

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0041097

Permit being assessed: GWSE0955

For: Vronlace, held by Una Mildred Jordan Watkins

At: Llandegley Llandrindod Wells Powys, LD1 5UF.

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

On 30/01/2023, between 12:00 and 13:00.

Parts of permit assessed: All conditions

NRW Lead Officer: Shaun Rees, accompanied by: Timothy Arlett.

Report sent to: Robert Watkins, Operator , on 07/02/2023.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-C2 - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to land	C3 Minor	2.2.1 The Site
WQ-C2 - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to land	C3 Minor	2.3.8 Volume and rate
WQ-A1 - Management - General management	C3 Minor	1.1.1 General Management
WQ-C2 - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to land	C3 Minor	3.1.3 Emissions and monitoring

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-C2	Kept with the disposal site as referenced in permit. acknowledge this will be adhered to.	21/03/2023
WQ-C2	method of disposal operations to be altered. Please acknowledge this will be carried out	21/03/2023
WQ-A1	Install solid sides to drain pen and provide photographic evidence this has been completed.	21/03/2023
WQ-C2	Install chemical bund to place containers in, to eliminate contamination to ground	21/03/2023

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

Attended site along with Tim Arlett .

We were met by Mr Watkins and we explained our visit and were shown in the house to look at records.

We we handed all records regarding sheep dip and we can confirm that records had been kept and up to date, but noticed that the diluted rate was under the required amount by a small amount.

We also came across a letter dating back to 2019 from NRW stating that they had come across the same non-compliance when carrying out a past inspection.

This was discussed with Mr Watkins

Tim Arlett was escorted to the disposal area by the son and he can confirm that the farmer has been spreading just beyond the boundary line of his disposal area.

I was shown the chemical store by Mr Watkins and can confirm that is was lockable, but chemicals not stored within a bund.

I was then shown the dipping bath facility and all was complaint except for the drain pens, which had no solid splash sides.

ACTIONS

Make sure dilution rates are correct as per permit

Spreading of diluted sheep dip, must stay within disposal area as per permit.

Install bund in chemical store

Install solid sides to drain pens.

Please provide evidence of works carried out and acknowledgement that actions will be followed.

As this is the second time you have been advised on dilution rates, the next time will be a warning letter.

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 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
- 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
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 quality action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**WQ A: Management**

- WQ-A1 General management

WQ B: Operations

- WQ-B1 Permitted activities
- WQ-B2 The site
- WQ-B3 Operating techniques
- WQ-B4 Improvement programme
- WQ-B5 Pre-operational conditions

WQ C: Emissions and monitoring

- WQ-C1 Emissions to water
- WQ-C2 Emissions to land
- WQ-C3 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- WQ-C4 Installation of monitoring boreholes

WQ D: Information

- WQ-D1 Records
- WQ-D2 Reporting
- WQ-D3 Notifications

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.

Data protection notice

You should make sure that anyone named in this report knows that the information it contains will be processed by Natural Resources Wales to fulfil its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s).

We may also use and/or disclose the report in connection with:

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- consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (e.g. Health and Safety Executive, local authorities) on environmental issues
- 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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What do I do if I disagree with the report or have a complaint?

If you disagree with this compliance assessment report, you should contact the lead officer without delay to discuss your concerns.

If you are unable to resolve the issue with the lead officer or their line manager you should contact our Customer Contact team on 0300 065 3000 (Monday to Friday 08:00 – 18:00), or email enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk for details of how to raise your dispute further through our Complaints and Commendations procedure.

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