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Cleaning up the UK's earliest nuclear sites, caring for people and the environment



Foreword



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THE MISSION

Our mission is to clean up the UK's early nuclear sites safely, securely and cost effectively with care for people and the environment.

THE MISSION PROGRESS REPORT

The Mission Progress Report aligns with our Strategy (4th edition) published in 2021. The document continues to demonstrate our approach to reporting progress against the mission, focusing on the four driving themes outlined in our strategy that are common across all sites and that help us to measure our achievements.

The NDA has been trusted by Government with a funding settlement that recognises the important work that we do and allows further progress to be made against our clean-up mission.

The safety of our people and sites continues to be our highest priority. Despite another challenging year responding to changing restrictions, we put the right measures and protections in place that have enabled our operational teams to remain focused on hazard reduction.

Decommissioning activity across the NDA group has significantly increased again this year, following the unprecedented impact of the pandemic in the previous 12 months, as we safely manage our nuclear inventory and reduce the risks associated with it. Over the duration of our mission (120+ years) more strategic outcomes will be achieved with the closure of the reprocessing facilities and the building of new modern treatment and storage facilities to manage nuclear material and waste, ultimately working towards the final disposal of nuclear inventory and the release of land for other economic uses.

We have an increasingly important role to support the UK Government's goals for green energy and achieving carbon net zero by 2050. The increasing priority placed on sustainability and achieving carbon net zero means it is important that the mission is not only delivered but also delivered in the right way.

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HOW TO READ THIS REPORT

This report is structured to illustrate the progress against the strategic objectives outlined in our strategy.

In the first two pages you'll see a very high-level summary of what the mission is and how far we have progressed since 2005.

Each of the four themes has an overview page to explain our objectives and the steps we need to take. Each step (or 'strategic outcome') shows the estimated inventory that has to be managed and what capability there is to deliver it.

We continue to build a more accurate picture of work that's still to be completed across our sites. As the data range matures over the next 120+ years, along with the reduction of uncertainty of the inventory, progression in the lifecycle and strategy development, it may well be subject to change. The figures contained within this report are correct up to 31 March 2022 from NDA group data sources and delivery programmes.

On 23 June 2021 the NDA, UK Government and EDF Energy entered into new decommissioning arrangements for seven Advanced Gas-cooled Reactor (AGR) stations. Government has directed the NDA to take on the future ownership of the stations after defueling for decommissioning. The work will be undertaken by the NDA subsidiary Magnox Ltd. We will incorporate each of these stations into the report at the appropriate time.

strategy.

Excluded from this report are critical enablers, liquid and gaseous discharges, non-NDA liabilities and non-radioactive waste elements of our

Our strategic approach and themes

We use five strategic themes to describe all the activities needed to deliver the NDA's mission.

The first four strategic themes, Spent Fuels, Nuclear Materials, Integrated Waste Management and Site Decommissioning and Remediation relate directly to our clean-up and decommissioning and are known as driving themes. All data in this report relates to those four themes.

The fifth theme describes the important activities needed to support the delivery of our mission and

is known as **critical enablers**. The diagram below demonstrates how they interplay.

Currently, the most urgent task is dealing with sites' highest hazard materials: spent fuel, nuclear materials and highly-radioactive wastes.

Once the inventory has been made safe, the redundant nuclear facilities can be dismantled and demolished.



Spent Fuels

Our strategy defines our approach to managing the diverse range of spent fuels for which we are responsible, which are divided into Magnox, Oxide and Exotic. Once spent fuel is removed from a reactor, it is stored in a pond or dry store until it can be dispatched to Sellafield.

Reprocessing extracts materials (plutonium and uranium) that could potentially be re-used and also generates highly radioactive wastes, or fission products.

Nuclear Materials

Our strategy defines our approach to dealing with the inventory of uranics and plutonium currently stored on some of our sites. These nuclear materials are by-products from different phases of the fuel cycle, either manufacturing or reprocessing. All nuclear materials must be managed safely and securely, by either converting them into new fuel or immobilising and storing them until a permanent UK disposal facility is available.

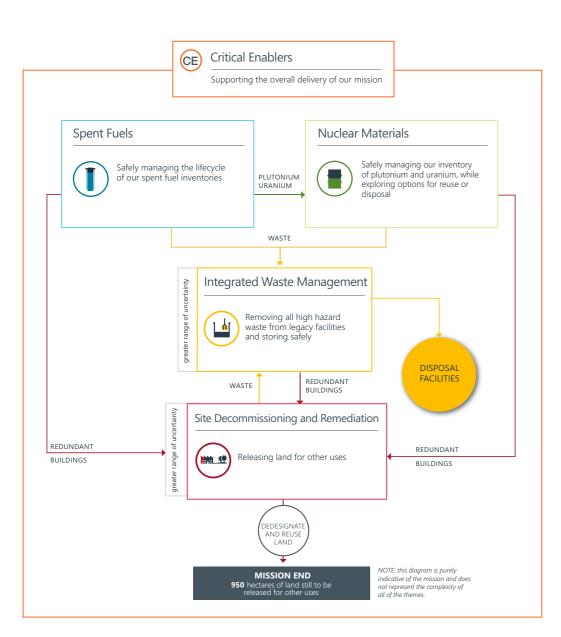
Integrated Waste Management

Our strategy considers how we manage all forms of waste arising from operating and decommissioning our sites, including waste retrieved from legacy facilities. Managing the large quantities of radioactive waste from electricity generation, research, the early defence programme and decommissioning is one of the NDA's biggest challenges. Some of this radioactive waste is in a raw (untreated) form, some has been treated and is being interim stored and, in the case of low level

Site Decommissioning and Remediation

Our strategy defines our approach to decommissioning redundant facilities and managing land quality in order that each site can be released for its next planned use.

After the buildings on our sites have been decommissioned, decontaminated and dismantled, the land will be cleaned up to allow it to be released for other uses. At that point, its ownership would transfer to the new user of the land.







The NDA's strategy is to bring the reprocessing programme to an end. The Thermal Oxide Reprocessing Plant (THORP) has already closed and the Magnox reprocessing plant will follow. All remaining spent fuel will be safely stored until a permanent solution for disposal is available.

Our spent fuel work is separated into 15 strategic outcomes that we must deliver, see p4. For more detail on our spent fuels strategy see NDA Strategy 2021, p46-57.

All of our plutonium is stored at Sellafield. Our uranium is located at a number of our sites and we are continuing to consolidate it at sites which we consider are best suited to its management.

Our nuclear materials work is separated into 10 strategic outcomes that we must deliver, outlined on page 4. For more detail on our nuclear materials strategy see NDA Strategy 2021, p58-67.

waste, some has already been permanently disposed of. Retrieving, treating and interim storing the radioactive waste from Sellafield's four legacy ponds and silo facilities is the NDA's highest priority.

Our integrated waste management work is separated into 14 strategic outcomes that we must deliver, outlined on page 4. For more detail on our IWM strategy see NDA Strategy 2021, p68-85.

The NDA is currently assessing alternatives for the final stages of decommissioning that could lead to earlier release of land, continued employment and opportunities to reuse the land.

Our site decommissioning and remediation work is separated into eight strategic outcomes that we must deliver, outlined on page 4. For more detail on our SDR strategy see NDA Strategy 2021, p26-45.

