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15th June 2012

Dear Mr Parr,

ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING REGULATIONS 2010 SI No 675 Permit References BZ1994 and PP3790SZ, AWE Aldermaston and Burghfield Routine Environmental Monitoring Environment Monitoring Report January - March 2012.

Lenclose the latest results from our Environmental Monitoring programme for Air, Surface Water, Groundwater, Sewage and Milk.

There are no results that indicate AWE is outside of our normal anticipated operations.

You have been made aware of access problems associated with the Basingstoke HVAS which will manifest themselves in the next quarterly report. The elevations in Uranium for outfall 1 have reduced and the results of the additional sampling have been received and are currently being reviewed.

Please contact me if you have any concerns or matters arising from the reports.

Yours sincerely



Head of Environment

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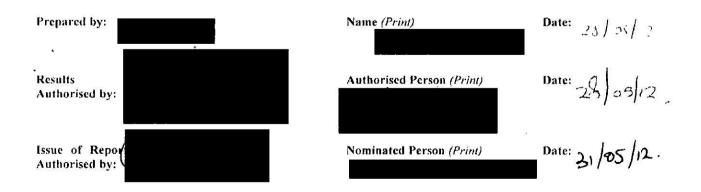
SUMMARY

This report contains results from the AWE Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR) Environmental Monitoring Programme for the period January to March 2012. The monitoring programme is specified in document, AWE Environmental Permitting Regulations Arrangements Document for Environmental Monitoring for Radioactivity within and around AWE Sites Aldermaston and Burghfield (Ref: AWE Report 98/10, AWE/ASc/GE/MAN/GEN/TR/11/216).

The results presented in this report are generally consistent with previously measured values from the defined matrices and locations. There is no evidence to suggest any measurable change in the radiological condition of the matrices sampled and therefore in the environment near to the AWE sites at Aldermaston and Burghfield.

The following are presented in this report

Media	Matrix	Present
Air	HVAS	X
Λir	Tritium	X
Surface Water	LEAST IN WITH THE	X
Sediment	Annual	
Sediment	Bi-annual	
Groundwater		X
Drinking water		X
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Sewage		X
Milk		X
Fish		



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AIRBORNE PARTICULATE SAMPLING

- 1. Monitoring is primarily carried out using High Volume Air Sampling (HVAS).
- 2. HVAS are located in Hannington, Thatcham, Reading, Basingstoke, Tadley, Silchester, Mortimer and Aldermaston. There are seven located on-site around the perimeter fence at AWE Aldermaston, and one within AWE Burghfield.
- 3. HVAS filters are changed fortnightly and routinely analysed for uranium and plutonium isotopes. Results are calculated as mean activity concentrations in air during the sampling period.
- 4. The indicative Limits of Detection (LoD) for HVAS radiochemistry are:

- 5. Where the level of radioactivity is less than the LoD, the indicative LoD value is tabulated as a positive result with a < (less than) sign in front of it.
- 6. Errors in the data are presented as 2 sigma based on counting statistics only.

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(n)	Location	Period	²³⁸ Pu + ⁽²³⁹⁺²⁴⁰⁾ Pu	Total Uranium	Dust Loading on
UKAS			nBq.m ⁻³ (air)	nBq.m ⁻³ ,(air)	Filter
5					μg.m ⁻³
N	R001H	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	58 ± 19	4.33
N	3 3 6	03/01/12 - 12/01/12	<30	<40	5.26
N		12/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	142 ± 28	8.19
N		26/01/12 - 09/02/12	<30	180 ± 34	10.51
N		09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	. 187 ± 29	8.82
N		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	<30	242 ± 66	8.36
Ν		08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	316 ± 37	8,02
Ν	R002H	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	53 ± 15	5.75
N		03/01/12 - 12/01/12	<30	65 ± 30	7.75
N		12/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	159 ± 30	8.95
N		26/01/12 - 09/02/12	<30	279 ± 39	12.97
N		09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	143 ± 27	10.85
N		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	<30	338 ± 68	11.55
Ν	16	08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	430 ± 46	10.84
N	R004H	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	<40	1.14
N		03/01/12 - 12/01/12	<30	<40	1.26
N		12/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	<40	1.72
N		26/01/12 - 09/02/12	<30	<40	1.06
N	20	09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	<40	1.52
N		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	<30	<40	1.17
N		08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	43 ± 12	1.76
N	R006H	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	42 ± 12	5.14
N		03/01/12 - 12/01/12	<30	58 ± 30	6.72
N		12/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	168 ± 28	7.92
N		26/01/12 - 09/02/12	<30	206 ± 34	7.91
N		09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	64 ± 17	3.15
Ν		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	<30	105 ± 36	3.22
N		08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	193 ± 29	6.14
N	R007H	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	62 ± 17	7.23
N	_	03/01/12 - 12/01/12	<30	120 ± 45	9.62
N		12/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	218 ± 40	12.49
N N		26/01/12 - 09/02/12 09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30 <20	638 ± 65	28.68
N	•		<30 <30	428 ± 42	15.35 17.07
N		23/02/12 - 08/03/12 08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	504 ± 75 577 ± 74	18.05
N	R009H	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	81 ± 18	5.90
N	NUU711	03/01/12 - 12/01/12	<30	188 ± 44	10.21
N		12/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	269 ± 45	10.10
N		26/01/12 - 09/02/12	<30	209 ± 43 272 ± 38	11.33
N		09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	272 ± 38 295 ± 37	12.57
. N		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	50 ± 28	357 ± 59	12.28
N		08/03/12 - 03/03/12	<30	409 ± 44	11.04

