

Notice of variation with introductory note

Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2010

SITA UK Limited

Withyhedge Landfill Site
Bowling Farm
Rudbaxton
Haverfordwest
Pembrokeshire
SA62 4DB

Variation application number
EPR/GP3630HT/V003

Permit number
EPR/GP3630HT

Withyhedge Landfill Site

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Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the notice

The following notice gives notice of the variation of an environmental permit.

This is an administrative variation to amend the completion date of Improvement Condition 14 to 30th June 2013 in order to monitor flow over a 12 month period. No other changes have been made as a result of this variation.

The schedules specify the changes made to the original permit.

The status log of a permit sets out the permitting history, including any changes to the permit reference number.

Status Log of the permit		
Description	Date	Comments
Application BP3131SG	Received 21/06/05	Duly Made 22/06/05
Response to request for information by Schedule 4 Notice	Request dated 20/12/05	Response dated 31/01/06
Response to request for information	Request dated 06/02/06	Response dated 14/02/06
Addendum: Application for the gas utilisation plant	27/03/06	
Permit determined	Issued 08/09/06	
Application for Permit Variation DP3439XC	Received 13/12/07	
Variation notice DP3439XC	Issued 17/12/07	
Application for Permit Variation EPR/BP3131SG/V003	Received 20/06/08	
Variation notice EPR/BP3131SG/V003	Issued 14/11/08	
Additional Information – response to schedule 4 notice	14/08/09	
Additional Information - response to schedule 4 notice	24/12/09	
Additional Information – WHV9 Version 2	24/02/10	
Environment Agency initiated Consolidation Variation EPR/BP3131SG/V004	Agency initiated 05/03/10	
Additional Information – Drawing WHV/1 Revision 2	28/05/10	
Additional Information – WHV1/7 REVISION 3	Received 15/06/10	
Additional information – WHV9 Revision 4	25/08/10	
Additional information – WHV9 Revision 4 environmental monitoring locations	02/09/10	
Variation EPR/BP3131SG/V004 determined (Consolidation of permits EPR/HP3498FS and EPR/BP3131SG). Consolidated permit number EPR/ BP3131SG	Issued 16/09/10	
Transfer application EPR/GP3630HT/T001 (full transfer of permit EPR/BP3131SG)	Duly made 20/09/10	
Transfer Determined EPR/GP3630HT	Issued 18/02/11	
Application for permit variation EPR/GP3630HT/V002	Received 22/12/08	

Status Log of the permit		
Description	Date	Comments
Additional Information – email concerning cell 13 leachate production	Received 08/06/09	
Additional Information – response to schedule 4 notice	Request dated 01/07/09	Response dated 14/08/09
Additional Information - response to schedule 4 notice	Request dated 20/11/09	Response Dated 24/12/09
Additional Information – WHV9 Version 2 and WHV1/7 Version 2.	Received 24/02/10	
Additional Information – WHV9 Version 4	Received 02/09/10	
Variation EPR/GP3630HT/V002 issued	Issued 18/05/11	
Administrative variation EPR/GP3630HT/V003	Duly Made 30/04/12	Application to change the completion date of improvement condition 14
Administrative variation EPR/GP3630HT/V003	08/05/12	Issued

End of introductory note

Notice of variation

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The Environment Agency in exercise of its powers under regulation 20 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 varies

Permit number
EPR/GP3630HT

Issued to:
SITA UK Limited ("the operator")

whose registered office is:

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Company registration number **2291198**

to operate a regulated facility at:

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to the extent set out in the schedules.