PROGRESS OF STRATEGIC OUTCOMES - UP TO MARCH 2022

| | Spent Fuels | |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| SPEI | NT MAGNOX FUEL | 2022 |
| 1 | All sites defueled | 100% |
| 2 | All legacy Magnox fuel retrieved | 25% |
| 3 | All Magnox fuel reprocessing completed | 96% |
| 4 | All remaining Magnox fuel in interim storage | 25% |
| 5 | All remaining Magnox fuel disposed | 0% |
| SPEI | NT OXIDE FUEL | |
| 6 | All EDFE oxide fuel received | 60% |
| $\overline{7}$ | All legacy oxide fuel retrieved | 100% |
| | retrieved | |
| 8 | All oxide fuel reprocessing completed | 100% |
| 8 9 | All oxide fuel | 100% 56% |
| 3910 | All oxide fuel reprocessing completed All remaining oxide fuel | |
| 10 | All oxide fuel reprocessing completed All remaining oxide fuel in interim storage All remaining oxide fuel | 56% |
| 10 | All oxide fuel reprocessing completed All remaining oxide fuel in interim storage All remaining oxide fuel disposed | 56% |
| 10 SPEI | All oxide fuel reprocessing completed All remaining oxide fuel in interim storage All remaining oxide fuel disposed | 56% 0% |
| 10 SPEI | All oxide fuel reprocessing completed All remaining oxide fuel in interim storage All remaining oxide fuel disposed NT EXOTIC FUEL All exotic fuel defueled All exotic fuel | 56% 0% 73% |
| 10 SPEI 11 12 | All oxide fuel reprocessing completed All remaining oxide fuel in interim storage All remaining oxide fuel disposed NT EXOTIC FUEL All exotic fuel defueled All exotic fuel consolidated All exotic fuel | 56% 0% 73% 62% |

| | Nuclear Materials | |
|------|--|-------------|
| PLUT | ONIUM | 2022 |
| 16 | All plutonium produced | 97 % |
| 17 | All plutonium consolidated | 100% |
| 18 | A: All plutonium repacked in long-term storag B: All cans not suitable for extended storage repackaged | e 0% 35% |
| 19 | All plutonium in interim storage | 0% |
| 20 | All plutonium reused or disposed | 0% |
| URAN | NIUM | |
| 21 | All uranium produced | 94 % |
| 22 | All uranium consolidated | 80% |
| 23 | All uranium treated | 4% |
| 24 | All uranium in interim storage | 61% |
| 25 | All uranium reused or disposed | 3% |
| | | |

| | Integrated Waste Managen | nent |
|-----|--|------------|
| LOV | V LEVEL WASTE | 2022 |
| 26 | All LLW produced | 7% |
| 27 | All LLW treated - to enable diversion or reuse | 9% |
| 28 | All waste suitable for disposal in NDA facilities | 15% |
| 29 | All waste suitable for permitted landfill disposed | 4% |
| INT | ERMEDIATE LEVEL WASTE | |
| 30 | All ILW produced | 33% |
| 31 | All legacy waste retrieved | 9 % |
| 32 | All ILW treated | 10% |
| 33 | All ILW in interim storage | 15% |
| 34 | All ILW disposed | 0% |
| HIG | H LEVEL WASTE | |
| 35 | All HLW produced | 71% |
| 36 | All HLW treated | 74% |
| 37 | All HLW waste in interim storage | 83% |
| 38 | All overseas HLW exported | 11% |
| 39 | All HLW disposed | 0% |

| | Site Decommissioning and Remedia | ation |
|-------|--|-----------|
| OPE | RATIONAL AND PLANNED | 2022 |
| 40 | All planned new buildings operational | TBD |
| 41 | All buildings primary function completed | 38% |
| DECO | DMMISSIONING AND DEMOLITION | |
| 42 | All buildings decommissioned | 21% |
| 43 | All buildings demolished or reused | 19% |
| SITES | 5 | |
| 44 | All land delicensed or relicensed | 9% |
| 45 | All land in End State - all planned physical work complete | 43% |
| 46 | All land demonstrated as suitable for reuse | 9% |
| 47 | All land de-designated or reused | 9% |
| 9 | bectares of land still to be released for other uses | ġ |



OBJECTIVE

To ensure safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of our spent fuels - *strategy 2021, p46*

WHAT ARE SPENT FUELS?

Fuel from a nuclear reactor is 'spent' once it has been used to generate electricity.

HOW ARE THE FUELS MANAGED?

Spent fuels are consolidated at Sellafield for management. Some spent fuels are reprocessed into uranium and plutonium, potentially for re-use, leaving some residual waste. Once reprocessing ends, remaining spent fuel will be stored for future disposal.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE 2005?

The Magnox reactors are now all defuelled and most fuel has been reprocessed. THORP completed reprocessing operations of oxide fuels in 2019.

WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN NEXT?

No more oxide fuels will be reprocessed. Sellafield continues to receive oxide fuel under commercial contracts with EDF Energy. The Magnox reprocessing plant, which is Sellafield's last reprocessing facility will finish reprocessing Magnox fuel in July 2022 with plant washout continuing until March 2023. All remaining spent fuel will be placed in interim storage pending a decision whether to classify it as waste for disposal.



ESTIMATED LIFETIME INVENTORY - 2005 TO MISSION END

Spent Magnox FuelOpening stock2,810 teDefueling4,100 teLegacy500 teTotal7,410 te

Spent C Opening Receivin Total

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES - steps to achieving our mission

| | Progree up to 20 |
|--|---------------------|
| ENT MAGNOX FUEL | |
| All sites defueled | 10 |
| All legacy Magnox fuel retrieved | 2 |
| All Magnox fuel reprocessing completed | 9 |
| All remaining Magnox fuel in interim storage | 2 |
| All remaining Magnox fuel disposed | (|
| | |
| ENT OXIDE FUEL | |
| All EDFE oxide fuel received | 6 |
| All legacy fuel retrieved | 10 |

- 8 All oxide fuel reprocessing completed
- 9 All remaining oxide fuel in interim storage
- 10 All remaining oxide fuel disposed

SPENT EXOTIC FUEL

SP

1

2

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SP

- 11 All exotic fuel defueled
- 12 All exotic fuel consolidated*
- B All exotic fuel reprocessing completed
- All remaining exotic fuel in interim storage
- ¹⁵ All remaining exotic fuel disposed

| Oxide Fue | el 👘 | Spent Exotic Fuel | |
|-----------|----------|-------------------|--------|
| g stock | 3,150 te | Opening stock | 197 te |
| ng | 5,290 te | Defueling | 33 te |
| | 8,440 te | Total | 230 te |
| | | | |

| ress 2022 | End date | Completed | Mission End |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 100% | 2020 | COMPLETED | |
| 25% | 2039 | | REUSED/DISPOSAL |
| 96 % | 2022 | | D/DIS |
| 25% | 2042 | | REUSE |
| 0% | 2125 | | |
| | | | |

| 60% | 2035 | | |
|-----|------|-----------|-------------|
| 00% | 2016 | COMPLETED | OSAL |
| 00% | 2019 | COMPLETED | ED/DISPOSAL |
| 56% | 2035 | | REUSED |
| 0% | 2125 | | RE |
| | | | |

| 73% 62% | 2024 2028 | Tosoc |
|------------|--------------|--------------|
| 93% | 2022 | ISID/0 |
| 84% | 2028 | REUSED/DISPO |
| 0% | 2125 | ₩ ₩ |



Opening

stock 2005

To ensure safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of our spent fuels. Strategy 2021, p46

Opening stock Defueling Legacy Total

SPENT MAGNOX FUEL - To ensure safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of spent Magnox fuels. Strategy 2021, p52.