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INTERNAL LOCATIONS - Continued

UKAS	Location	Period .	²³⁸ Pu + ⁽²³⁹⁻²⁴⁰⁾ Pu · nBq.m ⁻³ (air)	Total Uranium nBq.m ⁻³ (air)	Dust Loading on Filter μg.m ⁻³
N	R072H	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	61 ± 18	6.08
N		03/01/12 - 12/01/12	<30	100 ± 40	7.54
N		12/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	362 ± 46	9.70
N		26/01/12 - 09/02/12	<30	275 ± 40	10.85
Ν		09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	223 ± 34	10.58
N		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	<30	320 ± 72	9.73
Ν		08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	436 + 45	11.17

Note: The HVAS filters were left on for an extended period (15/12/11-03/01/12) due to the Christmas and New Year shutdown (a total of 19 days). This meant that the subsequent collection (03/01/12-12/01/12) was out for a shorter time period (9 days) to enable collections to go back to the routine fortnightly filter change.

Comment: Uranium detected in all samples had a ²³⁸U / ²³⁴U ratio 1, which indicated that the two isotopes were in equilibrium, implying a natural origin.

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	Location	Period	²³⁸ Pu + ⁽²³⁹⁺²⁴⁰⁾ Pu	Total Uranium	Dust Loading on
5			nBq.m ⁻³ (air)	nBq.m ⁻³ (air)	Filter
UKAS				507 505	μg.m ⁻³
_		1		:	
		15(12/11 02/04/12	-200	10 . 17	6.11
N	Hannington	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	48 ± 16	6.41
N		03/01/12 - 12/01/12	<30	68 + 40	7.07
N		12/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	128 ± 29	7.24
N		26/01/12 - 09/02/12	<30	134 ± 37	2.51
N		09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	111 ± 23	5.55
N		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	<30	122 ± 34	4.04
N	*	08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	243 ± 36	5.58
Ν	Thatcham	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	59 + 16	5.64
N		03/01/12 - 12/01/12	<30	201 ± 38	8.18
N		12/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	183 ± 30	8.84
N		26/01/12 - 09/02/12	<30	274 ± 40	9.67
N		09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	249 ± 34	8.19
N		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	<30	304 ± 49	5.17
N		08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	200 ± 34	4.73
N	Reading	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	72 ± 17	5.76
N		03/01/12 - 12/01/12	<30	111 ± 42	7.63
Ν		12/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	141 ± 29	8.93
V		26/01/12 - 09/02/12	<30	317 + 39	10.60
N		09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	162 ± 27	8.22
N		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	<30	· 147 ± 40	4.13
N		08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	101 ± 23	4.29
N	Basingstoke	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	67 ± 18	7.13
N		03/01/12 - 13/01/12*	<30	248 ± 53	12.24
Ν	· ·	13/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	209 ± 38	10.89
ν		26/01/12 - 09/02/12+	<30	608 ± 44	20.35
N		09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	193 ± 30	7.05
N		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	<30	65 ± 28	3.40
Ν		08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	118 ± 24	4.00
N	Tadley	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	<40	5.91
N		03/01/12 - 12/01/12	<30	89 ± 37	7.70
N		12/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	151 ± 29	8.74
N		26/01/12 - 09/02/12	<30	181 ± 31	8.55
N		09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	142 ± 25	7.86
N		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	<30	196 ± 39	7.43
N		08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	82 ± 20	2.97
N	Silchester	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	49 ± 14	6.34
N		03/01/12 - 12/01/12	<30	85 ± 30	9.61
N		12/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	178 ± 32	10.47
V		26/01/12 - 09/02/12	<30	193 ± 45	9.09
Ν		09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	272 ± 37	12.36
N		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	<30	298 ± 63	12.61
Ν		08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	· 456 ± 49	.11.93