The notice shall take effect from 10/05/2012

Name

Date

Eirian Macdonald

10/05/2012

Principal Permitting Team Leader, National Permitting Service

Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

Schedule 1 – conditions to be deleted

None

Schedule 2 – conditions to be amended

The following conditions are amended as a result of the application made by the operator:

Table S1.3 in Schedule 1 is amended to:

Table S1.3 Improvement programme requirements		
Reference	Requirement	Date
1a	<p>The operator shall review existing operating techniques against the Agency guidance documents: “How to Comply with your Environmental Permit Getting the basics right” Part 1 Managing your activities and the Sector Guidance Note: “How to Comply EPR 5.02”.</p> <p>The Operator shall submit a report to the Agency in writing for approval outlining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• its ability to comply with the standards in the guidance;• detailing any areas to be addressed in order to meet the requirements specified; and• Specifying implementation timescales. <p>The Operator shall undertake any measures or recommendations approved in writing by the Agency to the timescales indicated in the approval.</p>	16/03/11
1b	<p>The operator shall review the existing operating techniques for phases 1 and 2 and the required standards in condition 1.a above in light of the consolidation of the permits in order to produce a consolidated management system and consolidated management plans with clear operational standards including but not limited to: leachate, gas, surface water, odour, emergency & contingency plans for the installation.</p>	16/03/11
1c	<p>Upon written approval by the Agency the report required by condition 1.a and consolidated management plans required by 1.b shall form part of the operating techniques for the installation under table s1.2</p>	With immediate effect from receiving written approval
2a	<p>The Operator shall submit to the Agency, for approval, a report assessing the effectiveness of current leachate abstraction versus the risk of retro drilling new leachate monitoring wells for cells 1-10 and 12 to allow a compliance limit to be set for inclusion in Table s4.1 The report should seek to establish basal lining contours, review existing infrastructure including the need for extension of the abstraction and monitoring network in terms of number of points and depths in order to achieve leachate monitoring levels and/ or abstraction rates on site that can be demonstrated to minimise leachate heads and encourage hydraulic containment in accordance with the Agency Guidance document “Guidance on monitoring of landfill leachate, groundwater and surface water (LFTGN02)”</p>	16/09/11

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2b	On written approval from the Agency any new monitoring points required by 2a above shall be installed, in accordance with conditions 2.6.4 and 2.6.6, and the relevant leachate management and monitoring plans updated.	16/03/11
3a	<p>The Operator shall undertake and submit to the Agency in writing (and for approval) a review of the number, location and construction of existing perimeter and off-site gas monitoring points (pertaining to the old Phase 1 site) in accordance with the requirements of the Agency guidance document "Guidance on the management of landfill gas. LFTGN03".</p> <p>Any deficiencies identified by the review shall be outlined in the review report (including an appropriate mitigation plan to remedy any deficiencies noted).</p>	30/06/11
3b	On written approval from the Agency the operator shall undertake the mitigation work identified as part of the review required by condition 3a above and to a timescale specified by the Agency.	Following agency approval of 3a.
3c	Following completion of 3a above the Operator shall submit a report to the Agency for approval in writing which proposes assessment levels for Methane, Carbon Dioxide, Oxygen, Carbon Monoxide and Hydrogen Sulphide and associated action plans for all new gas monitoring locations in Phase 1.	Within 12 months of completion of condition S1.3(3a)
3d	On written approval from the Agency the assessment levels and action plans agreed by condition 3c above, shall incorporated into the site gas management and monitoring plans and monitored and reported in accordance with the requirements of Tables S4.6 and S5.1	Within 3 months of completion of S1.3(3c)
4a	For all off site and perimeter gas monitoring locations in phase 1 and 2 as indicated on plan WHV9 Version 2 the operator shall review all available monitoring data and submit to the Agency for approval proposed assessment levels for Carbon Dioxide to take into account back ground levels.	16/09/11
4b	On written approval from the Agency the assessment levels and action plans agreed by S1.3 (4a) above, shall incorporated into the site gas management and monitoring plans and monitored and reported in accordance with the requirements of Table S4. 5 and Schedule 5 of this permit.	Within 3 months of completion of S1.3 (4).
5	<p>For all groundwater boreholes identified in references 1a to 1d of Table S1.4B (Pre operational measures), the operator shall submit to the Agency, for approval, a CQA plan detailing the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and specification, scale drawings and locations for each proposed monitoring borehole • Maintenance programme and deadlines for its repair and replacement. <p>The operator shall implement any improvements or measures as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency.</p>	At least 14 days prior to the proposed date of borehole installation.

