

This form will report compliance with your permit as determined by an NRW officer

Site	OAKENHOLT MILL			Permit Ref	BJ9681IX		
Operator/ Permit holder	SCA Hygiene Products UK Limited						
Date	13/05/2014			Time in	10:00	Out	13:00
What parts of the permit were assessed	general operations + monitoring for Q1						
Assessment	Site Inspection	EPR Activity:	Installation	X	Waste Op	Water Discharge	
Recipient's name/position	A Corbett						
Officer's name	Alison Soper			Date issued		22/05/2014	

Section 1 - Compliance Assessment Summary

This is based on the requirements of the permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations. A detailed explanation and any action you may need to take are given in the "Detailed Assessment of Compliance" (section 3). This summary details where we believe any non-compliance with the permit has occurred, the relevant condition and how the non-compliance has been categorised using our Compliance Classification Scheme (CCS). CCS scores can be consolidated or suspended, where appropriate, to reflect the impact of some non-compliances more accurately. For more details of our CCS scheme, contact your local office.

Permit Conditions and Compliance Summary

Condition(s) breached

a) Permitted activities	1. Specified by permit	A	
Infrastructure	1. Engineering for prevention & control of pollution	A	
	2. Closure & decommissioning	N	
	3. Site drainage engineering (clean & foul)	A	
	4. Containment of stored materials	A	
	5. Plant and equipment	A	
c) General management	1. Staff competency/ training	N	
	2. Management system & operating procedures	N	
	3. Materials acceptance	N	
	4. Storage handling, labelling, segregation	A	
d) Incident management	1. Site security	A	
	2. Accident, emergency & incident planning	N	
e) Emissions	1. Air	A	
	2. Land & Groundwater	N	
	3. Surface water	A	
	4. Sewer	NA	
	5. Waste	N	
f) Amenity	1. Odour	A	
	2. Noise	A	
	3. Dust/fibres/particulates	A	
	4. Pests, birds & scavengers	NA	
	5. Deposits on road	NA	
g) Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting	1. Monitoring of emissions & environment	A	
	2. Records of activity, site diary, journal & events	N	
	3. Maintenance records	N	
	4. Reporting & notification	A	
h) Resource efficiency	1. Efficient use of raw materials	N	
	2. Energy	N	

KEY: C1, C2, C3, C4 = CCS breach category (* suspended scores are marked with an asterisk),

A = Assessed (no evidence of non-compliance), N = Not assessed, NA = Not Applicable, O = Ongoing non-compliance – not scored

Number of breaches recorded

0

Total compliance score
(see section 5 for scoring scheme)

0

If the Total No Breaches is greater than zero, then please see Section 3 for details of our proposed enforcement response

Section 2 – Compliance Assessment Report Detail

This section contains a report of our findings and will usually include information on:

- the part(s) of the permit that were assessed (e.g. maintenance, training, combustion plant, etc)
- where the type of assessment was 'Data Review' details of the report/results triggering the assessment
- any non-compliances identified
- any non-compliances with directly applicable legislation
- details of any multiple non-compliances
- information on the compliance score accrued inc. details of suspended or consolidated scores.
- details of advice given
- any other areas of concern
- all actions requested
- any examples of good practice.
- a reference to photos taken

This report should be clear, comprehensive, unambiguous and normally completed within 14 days of an assessment.

Monitoring

All monitoring carried out as required and reports submitted for the first quarter of 2014.

A Schedule 5 Notification was submitted for Total Nitrogen results being above the permit limit of 16mg/l, however this is now acknowledged to be an error in the permit and it should not apply. Total N should still be monitored in order to report the mass/ADT emission, and ammonia should be monitored with the aim of keeping it below 16mg/l. Both parameters will be reassessed during the forthcoming permit review to introduce the requirements of the revised BREF.

Noise

The source of the noise giving rise to complaints off site was attributed to the PM1 cooling fan. The silencer was found to have deteriorated so was replaced, but the complaints continued. Since the last inspection in September a section of ducting has been added to direct the outlet down towards the earth bund. This appears to have made a considerable improvement to the noise audible off site and on two recent occasions has been barely audible at the complainant's property with the wind blowing in that direction.

A noise survey will be carried out once the new boiler is installed and operating. This will cover night time and day time operations, and will examine perimeter levels and specific equipment noise levels and frequencies.

Effluent treatment

The effluent plant is generally running well with lower BOD and suspended solids being achieved, however it still suffers when there are frequent product changes on PM2. This tends to cause higher solids and work is ongoing to try to remove more solids / fibre from the influent. The kroffas are being monitored to check their performance and maximise the fibre being returned to the process. There is better communication across the site to try to maintain a steady loading on the plant.