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UKAS	Location	Period	²³⁸ Pu + ⁽²³⁹⁺²⁴⁰⁾ Pu nBq.m ⁻³ (air)	Total Uranium nBq.m ⁻³ (air)	Dust Loading on Filter µg.m ^{.3}
N	Mortimer	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	<40	1,48
N		03/01/12 - 12/01/12	<30	<40	3.01
N	9	12/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	83 ± 20	3.47
N		26/01/12 - 09/02/12	<30	69 ± 26	3.46
N		09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	89 ± 20	4.43
Ν		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	<30	259 ± 45	9.14
Ν	ne constant	08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	344 ± 44	11.16
Ν	Aldermaston	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	56 ± 16	5.81
N	j	03/01/12 13/01/12*	<30	92 ± 30	8.12
N		13/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	137 ± 27	7.87
Ν		26/01/12 - 09/02/12	<30	267 ± 51	9,32
N		09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	215 ± 29	9.40
N		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	<30	245 ± 52	9,29
Ν		08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	174 ± 35	5.06
Ν	AWE Burghfield	15/12/11 - 03/01/12	<30	62 ± 15	6.10
N	7000	03/01/12 - 12/01/12	<30	149 ± 55	10.38
A'		12/01/12 - 26/01/12	<30	348 ± 47	15.37
A'		26/01/12 - 09/02/12	<30	548 ± 51	25.47
N		09/02/12 - 23/02/12	<30	448 ± 44	18.98
Ν		23/02/12 - 08/03/12	<30	570 ± 84	16.78
N		08/03/12 - 22/03/12	<30	602 ± 59	13.40

Note: The HVAS filters were left on for an extended period (15/12/11-03/01/12) due to the Christmas and New Year shutdown (a total of 19 days). This meant that the subsequent collection (03/01/12-12/01/12) was out for a shorter time period (9 days) to enable collections to go back to the routine formightly filter change.

Comment: *The Basingstoke and Aldermaston filters were collected a day later than other filters (03/01/12-13/01/12) due to access issues to the HVAS.

+Denotes two HVAS results combined. Basingstoke filter original sample and remaining sample were both analysed and the values shown in this report are the combined result based on a weighted average. A breakdown of results along with the method used to combine the values can be made available on request.

Uranium detected in all samples had a 258 U / 234 U ratio = 1, which indicated that the two isotopes were in equilibrium, implying a natural origin.

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TRITIUM IN AIR MONITORING

- 1. Sampling is by a passive tritium in air sampling system.
- 2. There are eight tritium in air samplers located at AWE(A). Six samplers are for the analysis of tritium as HTO and two samplers are for the analysis of tritium as HT. Four HTO samplers are located at northerly, easterly, southerly and westerly on site locations respectively and samplers are located close to major tritium facilities "H" (old facility) and "L" (new facility). The two HT samplers are located at AWE(A) close to major tritium facilities "H" and "L". There is one HTO sampler located in Tadley and one at an external control location in Newbury.
- 3. The tritium samplers are changed every four weeks and routinely analysed for tritium as HTO and HT as specified, results reported are expressed as mBq.m⁻¹.
- 4. The indicative Limit of Detection (LoD) for the determination of tritium in air using the passive method is:

Tritium (as HTO) 35 mBq.m⁻³
Tritium (as HT) 35 mBq.m⁻³

- 5. Where the level of radioactivity is less than the LoD, the indicative LoD value is tabulated as a positive result with a < (less than) sign in front of it.
- 6. Errors in the data are presented as ± 1 standard deviation.

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TRITIUM IN AIR SAMPLING RESULTS FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 2012

