:

- H-3: -
- C-14: -
- Cl-36: Not likely to be present.
- Se-79: -
- Tc-99: -
- I-129: Not likely to be present.
- Ra: -
- Th: -
- U: May be present in the form of oxides or nitrates.
- Np: May be present in the form of oxides or nitrates.
- Pu: May be present in the form of oxides or nitrates.

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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					Ti 204				
Mn 54					Pb 205				
Fe 55					Pb 210			= 3.33E-17	C C 2
Co 60			= 2.64E-10	C C 2	Bi 208				
Ni 59					Bi 210m				
Ni 63					Po 210			= 2.55E-17	C C 2
Zn 65					Ra 223			= 1.33E-15	C C 2
Se 79					Ra 225			= 1.58E-20	C C 2
Kr 81					Ra 226			= 5.62E-16	C C 2
Kr 85					Ra 228			= 1.51E-20	C C 2
Rb 87					Ac 227			= 1.38E-15	C C 2
Sr 90			= 2.75E-05	C C 2	Th 227			= 1.33E-15	C C 2
Zr 93					Th 228			= 7.13E-21	C C 2
Nb 91					Th 229			= 1.63E-20	C C 2
Nb 92					Th 230			= 4.33E-13	C C 2
Nb 93m					Th 232			= 5.23E-20	C C 2
Nb 94			= 1.16E-09	C C 2	Th 234			= 3.86E-10	C C 2
Mo 93					Pa 231			= 1.54E-14	C C 2
Tc 97					Pa 233			= 8.03E-12	C C 2
Tc 99					U 232				
Ru 106					U 233			= 9.30E-17	C C 2
Pd 107					U 234			= 7.87E-09	C C 2
Ag 108m					U 235			= 1.22E-10	C C 2
Ag 110m					U 236			= 1.77E-10	C C 2
Cd 109					U 238			= 3.86E-10	C C 2
Cd 113m					Np 237			= 8.21E-12	C C 2
Sn 119m					Pu 236				
Sn 121m					Pu 238			= 2.26E-06	C C 2
Sn 123					Pu 239			= 1.86E-06	C C 2
Sn 126					Pu 240			= 2.74E-06	C C 2
Sb 125					Pu 241			= 2.27E-04	C C 2
Sb 126					Pu 242				
Te 125m					Am 241			= 5.41E-06	C C 2
Te 127m					Am 242m				
I 129					Am 243				
Cs 134					Cm 242				
Cs 135					Cm 243				
Cs 137			= 7.77E-05	C C 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			= 5.90E-06	C C 2	Cf 251				
Sm 147			= 5.67E-16	C C 2	Cf 252				
Sm 151					Unsp a				
Eu 152					Unsp b/g				
Eu 154			= 3.58E-10	C C 2	Total a	0	*	1.23E-05	*
Eu 155					Total b/g	0	*	3.38E-04	*

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