In 2022, work continues to retrieve high hazard fuel from Sellafield, complete reprocessing and safely store the spent fuel on an interim basis.

| 2,810te | Defueling (te) | Legacy fuel retrieval (te) | Reprocessing (te) | Interim storage (te) |
|------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|
| Inventory | 4,100 0 4,100 defueled still to total 100% COMPLETE | 130 370 500 retrieved still to total 25% COMPLETE Eigen time theory of the back | 6,620 reprocessed290 still to reprocess6,910 total96% COMPLETE | 130 current inventory370 still to store500 estimated total25% COMPLETE |
| Capability Strategic Outcome | All 26 reactors on 11 sites have been defueled 1 All sites defueled by 2020 | First Generation Magnox Storage Pond (FGMSP) and Pile Fuel Storage Pond (PFSP) - Sellafield All legacy Magnox fuel retrieved by 2039 | Magnox reprocessing plants Sellafield All Magnox fuel reprocessing completed in 2022 | Fuel Handling Plant (FHP) - Sellafield Interim Storage Facility - Sellafield All remaining Magnox fuel in interim storage by 2042 |
| | All of the Magnox power stations are now defueled. This strategic outcome is now complete. | Spent fuel arriving at Sellafield was originally stored in the First Generation Magnox Storage Pond (FGMSP) before transfer for reprocessing. FGMSP is one of the estate's most hazardous facilities. Some fuel was also contained in the Pile Fuel Storage Pond (PFSP). The majority of the fuel will be retrieved by 2029, with the remaining material being retrieved by 2039. | Final completion date for reprocessing Magnox Fuel is now set at July 2022 after which the reprocessing plant will be prepared for post operational clean out in 2023. | There are some degraded fuels either still in, or which have been recovered from the legacy ponds, FGMSP and PFSP. As much of this material is heavily degraded it is not suitable for repro- cessing in our existing facilities. To reduce the risk of managing these fuels some of it has been transferred to the more modern pond, FHP for interim storage. The remainder will be recovered and interim stored in purpose-built containers by 2039 (the outcome to SO2), prior to final disposal. The same approach will be taken with Magnox fuel remaining at the end of reprocessing operations. We expect to update this estimated total following the completion of reprocessing. |



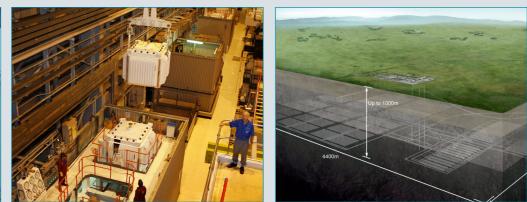
Defueling activity at one of the Magnox stations



Pile Fuel Storage Pond -Sellafield



Magnox Reprocessing Plant -Sellafield



Fuel Handling Plant -Sellafield

ESTIMATED LIFETIME INVENTORY - 2005 TO MISSION END

Spent Magnox Fuel

- 2,810 te 4,100 te 500 te 7,410 te



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To ensure safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of spent fuels. Strategy 2021, p46

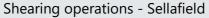
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SPENT OXIDE FUEL - To ensure safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of spent oxide fuels. Strategy 2021, p50.

Opening In 2022, we continue to receive fuel from EDF Energy sites. Reprocessing is now complete and we safely store the remaining spent fuel on an interim basis. stock 2005 3,150te Receipts Legacy fuel retrieval Reprocessing Interim storage (te) (te) (te) (te) 4,550 2,990 2,020 5,010 2,530 2,020 3 0 3 3,610 3.610 0 estimated still to current still to received still to be total retrieved total reprocessed still to total inventory total retrieve store received reprocess **56% COMPLETE** 60% COMPLETE 100% COMPLETE 100% COMPLETE Inventory THORP Reprocessing Plant THORP Receipt and Storage Pond Pile Fuel Storage Pond (PFSP) -THORP Receipt and Storage Pond Capability -----Sellafield ΗH - Sellafield - Sellafield - Sellafield All remaining oxide fuel in interim All oxide fuel reprocessing Strategic 7 All legacy fuel retrieved in 2016 9 6 All EDF oxide fuel received by 2035 8 storage by 2035 completed in 2019 Outcome The NDA, after studying options over a number Early spent oxide fuel was consigned to the Our strategy is to consolidate all spent AGR The NDA is committed, through commercial PFSP and has all been removed for storage in of years, concluded in 2012 that THORP should contracts, to receiving and managing spent fuel from the EDF AGR stations in a single more modern facilities. close following completion of the current fuel (including 3,150te opening stock) from pond in the THORP facility at the Sellafield contracts. To ensure this remains the most viable EDFE's 7 AGR power stations in England and site, and interim store all oxide fuels and cost-effective option, the NDA has identified Scotland. The last of these power stations is pending a future decision on whether to how to provide sufficient capacity at THORP to due to close in the early 2030's, however classify the fuel as waste for disposal in a store all remaining fuel that is not reprocessed. EDFE has declared its intention to run them GDF. This total included the opening stock of 3,150te. for as long as possible, providing it is safe and economic to continue. This provides a major source of income for the NDA.



Hinkley Point A and the EDF owned (B) station





THORP - Sellafield

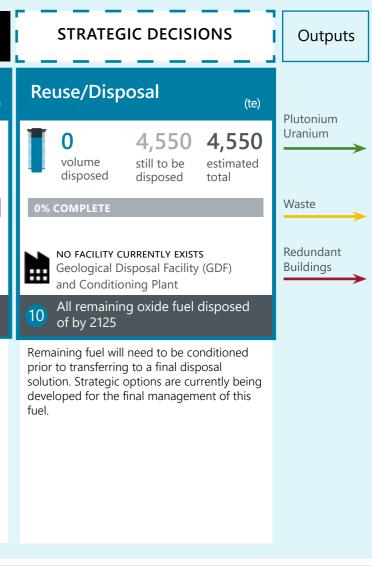


THORP Receipt and Storage Pond -Sellafield

ESTIMATED LIFETIME INVENTORY - SINCE 2005

Spent Oxide Fuel

| ning stock | 3,150 te |
|------------|----------|
| eiving | 5,010 te |
| I | 8,160 te |
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To ensure safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of spent fuels. Strategy 2021, p46

Openin Defueli Total

SPENT EXOTIC FUEL - To ensure safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of spent exotic fuels. *Strategy 2021, p54*.