Table 1 HTO Tritium Results

UKAS	Location	Period	Tritium (as HTO) mBqm ⁻³
N	AWE - North	Jan (03/01/12 - 26/01/12)	25 ± 10
N		Jan - Feb (26/01/12 - 23/02/12)	25 ± 5
N		Feb - Mar (23/02/12 - 22/03/12)	<20
N N N	AWE - East	Jan (03/01/12 - 26/01/12) Jan - Feb (26/01/12 - 23/02/12) Feb - Mar (23/02/12 - 22/03/12)	25 ± 10 <25 <20
N N	AWE – South	Jan (03/01/12 26/01/12) Jan Feb (26/01/12 23/02/12) Feb - Mar (23/02/12 22/03/12)	30 ± 10 <25 <20
N	AWE West	Jan (03/01/12 + 26/01/12)	<25
N		Jan Feb (26/01/12 + 23/02/12)	<25
N		Feb - Mar (23/02/12 + 22/03/12)	25 ± 10
N	AWE – H (Old)	Jan (03/01/12 - 26/01/12)	25 ± 10
N		Jan Feb (26/01/12 23/02/12)	<25
N		Feb - Mar (23/02/12 - 22/03/12)	25 ± 10
N	AWE - L (New)	Jan (03/01/12 26/01/12)	25 ± 10
N		Jan Feb (26/01/12 23/02/12)	<25
N		Feb Mar (23/02/12 22/03/12)	45 ± 10
N	Tadley	Jan (03/01/12 - 26/01/12)	<25
N		Jan - Feb (26/01/12 - 23/02/12)	<25
N		Feb - Mar (23/02/12 - 22/03/12)	<20
N	Control	Jan (03/01/12 26/01/12)	<25
N		Jan Feb (26/01/12 23/02/12)	<25
N		Feb - Mar (23/02/12 - 22/03/12)	<20

Table 2 HT Tritium Results

UKAS	Location	Period	Tritium (as HT) mBqm ⁻³
N	AWE - To	Jan (03/01/12 - 26/01/12)	0
N		Jan Feb (26/01/12 23/02/12)	>10<95 [†]
N		Feb - Mar (23/02/12 - 22/03/12)	155 ± 35
N	AWE - Tn	Jan (03/01/12 - 26/01/12)	25 ± 15
N		Jan - Feb (26/01/12 - 23/02/12)	>110<255 [†]
N		Feb - Mar (23/02/12 - 22/03/12)	580 ± 120

[†] HT is calculated by subtracting the HTO value from the combined HTO and HT measurement. Where HTO is at the limit of detection (LOD), the HT results are presented as a range based on the value and associated uncertainty, 3 sigma and the minimum and maximum values of the LOD value for the HTO measurement subtracted.

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SURFACE WATER AND DRINKING WATER

- 1. All major surface water outfalls at AWE(A) are sampled close to the site boundary by automatic samplers (with the exception of South Road Sewer, R006W and R019W which are collected by grab sample) which collect a composite sample over a monthly period. At AWE(B). The Burghfield Brook is sampled where it enters and leaves the site by automatic samplers (as above). Major surface water outfalls, which either enter the Burghfield Brook within the site boundary or outfall from the site perimeter are sampled monthly by grab sampling.
- 2. Grab samples are collected quarterly from water courses external to AWE(A) and AWE(B).
- The AWE plc premises of Aldermaston and Burghfield each contain two deep drinking water boreholes which are sampled quarterly.
- 4. All water samples are routinely analysed for total alpha, total beta and tritium activity. If the total alpha activity exceeds 40 Bq.m⁻³ the sample undergoes radiochemical analysis and alpha spectrometry for plutonium and uranium isotopes.
- 5. The indicative Limits of Detection (LoD) for surface water analyses are as follows:

 Gross alpha
 20 Bq.m⁻³

 Gross beta
 40 Bq.m⁻³

 Total uranium
 3.0 Bq.m⁻³

 Total plutonium
 2.5 Bq.m⁻³

 Tritium
 6 kBq.m⁻³

- 6. Where the level of radioactivity is less than the LoD, the indicative LoD value is tabulated as a positive result with a < (less than) sign in front of it.
- 7. Errors for the data represent 2 sigma counting statistics only.

UKAS ACCREDITATION.

The results for surface water and drinking water samples, contained in the following 4 tables, were produced within the scope of UKAS accrditation.

The following accredited methods were used: Gross Alpha and Beta Activity AWE/ASc/L3/RCS/EM/AB/OP/E114, Tritium Activity AWE/ASc/L3/RCS/EM/3H/OP/E102, Uranium and Plutonium Activity AWE/ASc/L3/RCS/EM/ACT/OP/E103.

Any interpetations, opinions and comments presented are not within the scope of UKAS accreditation.

Any reported values in these tables outside the scope of the stated accredited methods are marked with the symbol N in the first column of data table, (or for individul values adjacent to the excluded value, (eg 1.234 N*)

For other general information concerning UKAS accreditation see Appendix 1.

