

Natural Resources Wales Update - 21/01/2015
(since last update – 07/10/2014)

For the Ffos y Fran liaison meeting on 29/01/2015

Complaints (via 24/7 emergency line via Incident Comms. Centre)

No complaints received.

Complaint (received by letter / email)

No complaints received.

General letter / correspondence

No correspondence has been received, other than a request from a company who wanted a copy of Mining Waste Directive application documents that NRW have dealt with. This was to aid them with their own MWD application. NRW have therefore provided public register copies of a number of EMMS's (extractive minerals management statements), which includes the one for Ffos y Fran.

Site Inspections / Meetings / Sampling Visits

3 site meetings and 4 routine sampling visits have been carried out.

Permit Compliance

All routine samples taken by NRW were compliant with their permit conditions.

It is however necessary to report that on the 4th December 2014, NRW were notified by Miller Argent that there had been some previous occasions when water discharge samples taken by the company, had breached their permit limits for suspended solids. These breaches had occurred over the 2013/14 Christmas period. These events were not notified to NRW at the time in accordance with the permit requirements.

Miller Argent had identified these breaches during one of their own audit reviews of their monitoring data. As a result NRW have decided to issue two permit breaches for these events.

NRW welcomes Miller Argents transparency in undertaking this monitoring data review and now reporting these breaches. NRW are satisfied and reassured that the measures Miller Argent have now put in place will prevent any further re-occurrence of such events.