

Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions

CeramTec UK Limited
Ruabon Electroceramics

Decision Document

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Variation of a Bespoke Permit

The variation number is: EPR/PP3834CB/V004
The operator is: CeramTec UK Ltd
The Installation is located at: Ruabon Electroceramics, Vauxhall Industrial Estate, Ruabon, Wrexham, LL14 6HY.

We have decided to issue a Natural Resources Wales initiated variation for Ruabon Electroceramics operated by CeramTec UK Ltd.

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.

This document should be read in conjunction with the permit variation notice.

The Variation

This variation corrects an error found in the previous variation notice (EPR/PP3834CB/V003). It was found that the description of a listed activity reference given in Table S1.1 of variation notice EPR/PP3834CB/V003 incorrectly described the activity for the Ruabon Electroceramics site. The listed activity recorded in EPR/PP3834CB/V003 was therefore inconsistent with prior permit versions (EPR/PP3834CB/V002) and the activities performed on the site.

The incorrect listed activity of 'Section 4.2 Part A(1)(a)(v)' was corrected to 'Section 4.2 Part A(1)(c)'. This variation has no material impact upon the operation of the installation.

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.

Key issues of the decision

Details of the correction are seen in the following table.

Previous Error	Corrected
<u>Section 4.2 Part A(1)(a)(v):</u> Producing inorganic chemicals such as non-metals, metal oxides, metal carbonyls or other inorganic compounds. Manufacturing electroceramic materials using antimony trioxide, gallium oxide and lead oxide.	<u>Section 4.2 Part A(1)(c):</u> Unless falling within any other Section, any manufacturing activity (other than the application of a glaze or vitreous enamel) involving the use of, or the use or recovery of, any compound of any of the following elements— (i) antimony, (ii) arsenic, (iii) beryllium, (iv) gallium, (v) indium, (vi) lead, (vii) palladium, (viii) platinum, (ix) selenium, (x) tellurium, (xi) thallium, where the activity may result in the release into the air of any of those elements or compounds or the release into water of any substance listed in paragraph 7(1) of Part 1 of this Schedule.

The correction was applied to 'Table S1.1 Activities' in permit version EPR/PP3834CB/V004.

No change has occurred to the site infrastructure, the process methodology, or the management of site operations as a consequence of this variation. As the change is a correction to a description of the site only found in permit version EPR/PP3834CBV003, the change applied through this variation does not have any impact on previous assessments of the site, nor the guidance that the site has been assessed against.

OPRA

The most recent OPRA file submitted to NRW, as part of the EPR/PP3834CB/V003 variation, has been reviewed. It was found that the document correctly described the activities occurring on site. No change has been made to the OPRA file as part of this variation.