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UKAS	Location	Period	Total Alpha Bq.m ⁻³	Total Beta Bq.m ⁻³	Tritium kBq.m ⁻³	²³⁸ Pu + ⁽²³⁹⁺²⁴⁰⁾ Pu Bq.m ⁻³	Total Uranium Bq.m ⁻³
	R001W	Jan	222 ± 103	830 ± 45	<6	<2.5	19 ± 3
		Feb	246 ± 117	1079 ± 50	6 ± 2	<2.5	102 ± 6
	,	Mar	457 ± 162	1140 ± 51	<6	<3	188 ± 7
	R002W	Jan*	<20	107 ± 26	<6		
		Feb*	61 ± 17	1104 ± 48	<6	<2.5	<3
1	Santa es marena a ser estado esta	Mar*	<20	171 ± 27	<6		
	R003W	Jan*	<20	140 ± 29	<6		
i i	02000	Feb*	22 ± 12	226 ± 31	<6	8	9
		Mar*	103 ± 22	432 ± 36	<6	<2.5	4 1: 1
	R004W	Jan	<20	146 ± 25	<6	9000 1000 CO 600 G	
		Feb*	54 ± 14	375 ± 32	<6	<2.5	<3
	1	Mar*	<20	374 ± 33	<6		
	R005W	Jan*	42 ± 15	147 ± 31	<6	<2.5	7 ± 1
18	A CONTRACT OF STATE O	Feb*	<20	76 ± 29	<6		
		Mar*	35 ± 15	203 ± 31	<6		
	R006W	Jan	22 ± 10	150 ± 31	<6		
		Feb	27 ± 12	151 ± 31	<6		
		Mar	<20	151 ± 30	<6		
Ì	R008W	Jan	<20	131 ± 26	<6		i
i e		Feb*	32 ± 12	156 ± 27	<6		1
		Mar*	31 ± 14	594 + 38	<6		
	R009W	Jan	130 ± 29	334 ± 33	<6	<2.5	8 ± 1
1		Feb*	33 ± 15	206 ± 29	<6	V- 525	30 NO
		Mar*	125 ± 28	702 ± 41	<6	<2.5	6 ± 1
3000000	R010W	Jan	20 ± 13	170 ± 27	<6		
		Feb	36 ± 16	273 ± 30	≪6		
		Mar*	101 ± 33	813 ± 43	<6	<2.5	9 ± 2
	R019W	Jan	33 ± 13	104 ± 32	<6		
		Feb	48 ± 18	280 ± 34	<6	<2.5	9 ± 2
		Mar	58 ± 24	434 ± 38	6 ± 2	< 2.5	10 ± 2
i	South	Jan	41 ± 17	576 ± 38	<6	<2.5	<3
	Road	Feb	126 ± 33	859 ± 46	<6	<2.5	<3
	Sewer	Mar	50 ± 21	620 ± 39	<6	<2.5	<3

Sampling problem: *Indicates sample obtained using automatic sampler and supplemented by grab sample to obtain required sample volume.

Comment: Uranium detected in the samples collected from R001W in January, February and March had a ²³⁸U / ²⁵⁴U ratio < 1, which indicated that the two isotopes were not in equilibrium. This may indicate the trace presence of uranium due to AWE's discharges in addition to uranium already present naturally.

Uranium detected in all other samples had a 238 U / 234 U ratio = 1, which indicated that the two isotopes were in equilibrium, implying a natural origin.

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UKAS	Location	Period	Total Alpha Bq.m ⁻³	Total Beta Bq.m ⁻³	Tritium kBq.m ⁻³	²³⁸ Pu + ⁽²³⁹⁺²⁴⁰⁾ Pu Bq.m ⁻³	Total Uranium Bq.m ⁻³
	Burghfield Inlet	Jan	<20	231 ± 29	<6		
	R201W	Feb	26 ± 15	269 ± 32	<6		
		Mar	<20	232 ± 28	<6		
	Burghfield Outlet	Jan*	57 ± 21	271 ± 36	<6	<2.5	20 ± 2
	R202W	Feb*	27 ± 18	284 ± 33	<6		
	276 - 378	Mar*	<20	277 ± 31	<6		
	Burghfield Outfall 1	Jan	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S
	ROF01W	Feb	N/S	N/S	N/S ·	N/S	N/S
		Mar	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S
	Burghfield Outfall 2	Jan	30 ± 15	235 ± 30	<6		
	ROF02W	Feb	143 ± 36	576 ± 38	<6	<2.5	29 ± 3
	S	Mar	24 ± 21	313 ± 35	<6		
	Burghfield Outfall 3	Jan	42 ± 26	538 ± 35	<6	<2.5	41 ± 3
6	ROF03W	Feb	85 ± 44	600 ± 39	<6	<2.5	44 ± 4
		Mar	22 ± 29	560 ± 41	<6	S S SERVICESTA	
	Burghfield Outfall 4	Jan	36 ± 16	219 ± 29	<6		8
8	ROF04W	Feb	75 ± 37	253 ± 32	<6	<2.5	39 ± 4
	(a. 100000000 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	Mar	43 ± 21	212 ± 27	<6	<2.5	53 ± 4
	Burghfield Outfall 5	Jan	46 ± 19	104 ± 29	<6	<2.5	70 ± 4
	ROF05W	Feb	90 ± 66	176 ± 34	<6	<2.5	58 ± 4
		Mar	96 ± 36	119 ± 30	<6	<2.5	80 ± 5
	Burghfield Outfall 6	Jan	2i ± 12	73 ± 31	<6		
	ROF06W	Feb	92 ± 51	128 ± 31	. <6	<2.5	27 ± 3
		Mar	<20	56 ± 28	<6		
	Burghfield Outfall 7	Jan	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S
	ROF07W	Feb	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S
		Mar	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S
1000	Burghfield Outfall 8	Jan	114 ± 48	259 ± 30	<6	<2.5	85 ± 5
	ROF08W	Feb	223 ± 80	386 ± 35	<6	<2.5	53 ± 4
	20 20 <u>20</u>	Mar	132 ± 61	292 ± 31	<6	<2.5	74 L 4

