

WASTE STREAM	9E24	FED Magnox
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SITE Oldbury
SITE OWNER Nuclear Decommissioning Authority
WASTE CUSTODIAN Magnox Limited
WASTE TYPE ILW

WASTE VOLUMES

		Reported
Stocks:	At 1.4.2016.....	81.4 m ³
Total future arisings:		0 m ³
Total waste volume:		81.4 m ³
Comment on volumes:	Future arisings are zero because the vault is full.	
Uncertainty factors on volumes:	Stock (upper): x 1.2	Arisings (upper) x
	Stock (lower): x 0.8	Arisings (lower) x

WASTE SOURCE The source of the waste is the removal of splitters from polyzonal fuel elements prior to dispatch of the elements to Sellafield.

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

General description: The waste consists of activated Magnox metal and swarf which is contaminated by fission products and actinides. Individual components may weigh up to about 100 g and be approx. 2 mm x 25 mm x (75-900) mm. Some Nimonic springs will also be present (see waste stream 9E40). There are no large items in the waste which will require special handling.

Physical components (%wt): Magnox (>99.5% wt). The waste volume will include some fuel element top end fittings which will incorporate highly active Nimonic springs together with some zirconium alloy - see waste stream 9E40.

Sealed sources: -

Bulk density (t/m³): 0.35

Comment on density: The bulk density of the waste ranges from 0.1 to 1.7 t/m³ with an average value of 0.35 t/m³. The average density of 0.35 assumes a packing factor of 5 times the displacement volume. The packing factor will be variable.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION

General description and components (%wt): Magnox metal (>99.5% wt including impurities). Activation of trace components within the Magnox. Fission product and actinide contamination. It is anticipated that the waste will include some fuel element top end fittings which will incorporate highly active Nimonic springs (waste stream 9E40) together with some zirconium alloy.

Chemical state: Neutral

Chemical form of radionuclides:
H-3: Tritium is expected to be present as surface contamination, possibly as water but perhaps in the form of other inorganic compounds or as organic compounds.
C-14: Carbon 14 will be present as graphite.
Cl-36: Chlorine 36 incorporated in the Magnox may be associated with barium impurity (barium chloride). Other chlorine 36 may be associated with surface contamination.
Se-79: The selenium content is insignificant.
Tc-99: The technetium content is insignificant.
Ra: Radium isotope content is insignificant.
U: Chemical form of U isotopes has not been determined but may be oxides.
Np: The neptunium content is insignificant.
Pu: Chemical form of Pu isotopes has not been determined but may be oxides.

Metals and alloys (%wt): No bulk metal items present.

Stainless steel.....	0	Magnox with impurities which may include beryllium. Also some zirconium as alloy in the Magnox and as a "free" metal.
Other ferrous metals.....	0	
Aluminium.....	0	
Beryllium.....	TR	

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	Cobalt.....	0	
	Copper.....	0	
	Lead.....	0	
	Magnox/Magnesium.....	>99.5	
	Nickel.....	0	
	Titanium.....		
	Uranium.....		
	Zinc.....	0	
	Zircaloy/Zirconium.....	<0.50	
	Other metals.....	0	No "other" metals present.
Organics (%wt):	There may be organics present in trace quantities. There are no halogenated plastics or rubbers present.		
	Total cellulosics.....	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	
	Other organics.....	TR	
Other materials (%wt):	Traces of graphite expected.		
	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.....	TR	
	Desiccants/Catalysts.....		
	Asbestos.....	0	
	Chrysotile.....		
	Amosite.....		
	Crocidolite.....		
	Free aqueous liquids.....	TR	
	Free non-aqueous liquids.....	0	
	Powder/Ash.....	NE	
Inorganic anions (%wt):	Inorganic anions are not expected to be present at greater than trace concentrations.		

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Fluoride.....	TR
Chloride.....	TR
Iodide.....	0
Cyanide.....	0
Carbonate.....	TR
Nitrate.....	TR
Nitrite.....	TR
Phosphate.....	TR
Sulphate.....	TR
Sulphide.....	0

Materials of interest for waste acceptance criteria:

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Combustible metals.....	Yes	>99.5%
Low flash point liquids.....	No	
Explosive materials.....	No	
Phosphorus.....	No	
Hydrides.....	No	
Biological etc. materials.....	No	
Biodegradable materials.....	No	
Putrescible wastes.....	No	
Non-putrescible wastes.....		
Corrosive materials.....	No	
Pyrophoric materials.....	No	
Generating toxic gases.....	No	
Reacting with water.....	Yes	>99.5%
Active particles.....		
Soluble solids as bulk chemical compounds.....		

Hazardous substances / non hazardous pollutants:

Magnox will ignite under appropriate conditions.
Vinyl chloride.....
Tri-butyl phosphate.....
Phenol.....
Benzene.....
Arsenic.....
Boron.....
Cadmium.....
Selenium.....
Chromium.....
Molybdenum.....
Tin.....
Vanadium.....
Others.....

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Complexing agents (%wt): Not yet determined

Aminopolycarboxylic acids.....

Polycarboxylic acids.....

Other organic complexants..... Only trace quantities, if any, are expected.

