

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0040281

Permit being assessed: WP3094FB.

For: ASH Wrexham Recycling Centre, held by Alan's Skip Hire (Wales) Ltd

At: Site One, Redwither Road, Wrexham Industrial Estate, Wrexham, LL13 9RD.

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

On 18/08/2022 between 10:40 and 11:50.

Parts of permit assessed: Specified by permit

NRW Lead Officer: Kathryn Bradshaw, accompanied by Steven White.

Report sent to: Thomas Farrell, Group Environmental Compliance Manager on 10/10/2022.

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	Assessed (A)	
B4 - Infrastructure - Containment of stored materials	Assessed (A)	
C2 - General Management - Management system and operating procedures	Assessed (A)	
C4 - General Management - Storage, handling labelling and Segregation	Assessed (A)	
D2 - Incident Management - Accidents, emergency and incident planning	Assessed (A)	
F4 - Amenity - Pests/birds and scavengers	Assessed (A)	

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?

No action required.

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 accompanied by Steven White, Senior Waste Regulation Officer. The weather was dry, warm and overcast.

We were met and accompanied around the site by Matthew Kirk. The site was fairly quiet with only a few incoming vehicles seen during the inspection and the levels of waste on site were relatively low.

Waste levels in MRF building



We viewed the storage of the 'non-combustible' waste from Hooton Biopower. This goes through several processes to remove the metals from this waste which are then sent to the ASH metals site. It was explained to us that this waste is not bottom ash as it has not been incinerated but has been through a pre-treatment of drying with the heavier objects, such as metals and aggregates drop out which is then collected. However the waste appeared to have undergone some kind of thermal processing.

Since the last site inspection electronic records of this waste type were provided to NRW but they did not contain the EWC code that has been assigned to this waste. Paper copies of the waste transfer notes were received upon request. Hooton Biopower, the producer of the waste have coded it as 19 12 09 - non combustible stone/mineral which has then been transported to ASH aggregates in Ellesmere Port. Enquiries will need to be made with the producer site to ensure this waste has been coded correctly.

'Non-combustible' waste from Hooton Biopower



Close up of 'non-combustible' waste



There was a small pile of screening waste from DCWW which is bulked up at the site for onward recovery and disposal. There was a pile of general waste being dried in the second building where the biomass boilers are located.

During this site inspection there were a small number of birds flying around the site but the situation was much improved since the last inspection.



The fire safety systems that have been installed in the waste sorting and shredding building were explained to us. The site, as well as having thermal imaging cameras, also have an automatic fire suppression system which is activated if the area reaches a certain

temperature. The suppression system is water but can be switched to foam if required.

The issue raised on the previous inspection of shredding and coding of the waste will be dealt with separately from this CAR form and no non compliances were noted during this inspection.

Thank you for your time during the inspection.

Kind Regards,

Kathryn Bradshaw

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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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