

WASTE STREAM	8A06	Dewatered Sewage Sludge
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SITE Capenhurst

SITE OWNER Urenco

WASTE CUSTODIAN Urenco

WASTE TYPE LLW

WASTE VOLUMES

	Reported (m ³)	OR	Conditioned (m ³)	Packaged (m ³)
Stocks:	At 1.4.2025	6.0		
Future arisings:	1.4.2025 - 31.3.2026	12.0		
	1.4.2026 - 31.3.2027	12.0		
	1.4.2027 - 31.3.2028	12.0		
	1.4.2028 - 31.3.2055	279.0		
Total future arisings:		315.0		
Total waste volume:		321.0		

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

Comment on arising rates: Improved characterisation techniques in addition to environmental improvement works are expected to result in the majority of this wastestream being characterised as Out of Scope. Recent improvements have resulted in reduced generation of this type of waste when compared to the 2022 submission. 2055 used as end date in line with SWESC.

Additional information on quantities: Following completion of desludging operations, it is expected that the quantities of sludge generated will reduce significantly. In addition, it is assumed that the improved characterisation techniques will result in more Out of Scope waste.

Uncertainty factors on volumes: Stock (upper): x 2.00 Arisings (upper): x 2.00
Stock (lower): x 0.50 Arisings (lower): x 0.50

WASTE SOURCE Sludges generated through the operation of a Sewage Treatment Plant

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: Dewatered sewage sludge mixed with absorbent granules loaded into 1m3 Flexible Intermediate Bulk Containers (FIBC's).

Changes since waste generated: The sludge is dewatered by processing out the liquor content. The liquor is returned to the sewage treatment plant. Absorbent granules are added to the pressed sludge.

Bulk density (t/m³): ~ 1.5

Comment on density: Determined via weight and volume of mixed pressed sludge

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Contaminated with uranics from the enrichment buildings

Chemical state: Neutral

Sheet metal proportion / thickness: -

Metals and alloys (%wt):

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

Organics (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Total cellulotics.....	~ 5.0	-	Absorbent granules (wood)
Paper, cotton.....		-	
Wood.....		-	
Halogenated plastics.....		-	
Total non-halogenated plastics.....		-	
Condensation polymers.....		-	
Others.....		-	
Organic ion exchange materials.....		-	
Total rubber.....		-	
Halogenated rubber.....		-	
Non-halogenated rubber.....		-	
Hydrocarbons.....		-	
Oil or grease.....		-	
Fuel.....		-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (cont.coal tar).....		-	
Asphalt/Tarmac (no coal tar).....		-	
Bitumen.....		-	
Others.....		-	
Other organics.....	~ 95.0	Pressed sewage sludge	

Other materials (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment	% of total C14 activity
Inorganic ion exchange materials.....		-	
Inorganic sludges and flocs.....		-	
Soil.....		-	
Brick/Stone/Rubble.....		-	
Cementitious material.....		-	
Sand.....		-	
Glass/Ceramics.....		-	
Graphite.....		-	
Desiccants/Catalysts.....		-	
Asbestos.....		-	
Non/low friable.....		-	
Moderately friable.....		-	
Highly friable.....		-	
Free aqueous liquids.....		-	
Free non-aqueous liquids.....		-	
Powder/Ash.....		-	

COMPONENTS OF MATERIALS, WASTE PROPERTIES, MATERIALS NOT CONTRIBUTING TO MASS

Inorganic anions (%wt):

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Fluoride.....		-
Chloride.....		-
Iodide.....		-
Cyanide.....		-
Carbonate.....		-
Nitrate.....		-
Nitrite.....		-
Phosphate.....		-
Sulphate.....		-
Sulphide.....		-

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:

	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
Combustible metals.....	P	-
Low flash point liquids.....		-
Explosive materials.....		-
Phosphorus.....		-
Hydrides.....		-
Biological etc. materials.....		-
Biodegradable materials.....		-
Putrescible wastes.....		Pressed sewage sludge
Non-putrescible wastes.....		
Corrosive materials.....		-
Pyrophoric materials.....		-
Generating toxic gases.....		-
Reacting with water.....		-
Higher activity particles.....		-
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....		-

Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants:

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

Complexing agents (%wt):

No		
	(%wt)	Type(s) and comment
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.....	-	-
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	On-site	100.0
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		

Comments on planned treatments:

Pressed sludge to remove liquor content and absorbent granules added.

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
	-	-	-	-	-	-

Range in container waste loading:

Other information on packaging and conditioning: All pressed sludge to be loaded into IP-1 bags or 210 litre IP-2 Drums for disposal.

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)	= 100.0	~~ 1.5	
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: No

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

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: Uranium enrichment, decommissioning and recovery operations.

Uncertainty: Batches are sampled every quarter to confirm radioactive content. Pessimistic sample analysis data is used for disposal as the wastestream is heterogeneous.

Measurement of radioactivities: Estimated total activity content from existing sampling. Multiplied by total volume, divided by total weight (estimated).

Chemical form of radionuclides:

- H-3: -
- C-14: -
- Cl-36: -
- Se-79: -
- Tc-99: -
- I-129: -
- Ra: -
- Th: -
- U: U3O8, UF4, UO2
- Np: -
- Pu: -

WASTE STREAM 8A06 Dewatered Sewage Sludge									
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	~ 6.27E-09	C C 2	~ 6.27E-09	C C 2	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	~ 5.02E-07	C C 2	~ 5.02E-07	C C 2	U 232	~ 1.84E-09	C C 2	~ 1.84E-09	C C 2
Ru 106					U 233				
Pd 107					U 234	~ 5.88E-07	C C	~ 5.88E-07	C C 2
Ag 108m					U 235	~ 2.36E-08	C C	~ 2.36E-08	C C 2
Ag 110m					U 236				
Cd 109					U 238	~ 2.19E-07	C C	~ 2.19E-07	C C 2
Cd 113m					Np 237	~ 2.75E-07	C C	~ 2.75E-07	C C 2
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	1.11E-06	*	1.11E-06	*
Eu 155					Total b/g	5.08E-07	*	5.08E-07	*

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