

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0040253

Permit being assessed: JB3034RN.

For: Cambrian Quarry, held by Ash Resource Management (Cambrian Quarry) Ltd

At: Gwernymynydd, Clwyd, CH7 5LW.

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 12/08/2022 between 08:51 and 09:35.

Parts of permit assessed: Specified by permit

NRW Lead Officer: Kathryn Bradshaw.

Report sent to: Thomas Farrell, Environmental Manager on 19/08/2022.

1. Summary of our findings (full details in section 4)

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
C3 - General Management - Materials acceptance	Action only (X)	
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Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

Total number of non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
0	0

How we use the non-compliance score to calculate your annual fee is explained in the 'Important Information' section below.

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
C3	Remove contamination from the track and main deposit area	31/08/2022
C3	Provide an explanation for the contamination both in the new track and in the main waste deposit area	31/08/2022

Action criteria codes are listed in the 'Important information' section below.

3. What will happen next?

Any non-compliance we have identified and recorded on this form is an offence. It can result in criminal prosecution and/or suspension or revocation of your permit.

At this time, we do not intend to take any further action.

This statement does not stop us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.

4. Details of our assessment

This was an unannounced site inspection by Hazardous Waste Regulation Officer, Kathryn Bradshaw. The weather was warm, dry and sunny.

Upon arriving at the site I viewed the wheel wash which was not operational. Phil Terzo was on site and kindly showed me around the site. During my visit the sweeper was seen tipping his load on the site but no other activity was observed during the inspection. Phil advised he only had one lorry load due in on this day and that the site is not accepting much waste.

Road sweeper



The sweeper lorry regularly sweeps the main A494 road to prevent any dust issues.

The site mainly accepts 'clay' from the ASH Shellway site in Ellesmere Port which is their aggregate processing site where material is washed and sorted into different types. Items of contamination (material, plastics, metal and wood) could be seen around the edge of the main area where material is deposited.

Edges of deposit area showing contamination



Phil talked me through where the loads were tipped and when I asked about the new track to the West side of the quarry, he explained this had been put in so that lorries could drive up and deposit higher up the quarry when it had been filled to a certain point in the future.

Current track and new track on the right

The issue was raised previously about the level of contamination in this track material which was described as non-combustible waste from Hooton Bio Power incinerator which has been through metal separation at the ASH Wrexham site. The waste is coded as 19 12 09 minerals (for example sand or stones). The waste contains glass, ceramics and stones but other contamination could be seen in the track, such as plastics and metal.

New track with contamination

Phil explained that staff had been out a few weeks ago to litter pick from this area. The site EMS Section 3.5 Unauthorised wastes; states that occasional items may be removed from delivered waste, for example pieces of metal, plastic, wood or vegetation, these will be placed in an unauthorised waste skip for transport to a suitably authorised site for treatment.

Please could you confirm the reason for the contamination both in the new track and in the main waste deposit area?

This contamination needs to be removed as soon as possible.

The site is nearing it's waste acceptance limit, if the limit is to be increased, a permit variation would need to be applied for.

Thank you for your time during the inspection.

Kind Regards,

Kathryn Bradshaw

Swyddog Rheoleiddio Gwastraff Peryglus (GD)/ Hazardous Waste Regulation Officer (NE)

Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru/ Natural Resources Wales

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If you have any queries about this report, or to discuss completion of any actions, please contact the NRW Officer named above.

Important information

Legal status of this report

Your permit is issued to you under the Environmental Permitting Regulations. You have a responsibility to comply with the conditions of your permit and prevent pollution/harm of the environment. You must also ensure that you comply with any other relevant legislation that may apply to your site's operations.

This report explains the findings of our assessment and any action you are required to take. We categorise non-compliance using our guidance for assessing non-compliance at regulated sites.

When we find potential non-compliance/s we will normally give you advice on how to maintain compliance.

To correct non-compliance, we may:

- require you to take specific actions
- issue a notice
- review the conditions of your permit.

Any advice and guidance we give will be without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.

Assessment results and non-compliance categories (used in section 1):

Assessment result	Description
Assessed (A)	Assessed or assessed in part, no evidence of non-compliance found
Action only (X)	Action only relating to the activity assessment
Ongoing (O)	Ongoing non-compliance, not scored

Non-compliance category	Description	Score
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	60
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	31
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	4
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property	0.1

How we use assessment scores

The number and severity of non-compliances recorded in a year will affect your annual subsistence fee the following year. A non-compliance factor is added to your site's Operator

Performance Risk Appraisal (OPRA) score when we calculate your fee to reflect the additional resource we use to assess permit compliance.

What are suspended scores?

In line with our guidance, we may suspend scores for up to six months to allow time for remedial action to be taken. Suspended scores will be re-instated if the action is not completed.

Full list of Industry and Waste action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**A: Permitted activities**

- A1 Specified by permit

B: Infrastructure

- B1 Infrastructure – Engineering for prevention and control of emissions
- B2 Infrastructure – Closure and decommissioning
- B3 Infrastructure – Site drainage engineering (clean and foul)
- B4 Infrastructure – Containment of stored materials
- B5 Infrastructure – Plant and equipment

C: General management

- C1 General management – Staff competency/training
- C2 General management – Management system and operating procedures
- C3 General management – Materials acceptance
- C4 General management – Storage, handling, labelling and segregation

D: Incident management

- D1 Incident management – Site security
- D2 Incident management – Accidents, emergency and incident planning

E: Emissions

- E1 Emissions – Air
- E2 Emissions – Land and groundwater
- E3 Emissions – Surface water
- E4 Emissions – Sewer
- E5 Emissions – Waste

F: Amenity

- F1 Amenity – Odour
- F2 Amenity – Noise
- F3 Amenity – Dust/fibres/particulates and litter
- F4 Amenity – Pests/birds and scavengers
- F5 Amenity – Deposits on road

G: Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting

- G1 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Monitoring of emissions and environment
- G2 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Records of activity, site diary/journal/events
- G3 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Maintenance records
- G4 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales

H: Resources efficiency

- H1 Resource efficiency – Efficient use of raw materials
- H2 Resource efficiency – Energy efficiency

Enforcement response

Any permit condition non-compliance is an offence and we may take legal action against you. Action we take can include prosecution, serving a notice on you and/or suspension or revocation of your permit. See our Enforcement and Sanctions Guidance for further information.

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- carrying out statistical analysis, research and development on environmental issues
- providing public register information to enquirers
- investigating possible breaches of environmental law
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving our service
- Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations requests.

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