| Opening stock 2005 | In 2022, work continues to defuel the Dounreay Fast Reactor, consolidate exotic fuel at Sellafield and complete reprocessing. | | | |
|-------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| 197te | Defueling (te) | Consolidation (irradiated) (te) | Reprocessing (te) | Interim storage (te) |
| | 24 9 33 defueled still to defuel | 34 consolidated 22 still to consolidate 56 | 85691reprocessedstill to reprocesstotal | 117 current inventory 22 still to store 139 estimated total |
| Inventory Capability | 73% COMPLETE Dounreay Fast Reactor (DFR) | 62% COMPLETE Consolidated stocks at Sellafield | 93% COMPLETE THORP and Magnox reprocessing plants - Sellafield | 84% COMPLETE THORP Receipt and Storage Pond - Sellafield |
| Strategic Outcome | 11 All exotic fuel defueled by 2024 | 12 All exotic fuel consolidated by 2028 | All exotic fuel reprocessing completed by 2022 | All remaining exotic fuel in interim storage by 2028 |
| | A number of very early experimental reactors tested novel kinds of fuel, producing spent fuel with distinctive characteristics. There is a much smaller quantity of these diverse, non-standard types compared to oxide and Magnox fuels, and they are collectively known as Spent Exotic Fuels. Only one reactor still contains exotic fuel - the Dounreay Fast Reactor (DFR). | Spent Exotic fuel (irradiated) is being consolidated at Sellafield. A variety of spent exotic fuel was already at Sellafield in 2005 from earlier consolidation activities and historic overseas reprocessing contracts. | The majority of Spent Exotic fuel has already been reprocessed at Sellafield's THORP and Magnox reprocessing plants. The strategy for DFR fuel, which is being consolidated at Sellafield, is to reprocess as much as is practicable before the Magnox reprocessing plant ceases operations in July 2022. This objective is now complete. The Remaining DFR fuel at Dounreay will be consolidated at Sellafield as part of the overall spent fuel consolidation programme. | A variety of exotic fuels will remain in interim storage at Sellafield when reprocessing operations cease. They will remain in storage whilst options for management of this fuel are developed. |



Dounreay Fast Reactor



Transporting exotic fuel to Sellafield



Magnox Reprocessing Plant - Sellafield

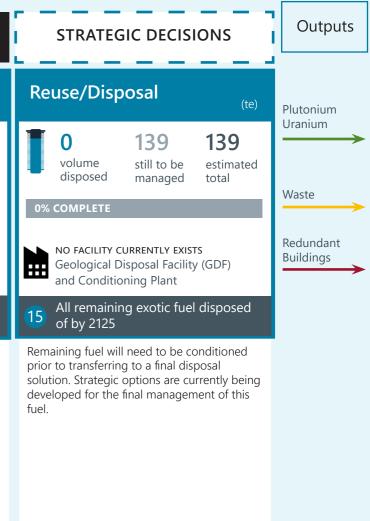


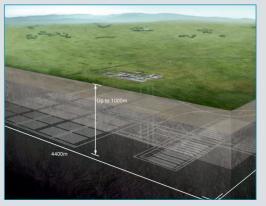
THORP Receipt and Storage Pond -Sellafield

ESTIMATED LIFETIME INVENTORY - 2005 TO MISSION END

Spent Exotic Fuel

| ng stock | 197 te |
|----------|--------|
| ing | 33 te |
| | 230 te |





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Plutonium Opening stock Produced Total

OBJECTIVE

To ensure safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of our nuclear materials - *strategy 2021, p58*

WHAT ARE NUCLEAR MATERIALS?

The NDA owns an inventory of plutonium and uranium. Known collectively as 'nuclear materials', all are by-products from different phases of the fuel cycle, including the reprocessing of spent fuel.

HOW ARE THE MATERIALS MANAGED?

All nuclear materials are stored safely and securely under stringent management arrangements, in accordance with the requirements of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), as well as UK law, which are overseen by the independent Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) which is responsible for regulating safety and security across the UK.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE 2005?

The NDA is working with UK government and suppliers on options to put plutonium beyond reach. The NDA has largely completed uranium production and consolidation.

WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN NEXT?

All nuclear materials will be either converted into new fuel for nuclear reactors or immobilised and stored until a permanent UK disposal facility is developed. Consolidation of plutonium is now complete. Consolidation of uranium remains ongoing. Some uranium must be treated and repackaged for interim storage, while Sellafield's plutonium inventory will be repackaged. Plutonium will be repackaged in a form suitable for long term storage. Plutonium repackaging is taking place in two stages. Those cans which are the highest priority for repackaging are being dealt with now as part of a first phase using existing plant. This is taking place prior to the construction of a new facility which will enable repackaging of a large number of cans. The government will reach a decision on possible re-use or disposal of plutonium following completion of the technical studies.



STRATEGIC OUTCOMES - steps to achieving our mission

| up to 2022 date Compl | ed End |
|---|----------|
| | |
| ed 97% 2023 | |
| dated 100 % 2019 СОМР | ED SOG |
| cked in long term storage 0% 2060 | SED/DIS |
| e for extended storage 35% 2060 | REUS |
| m storage 0% 2060 | |
| or disposed 0% 2120 | |
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URANIUM

- All Uranium produced
- All Uranium consolidated
- All Uranium treated (23
- All Uranium in interim storage 24
- All Uranium reused or disposed

104 te 38 te 142 te

Uranics Opening stock Produced Total

63,000 te 7,000 te 70,000 te

| 94% | 2023 |
|-----|------|
| 80% | 2025 |
| 4% | 2055 |
| 61% | 2055 |
| 3% | 2120 |

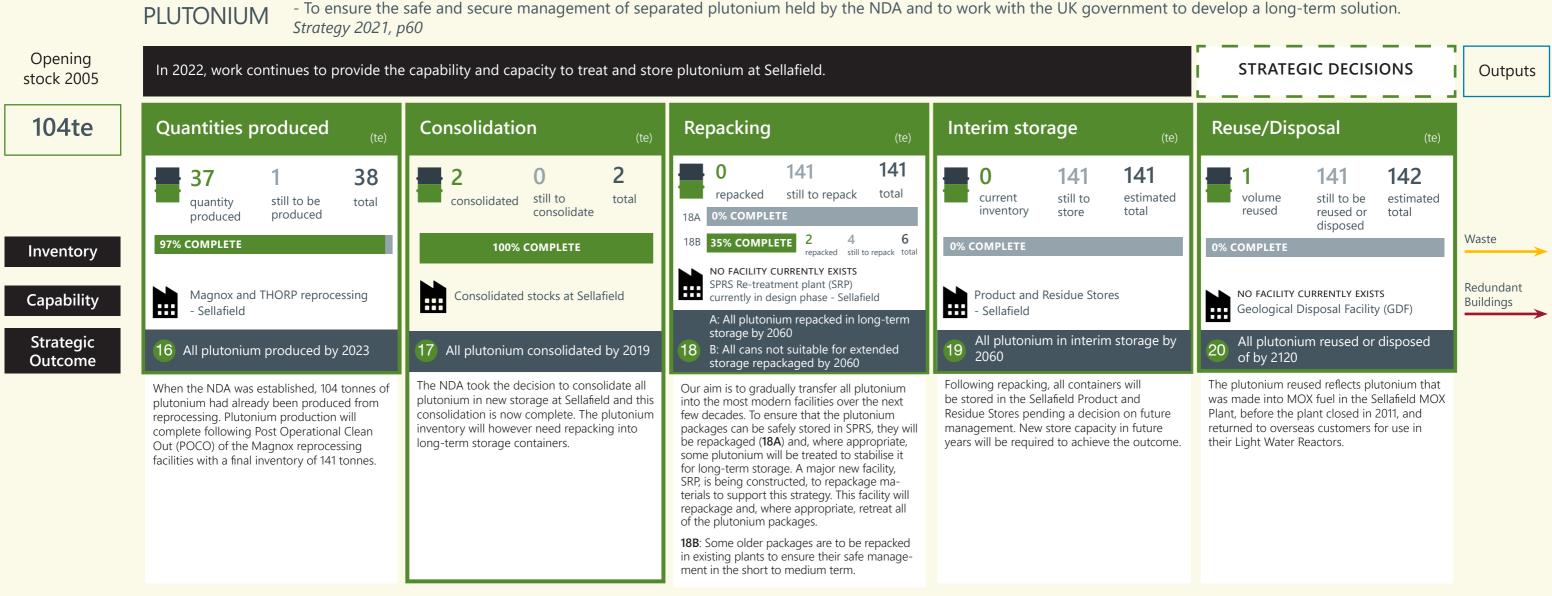


ESTIMATED LIFETIME INVENTORY - 2005 TO MISSION END

Nuclear Materials

To ensure safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of our nuclear materials. Strategy 2021, p58

