

WASTE STREAM	6N102	Decommissioning Bulk Steel
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SITE OWNER UK Research and Innovation

WASTE CUSTODIAN UK Research and Innovation

WASTE TYPE ILW

WASTE VOLUMES

	Reported (m ³)	OR	Conditioned (m ³)	Packaged (m ³)
Stocks:	At 1.4.2025	= 0		
Future arisings:	1.4.2037 - 31.3.2058	~~ 4200.0		
Total future arisings:		4200.0		
Total waste volume:		4200.0		

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

Comment on arising rates: Estimated volume calculated for current shielding volume

Additional information on quantities: Nominal uncertainty to account for dimensional errors

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

WASTE SOURCE Steel support structures/shielding from the decommissioning of the ISIS neutron source.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Dominated by activated steel bulk shielding, but also relatively small but unknown quantities of plant items and cable.

Changes since waste generated: -

Bulk density (t/m³): = 7.8

Comment on density: Based on the density of steel.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): -

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: -

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	= 0	-	
Other ferrous metals.....	~ 100.0	-	
Iron.....	= 0	-	
Aluminium.....	= 0	-	
Beryllium.....	= 0	-	
Cobalt.....	= 0	-	
Copper.....	= 0	-	
Lead.....	= 0	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	= 0	-	
Nickel.....	= 0	-	
Titanium.....	= 0	-	
Uranium.....	= 0	-	
Zinc.....	= 0	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	= 0	-	
Other metals.....	= 0	-	

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulose.....	0	-	
Paper, cotton.....	0	-	
Wood.....	0	-	
Halogenated plastics.....	0	-	
Total non-halogenated plastics.....	0	-	
Condensation polymers.....	0	-	
Others.....	0	-	
Organic ion exchange materials.....	0	-	
Total rubber.....	0	-	
Halogenated rubber.....	0	-	
Non-halogenated rubber.....	0	-	
Hydrocarbons.....	0	-	
Oil or grease.....	0	-	
Fuel.....	0	-	
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.....	0	-	
Sand.....	0	-	
Glass/Ceramics.....	0	-	
Graphite.....	0	-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....	0	-	
Asbestos.....	0	-	
Non/low friable.....	0	-	
Moderately friable.....	0	-	
Highly friable.....	0	-	
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.....	0	-
Iodide.....	0	-
Cyanide.....	0	-
Carbonate.....	0	-
Nitrate.....	0	-
Nitrite.....	0	-
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.....	0	-
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....	0	-

Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants:

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

Complexing agents (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
No		
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.....	TR	-
EEE Type 2.....	P	-
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	On-site	= 100.0
Low force compaction		
Supercompaction (HFC)		
Incineration		
Drying/dewatering/liquid separation		
Tie down/fixatives/strippable coating/painting application		
Decontamination		
Metal treatment	On-site	~ 20.0
Recycling / reuse	Off-site	~ 80.0
Thermal treatment, including vitrification		
Encapsulation		
Polymer encapsulation		
Other physical treatment		
Other chemical treatment		
Containerisation		
Treatment not yet determined		
None		

Comments on planned treatments:

Anticipate that decay storage can divert 80% to recycling, around 18% to landfill, 1% to LLWR and 1% remaining ILW. On site metal treatment for removal of activated parts is likely.

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
	Not yet determined	1.0	2.0	-	21	-

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	~ 1.0		2090
Expected to be consigned to the Geological Disposal Facility			
Expected to be consigned to a Near Surface Disposal Facility	~ 1.0	~ 7.8	2045
Expected to be consigned to the LLW Repository	~ 18.0	~ 7.8	2045
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	~ 80.0	~ 7.8	2045
Expected to be recycled / reused			
Disposal route not known			

Classification codes for waste expected to be consigned to a landfill facility: 17 04 05, 17 04 07, 17 04 01, 17 01 01

Opportunities for alternative disposal routing: Yes

Baseline Management Route	Opportunity Management Route	Stream volume (%)	Opportunity Confidence	Comment
Landfill	Recycled / reused	~ 18.0	AMBER	Reuse as radioactive to mitigate need for decay storage and landfill disposal

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: Neutron activation.

Uncertainty: No characterisation has yet been undertaken so the nuclide list is based on a generic mild steel fingerprint with the data collected from other mild steel components from ISIS.

Measurement of radioactivities: Derived from operational steel wastes as not yet been characterised. The activity is calculated on the assumption that the inner monolith (~15% by volume) is similar to current shutter wastes and remaining bulk shielding (~85% by volume) is similar to current bulk metal arisings. The reported activity is the weighted sum of these two sources

Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: Bound within the steel
C-14: Bound within the steel
Cl-36: -
Se-79: -
Tc-99: -
I-129: -
Ra: -
Th: -
U: -
Np: -
Pu: -

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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			~ 3.14E-04	C C 2	Gd 153				4
Be 10				4	Ho 163				4
C 14				6	Ho 166m				4
Na 22				5	Tm 170				4
Al 26				5	Tm 171				4
Cl 36				4	Lu 174				4
Ar 39				4	Lu 176				4
Ar 42				4	Hf 178n				4
K 40				5	Hf 182				4
Ca 41				4	Pt 193				4
Mn 53				4	Ti 204				4
Mn 54			~ 1.76E-02	C C 2	Pb 205				4
Fe 55			~ 1.52E-01	C C 2	Pb 210				5
Co 60			~ 4.96E-03	C C 2	Bi 208				4
Ni 59				4	Bi 210m				5
Ni 63				6	Po 210				5
Zn 65				4	Ra 223				4
Se 79				4	Ra 225				5
Kr 81				4	Ra 226				5
Kr 85				4	Ra 228				5
Rb 87				4	Ac 227				5
Sr 90				4	Th 227				4
Zr 93				4	Th 228				5
Nb 91				4	Th 229				4
Nb 92				4	Th 230				5
Nb 93m				4	Th 232				5
Nb 94				4	Th 234				5
Mo 93				4	Pa 231				5
Tc 97				4	Pa 233				4
Tc 99				4	U 232				4
Ru 106				4	U 233				4
Pd 107				4	U 234				5
Ag 108m				4	U 235				5
Ag 110m				4	U 236				4
Cd 109				4	U 238				5
Cd 113m				4	Np 237				4
Sn 119m				4	Pu 236				4
Sn 121m				4	Pu 238				4
Sn 123				4	Pu 239				4
Sn 126				4	Pu 240				4
Sb 125				4	Pu 241				4
Sb 126				4	Pu 242				4
Te 125m				4	Am 241				4
Te 127m				4	Am 242m				4
I 129				4	Am 243				4
Cs 134				6	Cm 242				4
Cs 135				4	Cm 243				4
Cs 137				4	Cm 244				4
Ba 133				4	Cm 245				4
La 137				4	Cm 246				4
La 138				4	Cm 248				4
Ce 144				4	Cf 249				4
Pm 145				4	Cf 250				4
Pm 147				4	Cf 251				4
Sm 147				4	Cf 252				4
Sm 151				4	Unsp a				4
Eu 152				6	Unsp b/g				4
Eu 154				6	Total a	0	*	0	*
Eu 155				6	Total b/g	0	*	1.75E-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