



Mr. Stacey Lewis
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Our ref: CAR_NRW0040247

Date: 11 August 2022

WARNING LETTER

Dear Mr Lewis

Environmental Permit: EPR-BB3299FN
Regulated Facility: S L Recycling Limited, Unit 1, Pontyfelin Industrial Estate,
Pontypool, Torfaen NP4 0DQ

We believe that S L Recycling Limited have committed the following offence:

Offence: Regulation 38 (2) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016. Failure to comply with or to contravene an environmental permit condition.

Date: On or before 12 July 2022

Over the past twelve months, S L Recycling Limited have experienced five deflagration incidents at the above location involving compressed gas canisters being fed into waste metal shredder equipment. These incidents have caused large discharges to leave the permitted site boundary which have consequently impacted the local environments.

Following the recent compliance audit conducted in August 2022, a Category 2 breach of permit condition 1.1.1 was issued for the number of deflagration incidents that have occurred relative to the rate of waste tonnages being processed. As the operator, you must address this non-compliance through improving your working procedures and management systems to reduce the risk and frequency of future deflagrations. Further details on this can be found in compliance audit report - Reference *CAR_NRW0040247*.

We have issued this **warning letter** as a response to the above offence on this occasion. However, our decision could change if any further relevant information comes to light, including, but not restricted to, information that:

- the Company have committed earlier offences;
- the environmental impacts of this offence are greater than we presently understand them;
- the offences are continuing or have been repeated;

- the Company have committed other offences of which we are presently unaware.

We will take this offence into account if we consider that the Company is involved in any future offending.

This warning does not:

- prevent any other prosecuting authority taking action against you/the Company; or
- affect our right to issue enforcement, clear-up or remediation notices, or seek recovery of costs or damages according to law.

If you have any further queries with regard to this letter, please contact Senior Officer Alex Bowder at alex.bowder@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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