Sampling problem: N/S Denotes No Sample. Outfall ROF01W and ROF07W had no flow at time of sampling.

Comment: Uranium detected in the sample collected from ROF08W in January, February and March, ROF05W in February and March, ROF02W and ROF03W in February and ROF04W in March had a ²³⁸U / ²³⁴U ratio <1, which indicated that the two isotopes were not in equilibrium. This may indicate the trace presence of uranium due to AWE's discharges in addition to uranium already present naturally.

Uranium detected in all other samples had a ²³⁸U / ²³⁴U ratio = 1, which indicated that the two isotopes were in equilibrium, implying a natural origin.

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UKAS	Location	Period	Total Alpha Bq.m ⁻³	Total Beta Bq.m ³	Tritium kBq.m ⁻³	²³⁸ Pu + ⁽²³⁹⁺²⁴⁰⁾ Pu Bq.m ⁻³	Total Uranium Bq.m ⁻³
-	Aldermaston Fishermans Lane	Jan	<20	123 ± 31	6 ± 2		
	Aldermaston Bridge	Jan	21 ± 12	113 ± 33	<6		İ
	Aldermaston Soke	Jan	<20	106 ± 25	<6		
	Silchester Sewage Works	Jan	<20	339 ± 32	<6 ~		
	Red Lane	Jan	<20	134 ± 30	<6		
	Fobney Works	Jan	<20	75 ± 29	<6		
	Stratfield Mortimer	Jan	<20	202 ± 29	<6		

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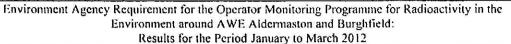


DRINKING WATER DEEP BOREHOLE RESULTS FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 2012

UKAS	Sample ID	Period	Total alpha Bq.m ⁻³	Total beta Bq.m ⁻³	Tritium kBq.m ⁻³	²³⁸ Pu + ⁽²³⁹⁺²⁴⁰⁾ Pu Bq.m ⁻³	Total Uranium Bq.m ⁻³
	AWE(A) R017W	Jan	38 ± 13	163 ± 27	<6	<2.5	<3
	AWE(A) R020W	Jan	<20	283 ± 33	<6	<2.5	<3
	AWE(B) R203W	Jan	27 ± 17	332 ±37	<6	<2.5	<3
	AWE(B) R204W	Jan	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S	N/S

Sampling problem: N/S Denotes No Sample. Borehole R204W was not in use.

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GROUNDWATER

- 1. Groundwater samples are taken quarterly from shallow boreholes located on-site at AWE(A) and AWE(B).
- The Programme comprises 28 lined boreholes; 18 at AWE(A) and 10 at AWE(B) designed for monitoring purposes, and uses purging operations and dedicated tubing to prevent cross contamination.
- All groundwater samples are analysed for total alpha, total beta and tritium activity. If the total alpha activity
 exceeds 40 Bq.m³ and there is sufficient sample, it undergoes radiochemical analysis and alpha spectrometry for
 plutonium and uranium isotopes.
- 4. The indicative Limits of Detection (LoD) for groundwater activities are as follows

Gross alpha 20 Bq.m⁻³
Gross Beta 40 Bq.m⁻³
Total uranium 3.0 Bq.m⁻³
Total plutonium 2.5 Bq.m⁻³
Tritium 6 kBq.m⁻³

- 5. Where the level of radioactivity is less than the LoD, the LoD value is tabulated as a positive result with a < (less than) sign in front of it.
- 6. Errors for the data represent 2 sigma counting statistics only.
- A map of tritium concentration contours in shallow groundwater will be produced for this data if this is possible and
 if it is required.