The cooling tower is an area of concern for the site management due to the legionella risk, particularly as the packing can't be removed for cleaning. If there is a way that sufficient cooling can be achieved without the cooling tower then it could be removed, but any proposal to increase the permitted effluent temperature would need a sound justification and assessment of the likely impact on the receiving watercourse. The process water normally enters the effluent plant at about 30°, ideal for biological treatment, but then needs to be cooled to less than 25° for discharge.

It is possible that the reduction in blowdown water from the new boiler will reduce some of the excess heat entering the effluent system. The boiler is currently going through commissioning along with the Reverse Osmosis plant which will provide its water.

Site observations

The amount of pulp fibre lost from bale deliveries onto the top yard needs addressing. This is either a potential dust nuisance in dry weather, or will wash into the effluent plant in wet weather where it could cause problems with the biological treatment. Ideally it should be prevented, or collected for recovery in some way.

There is still a considerable amount of dust within the PM2 building. The project to install dust collection equipment is still in the planning stages; an update should be provided once decisions on the design and installation dates have been made.



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Section 3- Enforcement Response

Only one of the boxes below should be ticked

You must take immediate action to rectify any non-compliance and prevent repetition.

Non-compliance with your permit conditions constitutes an offence and can result in criminal prosecutions and/or suspension or revocation of a permit. Please read the detailed assessment in Section 2 and the steps you need to take in Section 4 below.

Other than the provision of advice and guidance, at present we do not intend to take further enforcement action in respect of the non-compliance identified above. This does not preclude us from taking enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or advice isn't followed.

X

In respect of the above non-compliance you have been issued with a warning. At present we do not intend to take further enforcement action. This does not preclude us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.

We will now consider what enforcement action is appropriate and notify you, referencing this form.

Section 4- Action(s)

Where non-compliance has been detected and an enforcement response has been selected above, this section summarises the steps you need to take to return to compliance and also provides timescales for this to be done.

Criteria Ref.	CCS Category	Action Required/Advised	Due Date
See Section 1 above			

Section 5 - Compliance notes for the Operator

To ensure you correct actual or potential non-compliance we may

- advise on corrective actions verbally or in writing
- require you to take specific actions in writing
- issue a notice
- require you to review your procedures or management system
- change some of the conditions of your permit
- decide to undertake a full review of your permit

Any breach of a permit condition is an offence and we may take legal action against you.

● We will normally provide advice and guidance to assist you to come back into compliance either after an offence is committed or where we consider that an offence is likely to be committed. This is without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.

● Enforcement action can include the issue of a formal caution, prosecution, the service of a notice and or suspension or revocation of the permit.

See our Enforcement and Civil Sanctions guidance for further information

This report does not relieve the site operator of the responsibility to

- ensure you comply with the conditions of the permit at all times and prevent pollution of the environment
- ensure you comply with other legislative provisions which may apply.

Non-compliance scores and categories

CCS category	Description	Score
C1	A non-compliance which could have a major environmental effect	60
C2	A non-compliance which could have a significant environmental effect	31
C3	A non-compliance which could have a minor environmental effect	4
C4	A non-compliance which has no potential environmental effect	0.1

Operational Risk Appraisal (Opra) - Compliance assessment findings may affect your Opra score and/or your charges. This score influences the resource we use to assess permit compliance.

Section 6 – General Information

Data protection notice

The information on this form will be processed by the Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to fulfill its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s). The NRW may also use and/or disclose it in connection with:

- offering/providing you with its literature/services relating to environmental matters
- consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (e.g. Health and Safety Executive, local authorities) on environmental issues
- carrying out statistical analysis, research and development on environmental issues
- providing public register information to enquirers
- investigating possible breaches of environmental law and taking any resulting action
- preventing breaches of environmental law
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving its service
- Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information Regulations request.

The NRW may pass it on to its agents/representatives to do these things on its behalf. You should ensure that any persons named on this form are informed of the contents of this data protection notice.

Disclosure of information

The NRW will provide a copy of this report to the public register(s). However, if you consider that any information contained in this report should not be released to the public register(s) on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, you must write to your local area office within twenty working days of receipt of this form indicating which information it concerns and why it should not be released, giving your reasons in full.

Customer charter

What can I do if I disagree with this compliance assessment report?

If you are unable to resolve the issue with your site officer, you should firstly discuss the matter with the officer's line managers. If you wish to raise your dispute further through our official Complaints and Commendations procedure, phone our general enquiry number 0300 065 3000 (Mon to Fri 08.00–18.00) and ask for the Customer Contact team or send an email to enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk. If you are still dissatisfied you can make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. For advice on how to complain to the Ombudsman phone their helpline on 0845 607 0987.