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6	<p>Following completion of improvement condition 5 of Table S1.3 the operator shall provide to the Agency a CQA report that includes the following details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As built drawings of the groundwater monitoring boreholes. • As built location plan of groundwater monitoring boreholes. All boreholes must be surveyed to Ordnance Datum <p>All new boreholes installed shall be incorporated into the site monitoring plan and monitored and reported in accordance with the requirements of tables S4.5, S4.11 and Schedule 5. The operator shall implement any improvements or measures as agreed in writing with the Agency.</p>	No later than 28 days after the date of borehole installation.
7a	<p>The operator shall produced a new consolidated Hydrogeological Risk Assessment for the installation including an Agency approved model that models both phases 1 and 2 as one landfill and represents the combined impact of the site. The model should use the latest monitoring data available and be accompanied by full justifications of all input parameters and assumptions made including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review and justification of any inclusion of biodegradation within pathways • Justifications of half lives incorporated into the model • Justification of and incorporation of any uncertainty of leachate heads within the model • Revised parametisation of the unsaturated zone (and associated retardation parameters) within the valley feature between phase 1 and 2 	16/09/11
7b	<p>Following completion of the consolidated HRA the operator shall review trigger levels to groundwater. The operator shall review all relevant groundwater monitoring data, and produce a written report which shall include, but not be limited to, the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on the monitoring data new trigger levels for groundwater shall be derived and/ or existing levels justified for inclusion in table S4.5 • Previous estimates made in relation to travel time and peak concentrations from the plume of groundwater contamination from phase 1 should be reviewed. • Future Control and Trigger levels for groundwater, in order to reduce trigger levels once plume has passed, should be proposed. • The operator shall propose action levels for leachate parameters for phase 1 of the landfill for inclusion in table S4.9 • The above reviews shall be in accordance with Agency guidance document "Hydrogeological Risk Assessment for Landfills"(LFTGN01) and section 4.2 of Golders Report "Groundwater Control and Trigger Levels" dated September 2008 (Reference 08514290087.500/A.2) and LFTGN02 Guidance on Monitoring of Landfill Leachate, Groundwater and Surface Water. 	16/03/12

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Reference	Requirement	Date
7c	<p>Following the completion of s1.3 7a and 7b the operator shall submit to the Environment Agency, for approval a feasibility study and action plan for groundwater beneath phase 1 of the landfill. The study should identify and consider leakage in Phase 1 and possible attenuation techniques for reducing the contamination plume in order to demonstrate that all possible steps are being taken to bring the groundwater quality into compliance with the Groundwater Directive requirements.</p> <p>The plan shall include long term trigger levels to be incorporated once the contaminant plume has been demonstrated to have passed beneath the site.</p> <p>The plan shall also review the Groundwater monitoring network and include proposals for the inclusion of additional monitoring points to ensure that up hydraulic gradient of the site is well characterised.</p> <p>The plan should also take into consideration the findings following completion of Improvement Condition 2a above.</p>	16/03/12
7d	Upon approval from the environment Agency the HRA, Trigger levels, groundwater action plan for phase 1 and additional monitoring points required by s1.3 7a -c shall be incorporated into the operating techniques Table s1.2.	With immediate effect from receiving written approval
8	<p>The Operator shall undertake a review of the leachate management plan which shall assess the options for the pre treatment of leachate prior to disposal and / or recirculation in accordance with Agency Guidance EPR 5.03 Parts 1 & 2 Treatment of landfill leachate.</p> <p>The operator shall submit to the Environment Agency the revised plan and implement any measures as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.</p>	16/09/11
9	<p>The operator shall undertake a review of Air Dispersion modelling Report for the Landfill Gas Compound (dated November 2006 Reference: 06529234.503/A.0). The review shall include re – running of the air dispersion modelling programme, using site specific emission data derived from the landfill gas compound.</p> <p>The modelling data and assessments of the results shall be incorporated into the site specific Gas Risk Assessment and submitted to the Agency. The operator shall implement any improvements or measures as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency.</p>	16/03/12
10a	The operator shall propose a location for a new surface water monitoring point (for Rudbaxton Water) which will be sited at a point downstream of the Phase 2 Landfill. The details of the location of this new monitoring point shall be submitted to the Agency for approval.	12 December 2008
10b	The new surface water monitoring point (required by table S1.3 reference 10a) shall be incorporated into the site monitoring plan and monitored and reported in accordance with requirements of Table S4.10 and Schedule 5 of the permit.	With immediate effect from receiving written approval
11a	The operator shall propose a location for a new Groundwater Monitoring borehole, at a point down gradient of the leachate storage tanks. The details of the location of this monitoring point shall be submitted to the Agency for approval.	16/03/11

