

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Bespoke Variation

We have decided to issue the variation for Wrexham Clinical Waste Treatment and Transfer Station operated by Polkacrest Wales Limited.

The variation number is EPR/RP3237SZ/V003

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental protection is provided.

Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account
- justifies the specific conditions in the permit other than those in our generic permit template.

Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

Structure of this document

- Key issues
- Annex 1 the decision checklist

Key issues of the decision

The application is for the variation and consolidation of Permit EPR/RP3237SZ with EAWML 37223. The permit covers the operation of a heat disinfection unit to treat clinical waste and other healthcare waste and the EAWML covers the operation of a waste transfer station. The permit has been varied to update it to the latest template.

The operator has a clinical waste incinerator on the same site, covered by a separate permit. (EPR/MP3239FQ)

Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist, the application and supporting information and permit/ notice.

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Operator		
Control of the facility	We are satisfied that the applicant (now the operator) is the person who will have control over the operation of the facility after the grant of the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with EPR RGN 1 Understanding the meaning of operator.	✓
European Directives		
Applicable directives	All applicable European directives have been considered in the determination of the application.	✓
The site		
Extent of the site of the facility	The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility including discharge points. A plan is included in the permit and the operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary.	✓
Environmental Risk Assessment and operating techniques		
Operating techniques	We have reviewed the techniques used by the operator and compared these with the relevant guidance notes. The proposed techniques/ emission levels for priorities for control are in line with the benchmark levels contained in the TGN and we consider them to represent appropriate techniques for the facility. We consider that the emission limits included in the permit reflect the BAT for the installation	✓
The permit conditions		
Updating permit conditions during consolidation.	We have updated previous permit conditions to those in the new generic permit template as part of permit consolidation. The new conditions have the same meaning as those in the previous permit(s). The operator has agreed that the new conditions are acceptable.	✓

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Waste types	We have specified the permitted waste types, descriptions and quantities, which can be accepted at the regulated facility.	✓
Incorporating the application	We have specified that the applicant must operate the permit in accordance with descriptions in the application, including all additional information received as part of the determination process. These descriptions are specified in the Operating Techniques table in the permit.	✓
Emission limits	We have decided that emission limits should be set for the parameters listed in the permit.	✓
Reporting	We have specified reporting in the permit. We made these decisions in accordance with Appendix 6 of Sector Guidance Note 5.06.	✓
Operator Competence		
Environment management system	There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not have the management systems to enable it to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.	✓
Technical competence	Technical competency is required for activities permitted. The operator is a member of an agreed scheme.	✓
Relevant convictions	The National Enforcement Database has been checked to ensure that all relevant convictions have been declared. Relevant convictions were found and declared in the application. A post conviction plan was submitted by the operator and assessed as satisfactory. The operator satisfies the criteria in RGN 5 on Operator Competence.	✓

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Financial provision	There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not be financially able to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.	✓