UKAS ACCREDITATION

The results for grounwater samples, contained in the following table, were produced within the scope of UKAS accrditation.

The following accredited methods were used: Gross Alpha and Beta Activity AWE/ASc/L3/RCS/EM/AB/OP/E114, Tritium Activity AWE/ASc/L3/RCS/EM/3H/OP/E102, Uranium and Plutonium Actvity AWE/ASc/L3/RCS/EM/ACT/OP/E103.

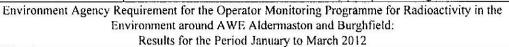
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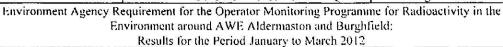
SHALLOW GROUNDWATER BOREHOLE RESULTS FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 2012 INTERNAL LOCATIONS TO AWE(A)

UKAS	Internal Location	Date of Sample	Total alpha Bq.m ⁻³	Total beta Bq.m ⁻³	Tritium kBq.m ⁻³	²³⁸ Pu + ⁽²³⁹⁺²⁴⁰⁾ Pu Bq.m ⁻³	Total Uranium Bq.m ⁻³
	ВН0049	Jan	35 ± 11	128 ± 31	<6	P 10 Y	
	ВН0054	Jan	36 ± 11	203 ± 35	6 ± 2	,	
	BH0141	Jan	23 ± 13	187 ± 28	<6		
	BH0145	Jan	26 ± 14	389 ± 33	27 ± 3		
	BH0165	Jan	43 ± 16	121 ± 30	<6	<2.5	<3
	BH0170	Jan	20 ± 11	267 ± 34	<6		
	BH0178	Jan	47 ± 16	252 ± 30	<6	<2.5	29 ± 3
	BH0201RD	Jan	56 ± 15	129 ± 26	8 ± 2	<2.5	43 ± 4
	BH0242	Jan	<20	236 ± 32	<6		
-	BH0302	Jan	27 ± 14	113 ± 32	<6		
	BH0372	Jan	30 ± 12	175 ± 28	<6		
	BH0398	Jan	84 ± 21	266 ± 29	<6	<2.5	17 ± 2
	BH0404	Jan	83 ± 24	196 ± 28	<6	<2.5	89 ± 6
	BH0495	Jan	35 ± 14	261 ± 34	<6		
	BH0550	Jan	48 ± 22	272 ± 36	<6	<2.5	7 ±
	BH0576	Jan	<20	242 ± 30	<6		
	BH43	Jan	<20	74 ± 24	<6		
	GRIFFRDBH3	Jan	24 ± 12	106 ± 32	<6		

Comment: Uranium detected in the sample collected from BH0178 and BH201RD had a ²³⁸U / ²³⁴U ratio <1, which indicated that the two isotopes were not in equilibrium. This may indicate the trace presence of uranium due to AWE's discharges in addition to uranium already present naturally.

Uranium detected in all other samples had a $^{238}U/^{234}U$ ratio = 1, which indicated that the two isotopes were in equilibrium, implying a natural origin.

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SHALLOW GROUNDWATER BOREHOLE RESULTS FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 2012 INTERNAL LOCATIONS TO AWE(B)

UKAS	Internal Location	Date of Sample	Total alpha Bq.m ⁻³	Total beta Bq.m ⁻³	Tritium kBq.m ⁻³	²³⁸ Pu + ⁽²³⁴⁺²⁴⁰⁾ Pu Bq.m ⁻³	Total Uranium Bq.m st
	BBH	Feb	406 ± 95	223 + 33	<6	<2.5	312 + 9
	ВН111	Feb	66 ± 22	152 ± 34	<6	<2.5	89 ± 5
	BH115	Feb	60 ± 25	73 ± 24	<6	<2.5	58 ± 4
	BH117	Feb	20 ± 9	173 L 27	<6		
	BH123	Feb	75 ± 25	786 ± 45	<6	<2.5	84 ± 5
	BH201S	Feb	311 ± 129	655 ± 43	<6	<2.5	231 + 9
	BH2038	Mar	25 ± 15	149 ± 27	<6		
	BH225S	Feb	159 ± 85	444 - 35	<6 ·	<2.5	145 ± 9
	BHCMR009	Feb,	91 ± 24	175 = 27	<6	<2.5	131 + 5
	BHOCT001	Feb	123 ± 38	240 + 32	<6	. <2.5	250 ± 9

Comment: Isotopic ratios in uranium from AWE(B) boreholes are consistent with previously measured values. Deviations observed are believed to be a result of secular disequilibrium as no additional anthropogenic isotopes were found to be present in previous samples sent on for further analysis (see QTR 3 2011 report for more detailed information).