Plutonium Produced Total





Magnox Reprocessing Plant



One of the NTS fleet of nuclear transport ships

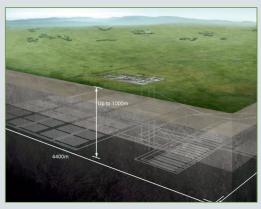


THORP Product Store - Sellafield



Plutonium containers

Opening stock 104 te 38 te 142 te



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Nuclear Materials

To ensure safe, secure and cost-effective lifecycle management of our nuclear materials. Strategy 2021, p58

Uranium Opening stock Produced Total

URANIUM - To continue safe and secure storage of our uranium inventory, to support its reuse where cost-effective and to ensure its final disposition. Strategy 2021, p63

| Opening stock 2005 | In 2022, work continues to complete reprocessing and consolidate uranics at Capenhurst. | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| 63,000te | Quantities produced | Consolidation (te) | Treatment (te) | Interim storage (te) |
| Inventory Capability Strategic | 6,000 <1,000 7,000 quantity still to be total 94% COMPLETE Magnox reprocessing - Sellafield 21 All uranium produced by 2023 | 12,000 consolidated 3,000 still to consolidate 15,000 total 80% COMPLETE Consolidated stocks at Capenhurst 22 All uranium consolidated by 2025 | 1,000 26,000 27,000 treated still to total 4% COMPLETE NO FACILITY CURRENTLY EXISTS Legacy Cylinder Facility currently in initiation phase - Capenhurst 23 All uranium treated by 2055 | 42,000 inventory in interim storage 5000 still to store 68,000 estimated total 61% COMPLETE Uranium store - Capenhurst THORP Product Store - Sellafield All uranium in long-term storage by 2055 |
| Outcome | A small quantity of uranium remains to be produced from Magnox fuel reprocessing at Sellafield. | The NDA has consolidated the majority of uranium stock at Capenhurst. Work is underway to consolidate the remaining quantity of uranium from Magnox fuel reprocessing from Sellafield, as well as a relatively small quantity of uranium from Dounreay, Magnox sites and Springfields to Capenhurst. | Uranium hexaflouride (HEX) is a chemically hazardous by-product of the uranium enrichment. The NDA is seeking to put in place the capability to re-package 26,000tU of HEX at Capenhurst. After repackaging, the HEX will be treated to remove the chemical hazard, so that it can be interim stored pending re-use/disposal. | Uranium (NDA-owned and NDA customer material) will be interim stored at Capenhurst and Sellafield until it can be re-used or a decision is taken to dispose of it. |
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Please note: The NDA manages uranium on behalf of customers, and this has now been included.



Magnox Reprocessing Plant

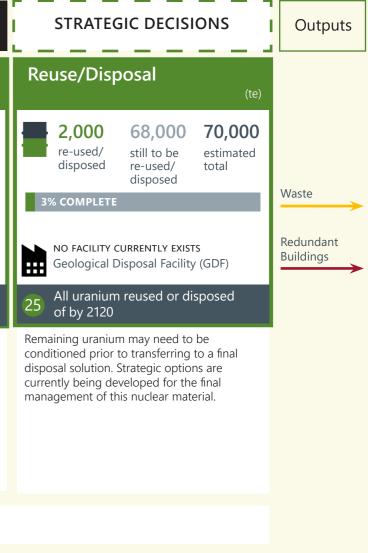
Capenhurst

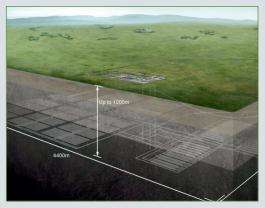


Current uranium storage at Capenhurst

Part of the uranium inventory at Capenhurst

63,000 te 7,000 te 70,000 te





Artist's impression of a Geological **Disposal Facility**



OBJECTIVE

To ensure that wastes are managed in a manner that protects people and the environment, now and in the future, and in ways that comply with government policies and provide value for money - *Strategy 2021, p68*

WHAT IS INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT?

Large quantities of diverse radioactive waste have been produced since the 1950s, and will continue to arise for decades to come. Managing these radioactive wastes, along with conventional waste, is one of the NDA's biggest challenges.

HOW ARE THE WASTES MANAGED?

Wastes are characterised, treated appropriately as informed by radioactivity levels and handling requirements, before being packaged for long-term storage and/or transport and disposal. LLW is disposed of and higher activity waste is stored pending development of a final disposal route.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE 2005?

Since 2005 considerable progress has been made with the safe management of HLW and we are now getting towards the end of our vitrification programme of treating bulk liquid HLW. In addition, retrievals of ILW from legacy facilities has commenced, as we now prepare ourselves for continuous operations in this highest priority area. The NDA has taken the decision to consolidate some ILW at regional stores, avoiding the need to construct a store at each site. We are repackaging material where necessary and investigating more sustainable treatments for all waste categories. We've followed the waste hierarchy principle and put in place a range of waste management services that has preserved capacity at the Low Level Waste Repository (LLWR). We are now moving to a risk-informed strategy where radioactive wastes are managed according to the nature of the waste (radiological, physical and chemical) rather than simply the radioactive waste category they fall into.

WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN NEXT?

Reprocessing spent fuel, which produces highly radioactive liquid waste, was due to end in 2020 and this has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, although it's not currently anticipated that this will have a significant impact on the completion of HLW productions. We are constructing new waste treatment plants as required and again these have been impacted by the pandemic. Permanent disposal facilities must be constructed for all higher activity waste. The NDA's risk-informed radioactive waste strategy also presents the opportunity to explore near-surface disposal for some of the ILW inventory.



ESTIMATED LIFETIME INVENTORY TO DISPOSE - 2005 TO MISSION END

Low Level Waste Raw waste 4,138,000m³ Packaged waste 318,000m³ Intermediate Level V Raw waste 192, Packaged waste 471,

STRATEGIC OUTCOMES - steps to achieving our mission

Prog up to

LOW LEVEL WASTE

- 26 All LLW produced
- 27 All LLW treated to enable diversion or reuse
- ²⁸ All waste suitable for disposal in NDA facilities
- ²⁹ All waste suitable for permitted landfill disposed

INTERMEDIATE LEVEL WASTE

- 30 All ILW produced
- 31 All legacy waste retrieved
- 32 All ILW treated
- 33 All ILW in interim storage
- All ILW disposed

