

WASTE STREAM	7A113	Decommissioning LLW - Tritiated
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SITE AWE Aldermaston

SITE OWNER Ministry of Defence (MOD)

WASTE CUSTODIAN AWE plc

WASTE TYPE LLW

WASTE VOLUMES

	Reported (m ³)	OR	Conditioned (m ³)	Packaged (m ³)
Stocks:	At 1.4.2025	= 0.2		
Future arisings:	1.4.2025 - 31.3.2027	= 0		
	1.4.2028 - 31.3.2030	= 0		
	1.4.2031 - 31.3.2033	= 0		
	1.4.2034 - 31.3.2036	= 634.1		
	1.4.2037 - 31.3.2039	= 951.1		
	1.4.2040 - 31.3.2042	= 317.0		
	1.4.2043 - 31.3.2060	~ 0		
	1.4.2061 - 31.3.2063	~ 7.7		
	1.4.2064 - 31.3.2066	~ 11.5		
	1.4.2067 - 31.3.2069	~ 11.5		
	1.4.2070 - 31.3.2072	~ 8.1		
	1.4.2072 - 31.3.2080	~ 0		
Total future arisings:		1941.0		
Total waste volume:		1941.2		

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

Comment on arising rates: The estimated volume of arisings in the waste stream have been updated for the 2025 UK RWI. The changes are solely based on waste estimation updates.

Additional information on quantities: The stock volume is accurate. The total volume of arisings will depend on the longevity of the AWE site, with a closure date currently set for 2080.

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x 1.00 Arisings (upper): x 4.00
Stock (lower): x 1.00 Arisings (lower): x 0.30

WASTE SOURCE Waste arisings from tritium decommissioning operations.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: The waste stream contains metal, wood and a small amount of organic material.

Changes since waste generated: -

Bulk density (t/m³): ~ 0.50

Comment on density: The density has been reviewed and no change required, as per the 2022 UKRWI and is based upon a predicted future arising figure.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): The waste is made up of tritium adsorbed onto hard waste and is composed of rubble (93.20%), metal (5.18%), wood (0.93%), and plastics (0.69%).

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: The greatest proportion of metal is attributable to an empty metal container within a package, the remaining metal comes from small bulk metal items (~0.04m³).

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	= 0	-	
Other ferrous metals.....	~ 5.2	-	
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 cellulotics.....	~ 0.93	PVC	
Paper, cotton.....	= 0		
Wood.....	~ 0.93		
Halogenated plastics.....	~ 0.49		
Total non-halogenated plastics.....	~ 0.20		
Condensation polymers.....	~ 0.20		
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.....	= 93.2		
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.....	P	-
Biodegradable materials.....	P	-
Putrescible wastes.....	= 0	-
Non-putrescible wastes.....	P	Wood is present
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:

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	(%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):

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		
Decay storage		
Low force compaction		
Supercompaction (HFC)	Off-site	~ 46.6
Incineration	Off-site	~ 1.6
Drying/dewatering/liquid separation		
Tie down/fixatives/strippable coating/painting application		
Decontamination		
Metal treatment	Off-site	~ 5.2
Recycling / reuse		
Thermal treatment, including vitrification		
Encapsulation		
Polymer encapsulation		
Other physical treatment		
Other chemical treatment		
Containerisation		
Treatment not yet determined		
None	Off-site	~ 46.6

Comments on planned treatments:

The treatment breakdown is based on predicted waste arisings and the usage of current disposal routes. Owing to the unknown levels of contamination within building fabrics, a 50%-50% split has been assumed for disposals to LA-LLW Permitted Landfill and burial at LLWR. This breakdown is likely to change when waste exists within the waste stream in 2028 (decommissioning commences).

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
1/2 Height IP-2 Disposal/Re-usable ISO (TC01/TC02)	46.6	17.0	18.3	54	-

Range in container waste loading:

Other information on packaging and conditioning:

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Conditioned density (t/m³):

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Conditioned density comment:

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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			
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	~ 46.6	~ 0.50	
Expected to be consigned to a Landfill Facility	~ 46.6	~ 0.50	
Expected to be disposed On-Site			
Expected to be managed by In-Situ Disposal			
Expected to be consigned to an Incineration Facility	~ 1.6	< 0.50	
Expected to be consigned to a Metal Treatment Facility	~ 5.2	~ 0.50	
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:

15 02 03, 17 02 03, 17 04 05, 17 01 07

Opportunities for alternative disposal routing: Not yet determined

Baseline Management Route	Opportunity Management Route	Stream volume (%)	Opportunity Confidence	Comment
-	-	-	-	-

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: Tritium contaminated materials.

Uncertainty: The in stock activity has been decay corrected from the information on the waste management database (SRWMRS), the assay/date the waste record was generated.

Future arising activity is estimated based on the in-stock data.

Measurement of radioactivities: Low level tritium analysis is usually done by head-space analysis of wastes within drums. Bulky items are likely to be assayed using sampling and analysis, pyrolysis then subsequent liquid scintillation counting.

Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: Present in the waste stream as HTO diffused into metal and wood, and organically bound particulate.

C-14: Not present in the waste stream
Cl-36: Not present in the waste stream
Se-79: Not present in the waste stream
Tc-99: Not present in the waste stream
I-129: Not present in the waste stream
Ra: Not present in the waste stream
Th: Not present in the waste stream
U: Not present in the waste stream
Np: Not present in the waste stream
Pu: Not present in the waste stream

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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	~ 1.28E-04	B B 2	~ 9.31E-04	C C 2	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					Pb 205				
Fe 55					Pb 210				
Co 60					Bi 208				
Ni 59					Bi 210m				
Ni 63					Po 210				
Zn 65					Ra 223				
Se 79					Ra 225				
Kr 81					Ra 226				
Kr 85					Ra 228				
Rb 87					Ac 227				
Sr 90					Th 227				
Zr 93					Th 228				
Nb 91					Th 229				
Nb 92					Th 230				
Nb 93m					Th 232				
Nb 94					Th 234				
Mo 93					Pa 231				
Tc 97					Pa 233				
Tc 99					U 232				
Ru 106					U 233				
Pd 107					U 234				
Ag 108m					U 235				
Ag 110m					U 236				
Cd 109					U 238				
Cd 113m					Np 237				
Sn 119m					Pu 236				
Sn 121m					Pu 238				
Sn 123					Pu 239				
Sn 126					Pu 240				
Sb 125					Pu 241				
Sb 126					Pu 242				
Te 125m					Am 241				
Te 127m					Am 242m				
I 129					Am 243				
Cs 134					Cm 242				
Cs 135					Cm 243				
Cs 137					Cm 244				
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					Unsp a				
Eu 152					Unsp b/g				
Eu 154					Total a	0	*	0	*
Eu 155					Total b/g	1.28E-04	*	9.31E-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