Total complexing agents..... TR

LAW TREATMENT, PACKAGING AND DISPOSAL

Waste that is currently ILW:

Planned on-site / off-site treatments(s):

Treatment	On-site / Off site	Stream volume %
Low force compaction		
Supercompaction (HFC)		
Incineration		
Solidification		
Decontamination		
Metal treatment		
Size reduction		
Decay storage		
Recycling / reuse		
Other / various		
None	On-Site	100.0

Comment on planned treatments:

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Disposal Routes:

Disposal Route	Stream volume %
Expected to be consigned to the LLW Repository	100.0
Expected to be consigned to a Landfill Facility	
Expected to be consigned to an On-Site Disposal Facility	
Expected to be consigned to an Incineration Facility	
Expected to be consigned to a Metal Treatment Facility	
Expected to be consigned as Out of Scope	
Expected to be recycled / reused	
Disposal route not known	

Upcoming (2016/7-2018/19) waste routing:

Disposal Route	Stream volume %		
	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
Expected to be consigned to the LLW Repository			
Expected to be consigned to a Landfill Facility			
Expected to be consigned to an On-Site Disposal Facility			
Expected to be consigned to an Incineration Facility			
Expected to be consigned to a Metal Treatment Facility			
Expected to be consigned as Out of Scope			
Expected to be recycled / reused			
Disposal route not known			

Waste Packaging for Disposal:

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Container	Stream volume %	Waste loading m ³	Number of packages
1/3 Height IP-1 ISO 2/3 Height IP-2 ISO 1/2 Height WAMAC IP-2 ISO 1/2 Height IP-2 Disposal/Re-usable ISO 2m box (no shielding) 4m box (no shielding) Other	100.0	19.656	5

Other information:

Waste Consigned to the LLW Repository:

Container voidage: -

Waste Characterisation Form (WCH): -

Waste consigned for disposal to LLWR in year of generation: -

Potential for the waste to contain discrete items: -

Non-Containerised Waste for In-Vault Grouting:

Stream volume (%): -

Waste stream variation: -

Bounding cuboidal volume:

Inaccessible voidage: -

Other information: -

RADIOACTIVITY

Source: The source of the waste is the removal of splitters from fuel prior to dispatch of the elements to Sellafield. Activation of trace nuclides in the Magnox and contamination by fission products and actinides will be main sources of activity.

Uncertainty: The values quoted are indicative of the activities that might be expected.

Definition of total alpha and total beta/gamma: Where totals are shown on the table of radionuclide activities they are the sums of the listed alpha or beta/gamma emitting radionuclides plus 'other alpha' or 'other beta/gamma'.

Measurement of radioactivities: Values were derived from measurements.

Other information: Although the gross beta/gamma activity in the FED material is LLW, this waste stream is not discrete. The FED material is intimately mixed with highly active Niomonic Springs.

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Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m ³				Nuclide	Mean radioactivity, TBq/m ³			
	Waste at 1.4.2016	Bands and Code	Future arisings	Bands and Code		Waste at 1.4.2016	Bands and Code	Future arisings	Bands and Code
H 3	1.43E-04	C C 2			Gd 153		8		
Be 10		8			Ho 163		8		
C 14	1E-04	C C 2			Ho 166m		8		
Na 22					Tm 170		8		
Al 26	4E-07	C C 2			Tm 171		8		
Cl 36		8			Lu 174		8		
Ar 39		8			Lu 176		8		
Ar 42		8			Hf 178n				
K 40		8			Hf 182		8		
Ca 41		8			Pt 193		8		
Mn 53		8			Tl 204		8		
Mn 54	<	C 3			Pb 205		8		
Fe 55	1.95E-06	C C 2			Pb 210		8		
Co 60	2.27E-05	C C 2			Bi 208		8		
Ni 59		8			Bi 210m		8		
Ni 63	5.76E-04	C C 2			Po 210		8		
Zn 65	<	C 3			Ra 223		8		
Se 79		8			Ra 225		8		
Kr 81		8			Ra 226		8		
Kr 85		8			Ra 228		8		
Rb 87		8			Ac 227		8		
Sr 90	6.93E-05	C C 2			Th 227		8		
Zr 93	<2E-06	C 3			Th 228		8		
Nb 91		8			Th 229		8		
Nb 92		8			Th 230		8		
Nb 93m	6.01E-07	C C 2			Th 232		8		
Nb 94		8			Th 234		8		
Mo 93		8			Pa 231		8		
Tc 97		8			Pa 233		8		
Tc 99		8			U 232		8		
Ru 106		8			U 233		8		
Pd 107		8			U 234		8		
Ag 108m	9.9E-07	C C 2			U 235		8		
Ag 110m		8			U 236		8		
Cd 109		8			U 238		8		
Cd 113m		8			Np 237		8		
Sn 119m		8			Pu 236		8		
Sn 121m		8			Pu 238	1.9E-06	C C 2		
Sn 123		8			Pu 239	3E-06	C C 2		
Sn 126		8			Pu 240	4E-06	C C 2		
Sb 125	<1.1E-07	C 3			Pu 241	6.74E-05	C C 2		
Sb 126		8			Pu 242		8		
Te 125m	2.75E-08	C C 2			Am 241	7.68E-06	C C 2		
Te 127m		8			Am 242m		8		
I 129		8			Am 243		8		
Cs 134	<3.98E-08	C 3			Cm 242		8		
Cs 135		8			Cm 243		8		
Cs 137	2.61E-04	C C 2			Cm 244	2.38E-08	C C 2		
Ba 133	<4.04E-07	C 3			Cm 245		8		
La 137		8			Cm 246		8		
La 138		8			Cm 248		8		
Ce 144		8			Cf 249		8		
Pm 145		8			Cf 250		8		
Pm 147		8			Cf 251		8		
Sm 147		8			Cf 252		8		
Sm 151		8			Other a				
Eu 152		8			Other b/g				
Eu 154	<3.09E-07	C 3			Total a	1.66E-05	C C 2	0	
Eu 155	<3E-07	C 3			Total b/g	1.25E-03	C C 2	0	

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 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