

WASTE STREAM	7J27	Intermediate Level Tritium Waste
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SITE HMNB Portsmouth

SITE OWNER Ministry of Defence (MOD)

WASTE CUSTODIAN Ministry of Defence (MOD)

WASTE TYPE ILW

WASTE VOLUMES

	Reported (m ³)	OR	Conditioned (m ³)	Packaged (m ³)
Stocks:	At 1.4.2025	~ 0.4		
Future arisings:	1.4.2025 - 31.3.2026	~ 0.1		
	1.4.2026 - 31.3.2027	~ 0.1		
	1.4.2027 - 31.3.2028	~ 0.1		
	1.4.2028 - 31.3.2029	~ 0.1		
	1.4.2029 - 31.3.2030	~ 0.1		
	1.4.2030 - 31.3.2031			
	1.4.2031 - 31.3.2032			
	1.4.2032 - 31.3.2033			
	1.4.2033 - 31.3.2043			
	1.4.2043 - 31.3.2053			
	1.4.2053 - 31.3.2063			
Total future arisings:		0.5		
Total waste volume:		0.9		

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

Comment on arising rates: Accumulations are consistent with MoD policy in respect to decommissioning of fleet vessels and the avoidance in use of radionuclides where other (non-radioactive) options have been identified, available and fit for 'in-service' use. The use of tritium continues in signage, sights and valves the arising rates will be fairly constant for the foreseeable future.

Additional information on quantities: H-3 luminised accumulations are not expected to exceed 0.1 m³ per year for the next five years.

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x 1.50 Arisings (upper): x 1.50
Stock (lower): x 0.50 Arisings (lower): x 0.50

WASTE SOURCE MOD Remediation processing of unserviceable tritium luminised equipment and items returned to the Logistics Radioactive Storehouse facility at HMNB Portsmouth produces contaminated materials from the removal of the H3 luminising items such as flags and valves including GTLS for recycling and disposal. The leaching effects of tritium cause the majority of the housing materials to be contaminated. These items plus tissues, smear papers and polythene sheeting are generated in the decontamination and clean up processes.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Primarily tritium luminised paint compounds on small, typically 1 cm² 'flags', and other aluminium surfaces not involving any large items and not influenced by the choice of treatment process or disposal container. The majority of the arisings can be disposed by packaging within a small (<1 litre) metal container.

Changes since waste generated: The waste has not been subjected to any physical / chemical processes or changes.

Bulk density (t/m³): = 2.5

Comment on density: Density refined from the last consignment made to AEA Winfrith.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Metal (40%), other materials (60%).

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: No sheet metal present in this waste stream, thickness approximately 5mm with casings typically 200 x 200 x 100 mm.

Metals and alloys (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) / Grades(s) with proportions	% of total C14 activity
Stainless steel.....	NE	-	
Other ferrous metals.....	NE	-	
Iron.....	-	-	
Aluminium.....	~ 40.0	Aluminium (~24%), Dural (~16%)	
Beryllium.....	NE	-	
Cobalt.....	NE	-	
Copper.....	NE	-	
Lead.....	NE	-	
Magnox/Magnesium.....	NE	-	
Nickel.....	NE	-	
Titanium.....	NE	-	
Uranium.....	NE	-	
Zinc.....	NE	-	
Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	NE	-	
Other metals.....	NE	-	

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulotics.....	~ 20.0	-	
Paper, cotton.....	~ 20.0	Tissue 15% and smears papers 5%	
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.....	NE	-	
Oil or grease.....	NE	-	
Fuel.....	NE	-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar).....	NE	-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar).....	NE	-	
Bitumen.....	NE	-	
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	-	
Soil.....	= 0	-	
Brick/Stone/Rubble.....	= 0	-	
Cementitious material.....	= 0	-	
Sand.....	= 0	-	
Glass/Ceramics.....	~ 40.0	Glass (40%)	
Graphite.....	= 0	-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....	= 0	-	
Asbestos.....	= 0	-	
Non/low friable.....	-	-	
Moderately friable.....	-	-	
Highly friable.....	-	-	
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.....	~ 60.0	Paper 20%, Glass 40% by weight
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
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.....	NE	-
Electronic & Electrical Equipment (EEE)		
EEE Type 1.....	NE	-
EEE Type 2.....	NE	-
EEE Type 3.....	= 0	-
EEE Type 4.....	NE	-
EEE Type 5.....	= 0	-

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	Off-site	100.0
None		

Comments on planned treatments:

100% of the waste is consigned to an authorised disposal contractor.

Conditioning method:

100% of the waste is consigned to an authorised disposal contractor. The contractor will determine the appropriate conditioning method. Long term storage is not an option we wish to pursue. No supercompaction or pre-treatment is envisaged. There are no packaging or conditioning plants planned.

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	100.0	-	-	-	-

Range in container waste loading:

Other information on packaging and conditioning:

There are no packaging or conditioning plants planned.

Conditioned density (t/m³):

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Conditioned density comment:

Cannot be accurately ascertained until the ILW has been finally declared to the Waste Contractor.

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			
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		NE	

Classification codes for waste expected to be consigned to a landfill facility:

Opportunities for alternative disposal routing: Not yet determined

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

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: Tritium luminised paint compounds on small, typically on aluminium surfaces, glass valves containing gaseous tritium, paper tissues and smear papers used in the clean up post volume reduction.

Uncertainty: The accuracy is known to within a factor of ten.

Measurement of radioactivities: Measured by sampling assay undertaken at UKAS Approved Laboratory.

Chemical form of radionuclides: H-3: 40% tritiated paint compounds on aluminium surfaces, 60% tritium gas in valves and GTLS in glass

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

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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	1.48E+01	B C 2	3.00E+01	B 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	1.48E+01	*	3.00E+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