HIGH LEVEL WASTE

- 35 All HLW produced
- 36 All HLW treated
- 7 All HLW in interim storage
- Bill overseas HLW exported
- 39 All HLW disposed

| Waste | High Level Waste | |
|--------|------------------|---------------------|
| ,000m³ | Raw waste | 3,800m ³ |
| ,000m³ | Packaged waste | 1,640m ³ |

| ress 2022 | End date | Completed | Mission End |
|--------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|
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| 9% | 2127 | | ANDFI |
| 15% | 2127 | | LLWR + LANDFILI |
| 4% | 2127 | | |
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| 33% | 2120 | | |
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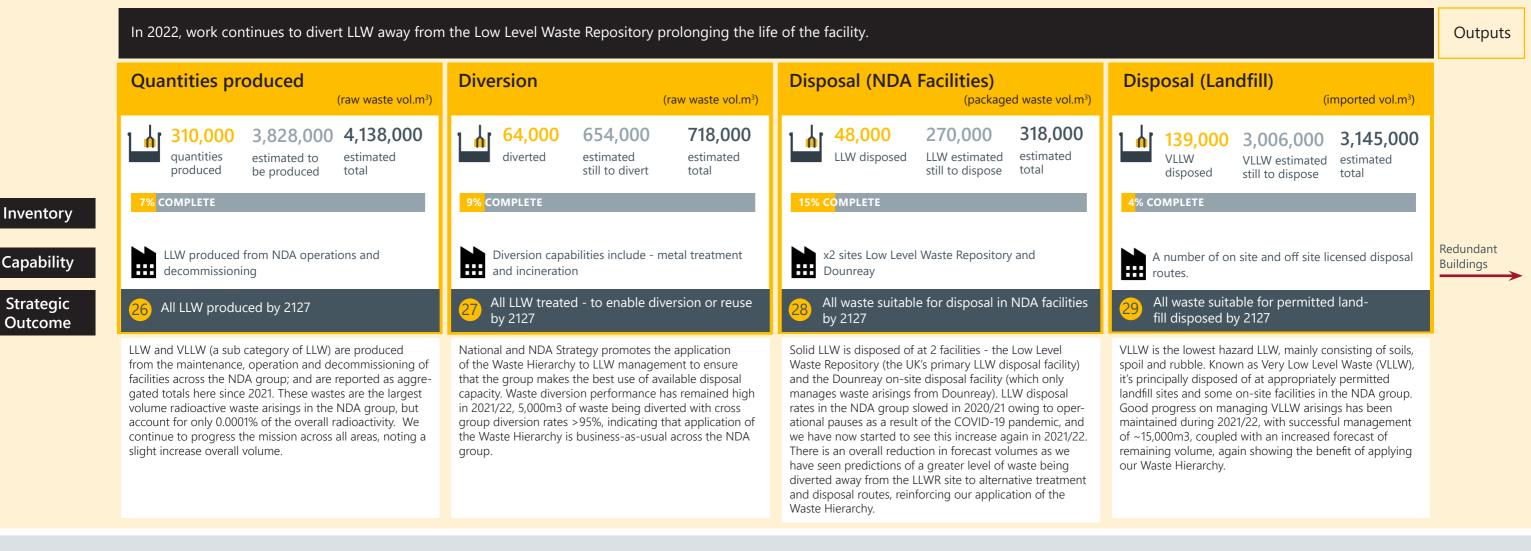
- **83%** 2030
- 11% 2025
- **0%** 2104

Integrated Waste Management

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LOW LEVEL WASTE

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Metal melting - one of the ways of treating LLW LLWR at Dounreay

LLW Repository

Low Level Waste

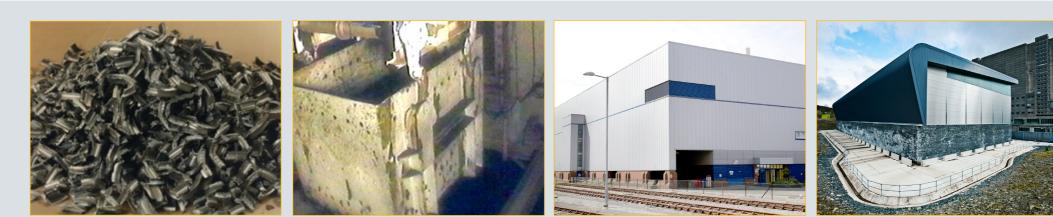
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Appropriate landfill sites can be used for VLLW

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- To manage radioactive waste and dispose of it where possible, or place it in safe, secure and suitable storage, ensuring that we implement INTERMEDIATE LEVEL WASTE the policies of UK government and the devolved administrations - Strategy 2021, p72 Opening In 2022, ILW continues to be produced with a focus on retrieving waste from legacy ponds and silos. stock 2005 Legacy ponds & silos 10,800m³ **Quantities produced** Treatment Interim storage (raw waste vol.m³) (raw waste vol.m³) (raw waste vol.m³) (packaged waste vol.m³) raw waste in store 2005 112,000 167,000 55,000 8,000 174,000 192,000 56,000 316,000 372,000 21,300 19.400 still to quantity still to be retrieved treated estimated still to estimated estimated still to estimated current produced produced since 2005 retrieve treat store total total inventory total total % COMPLETE 10% COMPLETE 15% COMPLETE 33% COMPLETE Inventory New technology and capability New capability required Waste from operations and New capability required Capability HH ΗH decommissioning projects to retrieve legacy waste Strategic All ILW in interim storage by 2120 All ILW produced by 2120 All legacy waste retrieved by 2048 All ILW treated by 2120 Outcome The Sellafield legacy ponds and silos Different forms of ILW are treated in different Retrieved, treated, and packaged ILW ILW - waste exceeding the upper boundary undergoes safe storage until appropriate represent some of the most complex and ways so they can be safely packaged and for LLW that is not significantly heat difficult global decommissioning challenges; disposal facilities are available. 15% of the stored until a disposal facility is available. ILW generating - takes a variety of forms total packaged ILW to be produced over the and are a key priority for the NDA group. treatment is ongoing using the many available including: redundant nuclear reactor lifetime of the NDA group is currently in safe Significant guantities of bulk fuel and solid ILW treatment plants available across the NDA components, reactor core graphite, sludges storage. Further new stores will be required to have been retrieved from the legacy ponds group and work is ongoing to design, build from radioactive liquid effluent treatment, enable safe storage of the remaining inventory (Pile Fuel Storage Pond and First Generation and commission the approximately 40 new redundant plant equipment and some at Sellafield and for NDA sites in Scotland. Magnox Storage Pond); the quantity of ILW treatment facilities that are needed to building fabric. As the NDA group projects retrieved has increased to 9% - an increase of complete this important stage of the ILW and programmes mature, the volume of ILW 115m3 during the year. lifecycle. will fluctuate as we reduce uncertainty in the inventory.



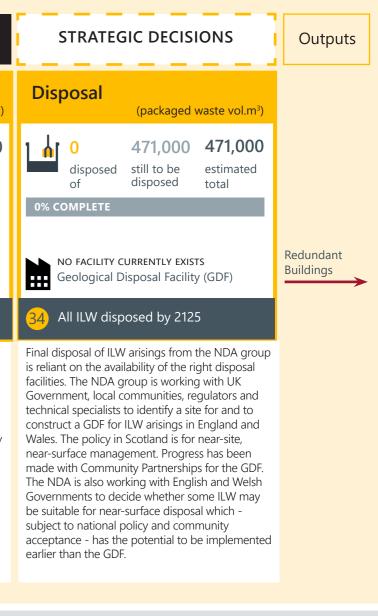
ILW Magnox fuel cladding swarf

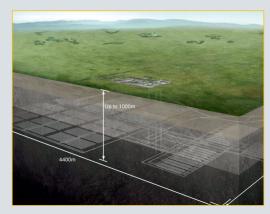
Retrieving waste from the legacy ponds ILW Treatment and Storage at Sellafield

