

Waste Classification Schemes

Country: SWITZERLAND

Reporting Year: 2012

Waste Class Matrix: **IAEA Def.**

This country does use the IAEA Scheme: No

Description: The Agency's standard matrix

Waste Class Name	Distribution %			
	VLLW	LLW	ILW	HLW
VLLW	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LLW	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
ILW	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
HLW	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0

Waste Class Matrix: **NEA-SD**

Yes

Description: Classification scheme used by IAEA to report on Swiss waste disposed of by OECD/NEA sea dumping campaigns in the Atlantic Ocean between 1969 and 1982 (IAEA-TECDOC-1105 [August 1999], Annex A.11).

Waste Class Name	Distribution %			
	VLLW	LLW	ILW	HLW
MD	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0
MDLC	0.0	89.0	11.0	0.0

Comment **# 361: Waste class MD**

MD (200-l metal drums), nominal volume 0.21 m³, include solidified (generally: cemented) waste. They are assumed to be LLW.

Comment **# 362: Waste class MDLC**

MDLC (metal drums lined with concrete) represent concrete containers (nominal volume 0.98 m³) into which either a 200-l drum with cemented waste (standard case) or scrap (exception) have been grouted before shipment. Overpacking purposes are shielding (gamma emitters) and enhanced safety (alpha emitters, including Ra-226). Volume distribution over LLW and ILW is estimated on the basis of the alpha activities processed (AGNEB-165 [28.04.1983], table 1), the numbers of dumped MDLC (IAEA-TECDOC-1105 [1999], Annex A.11), and the assumption of a 50% use of the LDC limits on specific activities for Ra-226 and other alpha emitters (AGNEB-165 [28.04.1983], p.4).

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Waste Class Matrix: **KEV 2004**

Yes

Description: Generic, disposal-oriented waste classification scheme as defined in Article 51 of the Swiss Nuclear Energy Ordinance (KEV) dated 2004-12-10.

Waste Class Name	Distribution %			
	VLLW	LLW	ILW	HLW
SMA	15.9	83.8	0.3	0.0
ATA	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0
HAA	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0
SMA ybc	0.8	98.4	0.8	0.0
ATA ybc	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0

Comment **# 20681: Definition of KEV 2004 classes**

a) HAA (acronym for "hochaktive Abfälle"): spent fuel elements (when assigned as waste) and vitrified high-level liquid waste from reprocessing of spent fuel. b) ATA ("alphatoxische Abfälle"): radioactive waste not classified as HAA, with total alpha activity above 20 kBq per g of conditioned waste. c) SMA ("schwach- und mittelaktive Abfälle"): radioactive waste not classified as HAA or ATA. As the criterion for discrimination between ATA and SMA is strictly applicable to conditioned waste (i.e. waste packages ready for storage) only, two additional classes "ATA ybc" and "SMA ybc" are introduced for a tentative ranking of waste "yet to be conditioned".

Comment **# 20682: Derivation of Matrix Coefficients**

Waste accounting entities (such as a waste package) are allocated in parallel to classification systems A (here: the national system "KEV 2004") and B (here: IAEA reference system), based on system specific criteria (here: see attachment, Tables 2/3 and 6/7, respectively). Based on the volume associated with each waste accounting entity, the following parameters are calculated: 1) the total volumes for any couple of A/B classes, 2) the total volumes for any A class. Matrix coefficients are derived by dividing the total volume of any A/B couple through the total volume of the pertinent A class.

Attachment **#1877: Waste Matrix**

Derivation WasteMatrix KEV 2004 2010-02-13.pdf

Outline on Derivation of the NEWMDB Waste Class Matrix "KEV 2004".

Definition of «unprocessed waste» and «processed waste»:

This country uses the following definitions:

	as-generated waste	processed for handling	processed for storage	processed for disposal
Unprocessed means:	x	x		
Processed means:			x	x

Comment **# 12140: Definitions for Unprocessed and Processed Waste**

In reporting on Swiss radioactive waste, information is quite commonly, e.g. in the case of the Joint Convention Report, discriminated by a waste processing status qualifier, "conditioned" or "yet to be conditioned".

The status "conditioned" refers to waste which has been formally accepted by the pertinent authority as meeting the following general principle: "Radioactive waste shall be conditioned in such a way that the resulting waste forms, together with the packaging elements permanently tied to them, can be submitted to the waste management stages of transport, storage and disposal, without any further intrusive action, overpackaging measures remaining admissible".

The complementary status "yet to be conditioned" logically applies to all waste not fully complying with this principle.

In order to carry the reference information unambiguously forward to NEWMDB, the national terms "conditioned" and "yet to be conditioned" have been simply equalled to NEWMDB terms "processed" and "unprocessed", respectively. Hence, data given for "processed waste" in NEWMDB in fact relate to waste considered as being ready for storage and, intentionally, suitable for disposal.