

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0040514

Licence being assessed: WA/056/0032/002.

For: , held by Nigel Price.

At: .

Type of assessment: Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 01/10/2022, between 10:15 and 11:00.

Parts of licence assessed: Site and records

NRW Lead Officer: Edward Davies, accompanied by Luke Burton.

Report sent to: Nigel Price, Operator, on 24/10/2022.

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

Part of licenced activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Licence condition
WR-C1 - Surface/groundwater level and protected flow - Minimum hands-off flow/level requirements	C3 Minor	9
WR-G2 - Impoundment specified by licence - Manner and extent of impoundment	C4 No impact	9.3

Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WR-C1	Ensure the HoF notch is sized to maintain 10 litres/second downstream flow	31/12/2022
WR-G2	Notify NRW of intention to use bypass pipe and establish limited timeframe to allow work.	14/11/2022

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 or civil sanctions being imposed depending on the circumstances of the offence.

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

On the 1st of October 2022, my colleague, Luke Burton and I attended Glandwr Farm to

conduct a routine inspection of the abstraction licence: WA/056/0032/002 and met the operator, Nigel Price.

The weather was dry at the time of the inspection following sustained, steady rainfall the day before. Wales has been in a prolonged period of drought status throughout the summer and remains so. The watercourse was still flowing; however, the intake was being bypassed to allow maintenance and reparations to be conducted on the offtake pipework - see photo ED1.

The bypass pipe is not included with the licenced drawings that were approved with the original application. Whilst it is recognised that the bypass pipe has been unblocked as a temporary measure to allow repairs to take place it is essential that this takes place across a limited timeframe.

Condition 9.3: *'The licence holder shall construct, operate and maintain the intake works in accordance with the plans and specifications specified in condition 3'*

Action: Notify NRW when intending to use the bypass pipe to conduct maintenance works and agree a timeframe.

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ED1

I measured the hands of flow (HoF) notch on the intake works as 470mm wide and 45mm deep - these measurements are not compliant with the conditions set out in the licence and will not maintain a downstream flow of 10 litres/second as required - see photo ED2.

Condition 9.1: *'No water shall be abstracted unless the rate of flow in the unnamed stream*

immediately downstream of the authorised point of abstraction... (i) is equal to or greater than 10 litres per second and (ii) the abstraction hereby licenced does not cause the flow immediately downstream of point 'A' to fall below such a rate.'

At an inspection in 2019 the HoF notch measured 470mm wide and 55mm deep, this was confirmed to convey the required flow rate downstream.

Action: Ensure the HoF notch measures at least 470mm x 55mm at all times and remains clear of blockages.

ED2 also shows up a build-up of silt and mud immediately upstream of the HoF notch. There is a risk that this will encourage the stream to flow preferentially over the weir.

Action: Remove the build-up of silt behind the HoF notch.



ED2

The meter reading was 18190 (see photo ED3). You said that the meter had been replaced recently and that when taking a record, you had been adding the new meter value to the cumulative total from your previous records.

When changing meters take a photographic record of the final reading on the old meter prior to installing the new one.

**ED3**

Records obtained on the day of the inspection between the period 01/08/2021 and 07/08/2022 indicate that **537,887** cubic metres were abstracted. This is below the licenced maximum quantity per year of 810,475 cubic metres.

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 licence is issued to you under the Water Resources Act 1991 as amended by the Water Act 2003. You have a responsibility to comply with the conditions of your licence and prevent pollution/harm to 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.

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

If your assessment result in Section 1 is suspended, what does this mean?

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

Full list of Water resource action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**WR A: Abstraction specified by Licence**

- WR-A1 Source of supply
- WR-A2 Points of abstraction
- WR-A3 Means of abstraction
- WR-A4 Purposes of abstraction
- WR-A5 Period of abstraction
- WR-A6 Quantities
- WR-A7 Land
- WR-A8 Other specified on licence

WR B: Abstraction measurement and records

- WR-B1 Means of measurement
- WR-B2 Recording
- WR-B3 Reporting

WR C: Surface / Groundwater level and protected flow

- WR-C1 Minimum hands-off flow/level requirements
- WR-C2 Flow/level measurement devices
- WR-C3 Recording
- WR-C4 Reporting

WR D: Environmental monitoring and information

- WR-D1 Recording
- WR-D2 Reporting
- WR-D3 Notifications

WR E: Fish and eel passage

- WR-E1 Infrastructure specified by licence
- WR-E2 Maintenance and records

WR F: Discharge

- WR-F1 Point of discharge
- WR-F2 Infrastructure
- WR-F3 Measurement
- WR-F4 Recording
- WR-F5 Reporting

WR G: Impoundment specified by licence

- WR-G1 Inland water to be impounded
- WR-G2 Manner and extent of impoundment
- WR-G3 Point(s) of impoundment
- WR-G4 Construction and removal requirements
- WR-G5 Other specified on licence

WR H: Borehole infrastructure

- WR-H1 Infrastructure and accessibility
- WR-H2 Maintenance and calibration

Enforcement response

Any licence condition non-compliance is an offence and we may take legal action against you. Action we take can include prosecution or civil sanctions. See our Enforcement and Sanctions Guidance for further information.

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