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SILCHESTER SEWAGE WORKS SAMPLING

- 1. Liquid and Solid sewage samples are collected quarterly from Silchester Sewage Works.
- 2. Samples are routinely analysed for gross alpha, gross beta, isotopes of uranium and plutonium, and tritium. For the solid samples, results are reported as activity concentrations per unit mass in the dried samples. For the liquid samples, results are reported as activity concentrations per unit volume of the sample.
- 3. The indicative Limits of Detection (LoD) for analyses are as follows:

	Solid sample		Liquid sample
Gross alpha	0.10 kBq.kg ⁻¹		20 Bq.m ⁻³
Gross beta	0.10 kBq.kg ⁻¹		40 Bq.m ⁻³
Total uranium	0.0015 kBq.kg ⁻¹		3 Bq.m ⁻³
Total plutonium	0.001 kBq.kg ⁻¹		2.5 Bq.m ⁻³
Total tritium	20 Bq.kg ⁻¹	Water-bound tritium	6 kBq.m ⁻³

- 4. Where the level of radioactivity is less than the LoD, the LoD value is tabulated as a positive result with a < (less than) sign in front of it.
- 5. Errors for the data represent 2 sigma counting statistics only.

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The results for sewage samples, contained in the following table, were produced within the scope of UKAS accrditation.

The following accredited methods were used: Tritium Activity AWE/ASc/L3/RCS/EM/3H/OP/E102, Uranium and Plutonium Activity AWE/ASc/L3/RCS/EM/ACT/OP/E102 (solid sample) and AWE/ASc/L3/RCS/EM/ACT/OP/E103 (liquid sample).

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UKAS	Location	Date of Sample	238Pu + (239+240)Pu dry sample kBq.kg- ¹	Total Uranium dry sample kBq.kg ⁻¹	Total Tritium dry sample Bq.kg ⁻¹
	Silchester Sewage Works Solid Sample	17/01/12	<0.001	0.02 ± 0.002	7.3 ± 0.6 (N)
	Location	Date of Sample	²³⁸ Pu + ⁽²³⁹¹²⁴⁰⁾ Pu Bq.m ^{.1}	Totał Uranium Bg.m ⁻³	Water-bound Tritium kBq.m ⁻³
	Silchester Sewage Works Liquid Sample	17/01/12	<2.5	<3	<6

Comments: Uranium detected had a ²³⁸U / ²³⁴U ratio = 1, which indicated that the two isotopes were in equilibrium, implying a natural origin.

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MILK SAMPLING

- 1. Subject to continuing availability, one litre of unprocessed milk is taken quarterly from six farms. Two farms are located to the south east, two to the east, one farm is located to the north east of AWE Aldermaston and one more distant from the AWE Aldermaston site in Compton acts as a control (background reference) location.
- 2. Samples are routinely analysed for tritium activity in free water, and isotopes of uranium and plutonium. Results are reported as activity concentrations in the free water of unprocessed milk as appropriate.
- The indicative Limit of Detection (LoD) for activities in milk are:

Total uranium

3.0 Bq.m⁻³

Total plutonium

2.5 Bq.m⁻³

Tritium

6 kBq.m⁻³

- Where the level of radioactivity is less than the LoD, the LoD value is tabulated as a positive result with a < (less than) sign in front of it.
- 5. Errors in the data are presented as 2 sigma based on counting statistics only.

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MILK SAMPLING RESULTS FOR JANUARY TO MARCH 2012

UKAS	Location	Date taken	Tritium Activity in Free Water kBq.m ⁻³	²³⁸ Pu + ⁽²³⁹⁺²⁴⁰⁾ Pu Bq.m ⁻³ (milk)	Total uranium alpha Bq.m ^{.3} (milk)
•	Tadley	19/01/12	<6	<2.5	<3
	Compton	19/01/12	<6	<2.5	<3
	Farley Hill	19/01/12	<6	<2.5	<3
	Padworth	19/01/12	<6	<2.5	. <3
	Sherfield on Loddon	19/01/12	<6	<2.5	<3

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SAMPLER DOWNTIME

Automatic Water Samplers

The following table details the automatic water samplers which, experienced downtime during the period December 2011 to February 2012 (the period surface water samples in this report were collected).

Location	Estimated Period of Sampler Downtime	Sampler Fault	Corrective Action
R202W	07/12/12-08/12/12	Sampler not drawing up a sample	Blockage in sampling pipe cleared

High Volume Air Samplers

There were no high volume air samplers which experienced downtime during the period January to March 2012 (the period high volume air filter samples in this report were collected).

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