Trawsfynydd ILW Store

Intermediate Level Waste 192.000m³ Raw waste

Packaged waste 471,000m³





Artist's impression of a Geological **Disposal Facility (GDF)**

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| In 2022, work will continue to treat and store HLW on an interim basis. | | |
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| Quantities produced LIQUID Treatment CONDENSED (raw waste vol.m³) (raw waste vol.m³) (raw waste vol.m³) | Interim storage SOLID (packaged vol.m ³) | Dispos |
| 1,100 3,800 quantities still to produce still to 1% COMPLETE 74% COMPLETE | 1,210 current inventory250 still to | 11% COM |
| entory Image: Active Storage Tanks Waste Vitrification Plant | Vitrified Product Store (VPS) | NO F Geo |
| by-product of nuclear fuel reprocessing at the Sellafield site. The liquor is concentrated through evaporation and is stored in specially engineered Highly Active Storage Tanks | 37 All HLW in interim storage by 2030 The vitrified High Level Waste is stored in a purpose-built store - the Sellafield Vitrified Product Stores - until a UK disposal facility for HLW becomes available. An additional 0.25% of the total arisings was transferred into storage in 2021/22. | 38 All c 39 UK HLW di and the NE communiti progress of earns rever overseas cu returned to requiremen |



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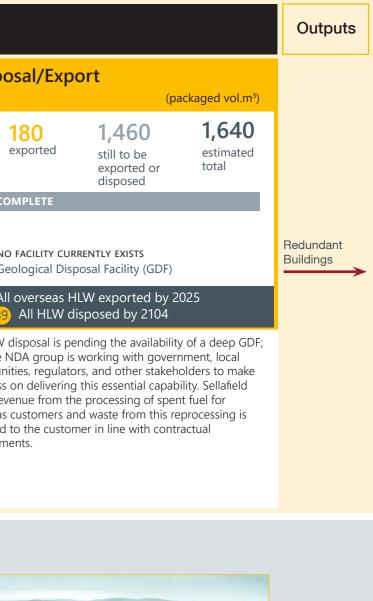
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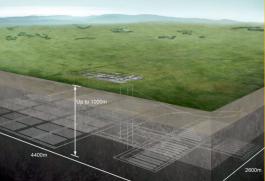
Waste Vitrification Plant

Vitrified Product Store - Sellafield

Disposal Facility

| High Level Waste | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| Raw waste | 3,800m ³ |
| Packaged waste | 1,640m ³ |





Artist's impression of a Geological

Integrated Waste Management -Waste Management Lifecycle Summary

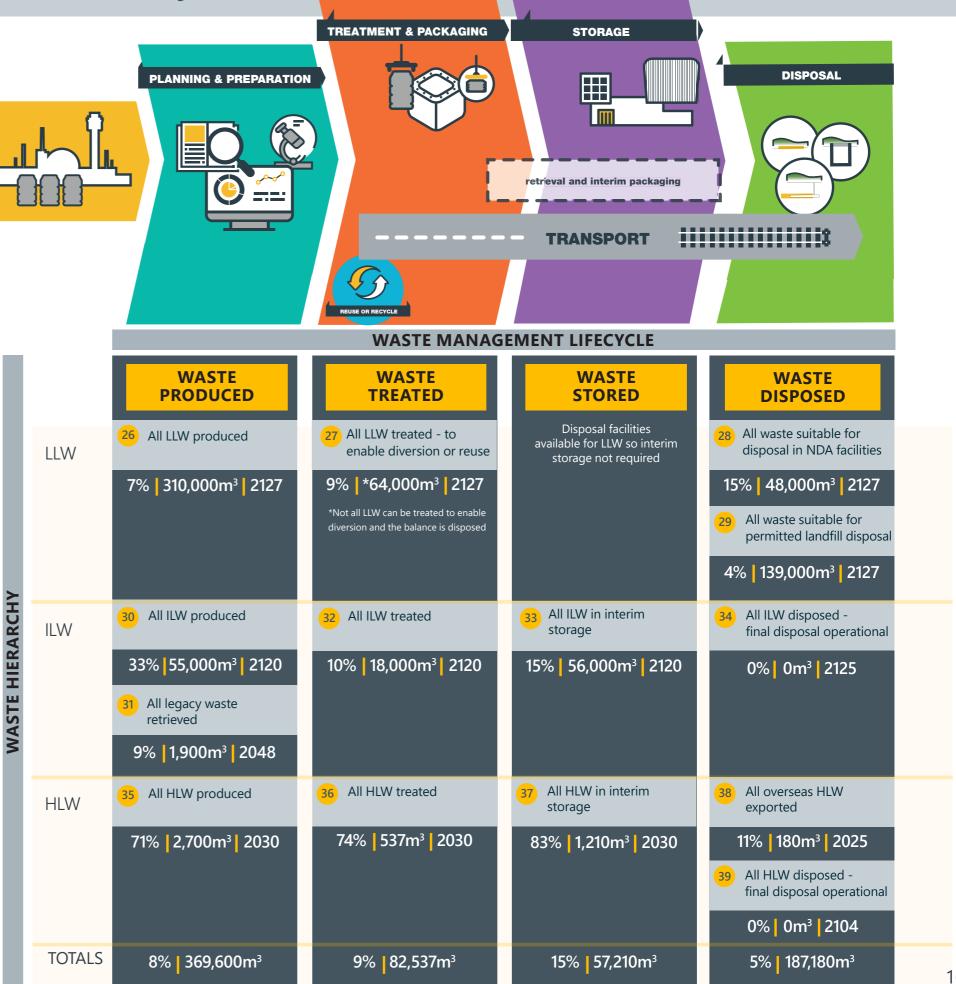
This page introduces the Waste Management Lifecycle. The summary compliments the Integrated Waste Management pages which are split by waste hierarchy and should be read in conjunction with these pages.

The Waste Management Lifecycle (SO26-39)

Waste management on our sites is changing as our mission moves away from operations to decommissioning, site remediation (see **Site Decommissioning and Remediation**) and safe and secure management of those wastes that require interim storage. This means we will generate larger volumes of lower activity radioactive and non-radioactive wastes, with an associated increase in opportunities for waste minimisation, reuse and recycling. We expect our Site Licence Companies (SLCs) to apply the Waste Hierarchy and we challenge them to ensure they derive as much value as practicable from the waste management system and appropriately manage the environmental impacts. However, we need to ensure that retrievals of legacy wastes (SO31) are managed promptly and effectively pending the availability of disposal routes.



- 38 All overseas HLW exported
- 39 All HLW disposed final disposal operational





Site Decommissioning and Remediation

Buildings (radioactive) Lifetime stock 1,237 Planned new builds 119 Total 1,356

OBJECTIVE

To decommission and remediate our designated sites, and release them for other uses - *strategy 2021, p26*

WHAT IS SITE DECOMMISSIONING AND REMEDIATION?

The NDA is cleaning up each site safely and cost-effectively for eventual release. This requires all facilities to be decommissioned, waste removed, structures demolished and the land remediated.

WHAT HAS TO BE DONE?

The NDA must define the pace of decommissioning and the final condition for each site, including any remaining structures, infrastructure such as roads or services and the land itself. This influences future plans and near-term work targets, and shapes current activities.

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE 2005?

Many structures have already been dismantled and demolished, and land released. The NDA is assessing alternatives for the final stages of decommissioning, earlier release of land and the potential for future employment opportunities when sites are released.

WHAT HAS TO HAPPEN NEXT?

In response to government's proposal to amend primary legislation and enable more streamlined regulation during the final stages of decommissioning, the NDA is working with regulators, SLCs and other stakeholders on the optimal end state for each site. The NDA is also working with local authorities on their development plans, to ensure proposed end states and development plans are aligned.



