

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority



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Bradwell Accelerated Decommissioning Programme

Concrete reuse strategy

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Site Overview

- Constructed 1956 1962
- Generated power until 2002
- Generated 60TWh over its lifetime
- Defuelling completed 2006
- 2011 nominated for accelerated decommissioning programme (early entry into C&M)

Tasked to complete 17 years C&M Preps work in 4 years



During construction - 1958



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During Operations



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During C&M (2015)



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Accelerated Decommissioning Programmes – material generators

- ILW Programmes (MIMP) minor contributor
 - Construction of new ILW store
- Plant and Structures Programme Major contributors
 - Undertakes most enabling works
 - Major construction areas (including portacabin installation)
 - Major demolition (minor building)
 - Recladding project.



Options for concrete

- Hazardous
 - Treatment and recycling off-site
- Non-hazardous
 - Recycling off-site (waste)
 - Reuse on-site (material CL:AIRE CoP)
- Inert
 - Reuse on-site (material CL:AIRE CoP / WRAP Quality Protocol (AGGREGAIN))
- Procedures are in place to identify suitable material at an early stage and ensure it is handled correctly to allow application of the waste hierarchy.



WRAP Quality Protocol

- Has been successfully used previously (CW voids, turbine hall basement partial fill).
- Phasing out due to limited near term building works
 - Limits on inputs (inert concrete / masonry only)
 - Limits on destination of material produced



CL:AIRE CoP

- Currently in use at Bradwell:
 - Generic site requirement to backfill large voids left by demolition (concrete / masonry only)
 - Project specific requirements that develop during design phase (can include concrete / masonry / soil)





Comparison of acceptance levels

Substance	Inert WAC (for use in WRAP Quality Protocol)	CL:AIRE thresholds (based on Risk Assessment)
Chromium	0.5	5
Molybdenum	0.5	5
Nickel	0.4	4
Fluoride	10	100
Sulphate as SO ₄	1000	10000
Total Dissolved Solids	4000	10000

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Does not contravene rWFD & Material is suitable

- Material Management Plans (MMP) for disposition area
- MMP prepared within the waste management department and approved by independent CL:AIRE QP
- Suitable for use
- Chemical: Site specific risk assessments (prepared externally) set acceptance limits (demonstrates no risk below these levels)
- Physical: End-use specific engineering reports (engineering specification)



3 & 4 Quantity and Certainty

- Quantity
 - Mass balance of concrete / masonry identified in site waste inventory, against size of voids left by demolition
 - Project specific requirements (based on engineering design)
- Certainty requirement for use is defined:
 - C&M Entry state definition document (CWPH voids filled and capped), Turbine Hall voids partially filled.
 - Engineering specification for filling voids
 - EIADR ES and T&CP ES commitment to reuse material on-site to fill voids





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Turbine Hall Basement - 20,000m³ void



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Cooling Water Pump House Voids

- 3 voids
- 1,500m3 each



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Site Voids' MMP

- Reuse of concrete generated across projects/site for filling voids
 - As long as it meets acceptance criteria.
- Chemical risk assessment for conditions (highly engineered) – allows higher acceptance thresholds

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Project Requirements – ILW store piling mat

- ILW Storage Facility MMP
 - Reuse of soil and concrete under CL:AIRE CoP
 - 5,200m³ of material generated on-site and reused to form a piling mat for the store.
 - Generic risk assessment material was inert
 - Requirement for material detailed in engineering design

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Reuse Process



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Benefits

- Fulfills legal obligation to follow the waste hierarchy (PREVENT)
- Cost saving £100,000 on first project calculated (disposal costs and minimising purchasing)
- 360 shipments off the road (important to key stakeholders the local community)
- Minimises carbon footprint
- No variation on Permit or exemptions required



Considerations prior to use

- Significant information required in advance particularly characterisation.
- Large area of space required for stockpiling and crushing
- Needs to be identified at very start no room for late notification from project

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Future Potential

- Act as a CL:AIRE receiver site
- Act as a CL:AIRE donor site
- Increase what we can accept in our own voids

 Lessons Learnt – could take better advantage by having an MMP prior to major building demolition.



Questions

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