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Reference	Requirement	Date
11b	<p>Following approval of the new groundwater borehole location (required by Table S1.3 reference 11a), the construction of the monitoring borehole shall commence at the agreed location.</p> <p>The borehole shall be designed and built in accordance with LFTGN02 Guidance on Monitoring of Landfill Leachate, Groundwater and Surface Water, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Environment Agency.</p>	Within 8 weeks of written approval from the Agency
11c	On completion and commissioning of the new Groundwater monitoring borehole (required by Table S1.3, reference: 11a) this new monitoring point shall be incorporated into the site monitoring plan and monitored and reported in accordance with the requirements of Table S4.11 and Schedule 5 of this permit.	Within eight weeks , of written approval from the Agency
12	<p>Unless otherwise agreed in Writing with the Agency, the operator shall update the groundwater Contingency plans for the facility. This revised contingency plan shall include the following requirement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the event that mecoprop concentrations are detected above 0.00041mg/l the operator shall undertake a review of the Hydrological Risk assessment. 	16/03/11
13a	The Operator shall propose a location for a new surface water monitoring point to be sited on the watercourse between TP10 and SP1.The design and location of the monitoring point shall be in compliance with LFTGN02 Guidance on Monitoring of Landfill Leachate, Groundwater and Surface Water.	Date 1 month from permit issue TBC
13b	The new surface water monitoring point (required by 13a) shall be incorporated into the site monitoring plan and monitored and reported in accordance with the requirements of Table s4.10 and Schedule 5 of the permit.	Within 2 months on completion of IC 13a
14	<p>The operator shall review the current surface water management system in phase1 against the requirements of: LFTGN02 Guidance on Monitoring of Landfill Leachate, Groundwater and Surface Water. The review shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify existing discharges(including D1 and Storm overflow) and any proposed new discharges from the lagoon system Review discharge point structures Quantify flow from D1 AND Storm overflow by continuous monitoring over a 12 month period Propose flow rate monitoring method and limits for D1 for inclusion in table S4.3 based on 12 months monitoring data Quantify and assess the additional loading of discharges from D1 on the Rudbaxton Water by collection of 12 months monitoring data and H1 assessment and associated modelling. Justify existing and /or propose new Emission Limit Values for D1 for inclusion in table S4.3. 	30/06/13
15	The Operator shall permanently cap the remaining area of cells 1 to 10 and cell 12 (as shown on drawing number Whg-PCA-0411-01). The works will be undertaken in accordance with the requirements permit conditions 2.6.	31/12/12

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Reference	Requirement	Date
16a	The operator shall submit a drawing for the location of a new Groundwater Monitoring Borehole, at a point up-gradient of the leachate storage tanks. The details of the location of this new monitoring point shall be submitted to the Agency, for approval.	1 month. From date of issue
16b	Following the approval of the new groundwater borehole location, the operator shall submit a CQA Plan for the construction of the new borehole. The Borehole shall be designed and built in accordance with LFTGN02 <i>Guidance on Monitoring of Landfill Leachate, Groundwater and Surface Water</i> , unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Environment Agency.	Within 2 weeks of completion of S1.3(16a)
16c	Following the approval of the CQA plan the construction of the monitoring borehole shall commence at the agreed location.	Within 1 month of completion of S1.3(16b)
16d	On completion of the construction (for the new Groundwater monitoring borehole) this new monitoring point shall be incorporated into the site monitoring plan and monitored and reported in accordance with the requirements of Table S4.11 and Schedule 4 of this permit.	Within two weeks of the installation of the new borehole

Schedule 3 – conditions to be added

None