STRATEGIC OUTCOMES - steps to achieving our mission

Prog up to

OPERATIONAL AND PLANNED

- All planned new buildings operational (40)
- All buildings primary function completed

DECOMMISSIONING AND DEMOLITION

- All buildings decommissioned (42)
- All buildings demolished or reused

SITES

- All land delicensed or relicensed
- All land in End State all planned physical work complete
- All land demonstrated as suitable for reuse
- All land de-designated or reused

|) | Land (ha) | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------|
| | Opening stock | 1,043ha |
| | Land de-designated/reused | 93ha |
| | Still to be de-designated/reused | 950ha |
| | Total | 1,043ha |
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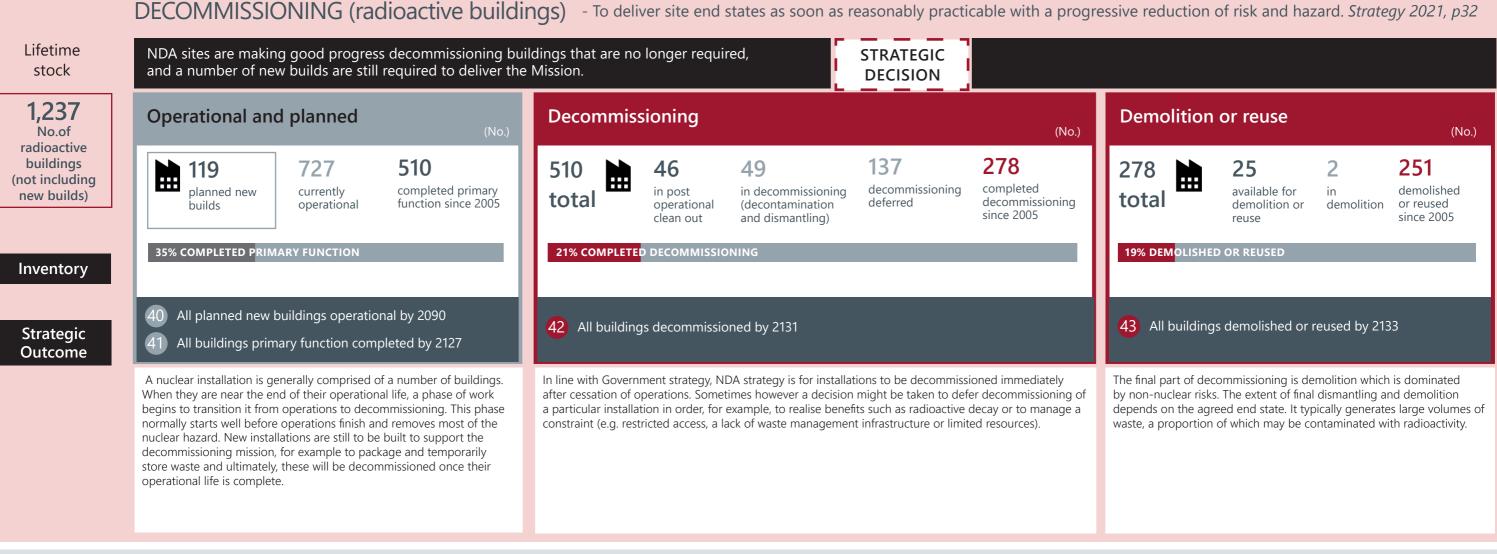
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| 2022 | date | | End |
| TBD | 2090 | | BUILDINGS |
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| 21% | 2131 | | MMISSIONED DEMOLISHED JR REUSED |
| 19% | 2133 | | DECO AND O |

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| 43% | 2134 | O OR RE |
| 9% | 2135 | DEDESIGNATED OR REUSED |
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Site Decommissioning and Remediation

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Demolition work at Dungeness

Demolition work at Harwell

ESTIMATED LIFETIME INVENTORY - 2005 TO MISSION END

Buildings (radioactive) Lifetime stock 1,237 Planned new builds 119 1.356 Total



Turbine hall demolitions



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Land hectares (ha) Opening stock Land de-designated/reused Total

LAND QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND LAND USE (sites) - To optimise the reuse of NDA sites. Strategy 2021, p44

Opening stock 2005 The NDA Mission is not complete until all Designated Directions associated with the land have been removed. Since 2005 we have completed 9% of the Mission.

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|--|---|--|--|
| 1,043* hectares (ha) | Licensing status of land | Land quality management (assessment) (delivery) ^(ha) | Ded |
| 1,031 licensed & designated 12 Dounreay LLW facility | 938 total licensed land 93 total de/relicensed land 93 total de/relicensed | 524 land to be characterisation complete507 land characterisation complete1,031 total581 awaiting remediation3 physical work in progress354 all physical work complete93 land demonstrated as suitable for reuse1,031 total | <u>۶</u> |
| Inventory | 9% LAND DELICENSED SINCE 2005 | 49% LAND WHERE CHARACTERISATION IS COMPLETE SINCE 2005 43% LAND WHERE PHYSICAL WORK IS COMPLETE SINCE 2005 9% LAND DEMONSTRATED AS SUITABLE FOR REUSE SINCE 2005 | 9% c c |
| Strategic Outcome *The 1,043 hectares of land consists of 1,031 hectares of licensed and designated land and 12 hectares of land adjacent to the Dounreay nuclear licensed site that is used for the Dounreay LLW facility. Once all LLW has been removed from the Dounreay site the vaults will be sealed and the surface restored. The LLW facility site will then be monitored for 300 years, by which time 95% of the radioactivity will have decayed. | 4 All land delicensed or relicensed by 2135 | 45 All land in End State - all planned physical work complete by 2134 46 All land demonstrated as suitable for reuse by 2135 | 47 A |
| | Each NDA site operates under a Nuclear Site Licence granted to the relevant Site Licence Company by the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR). The 'de-licensing' or 're-licensing' activity needs to take place before land can be 'de-designated' and put to another use. | The NDA continues to support UK government's proposal to amend the legislative framework that applies to nuclear sites and enable more streamlined regulation during the final stages of decommissioning and clean-up. The proposed amendment would enable site operators to optimise end states on a site by site basis. With this in mind, the NDA is working with regulators, SLCs and other stakeholders on the optimal end state for each site. The NDA is also working with local authorities to ensure that site end states and statements on the next planned use of sites are consistent with local waste and development plans. | In 2005, order by the NDA can now Berkeley has beer de-desig |



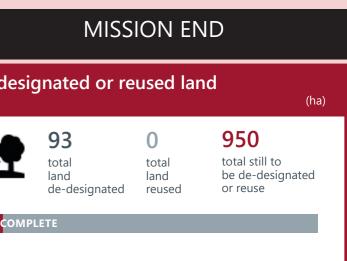
Bradwell in care and maintenance

Harwell

Winfrith

ESTIMATED LIFETIME INVENTORY - 2005 TO MISSION END

1,043(ha) 93(ha) Still to be de-designated/reused 950(ha) 1,043(ha)



All land dedesignated or reused by 2333

5, the NDA was given responsibility for land, under a 'designating' by the Secretary of State. `De-designating' this order signifies that DA's mission is complete. We have utilised new software which w more accurately measure the areas from our maps. Parts of ey are now a college campus while land at Harwell and Winfrith en developed as business parks. The last land to be signated was 3 hectares at Winfrith in Feb 2019.

