

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0041542

Permit being assessed: CB3096FU.

For: R & J Metals, held by R and J Metals Ltd

At: Dock Yard estate, Briton Ferry Industrial Estate, Briton Ferry, Neath, Castell-nedd Port Talbot, SA11 2HZ.

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

On 13/03/2023 between 10:00 and 11:15.

Parts of permit assessed: A, B, C, D, F

NRW Lead Officer: David Morgan.

Report sent to: Richard O'Brien, Operator on 14/03/2023.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
A1 - Specified by permit	Assessed (A)	
B1 - Infrastructure - Engineering for prevention and control of emissions	Assessed (A)	
C3 - General Management - Materials acceptance	Assessed (A)	
C4 - General Management - Storage, handling labelling and Segregation	Assessed (A)	
D1 - Incident Management - Site security	Assessed (A)	
F2 - Amenity - Noise	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

A routine site inspection was undertaken on Monday 13th March 2023. Present during the inspection were David Morgan (Natural Resources Wales) and Richard O'Brien (R&J Metals).

During the inspection, the following observations were made:

End-of-Life Vehicle Depollution

An inspection of the depollution area and equipment was undertaken. It was apparent that the site does depollute vehicles regularly and the depollution area itself was very well maintained. There were no signs of spillages or leaks of fuels/oils from the depollution process.

All waste fuels/liquids are stored in relatively newly purchased storage tanks which were all clearly labelled and segregated.

Consignment Notes for the removal of oil from site were made available following the inspection of the site. In the future, Natural Resources Wales may undertake a full audit of this paperwork which will include record checks of off-takers of waste oils from site.

Metal Recycling Area

The open yard, where scrap metal is accepted and unloaded, appeared to be well maintained. Given the volume of waste that is deposited and treated on site, the impermeable concrete pad, which is served by an interceptor and underground sump, is well maintained and free from any major cracking/damage.

To the rear of the site, there did appear to be a small build up of oil and water. This may be the result of a blocked drain or item of waste that contains oil. Although this appears to be fully contained on the impermeable concrete pad, it was agreed that this matter would be investigated and actioned to prevent this from occurring again in the future.

Environment Management System and Fire Prevention & Mitigation Plan

In the previous inspection, on 13th May 2021, non-compliances were recorded as the site did not have an Environment Management System or Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan. This has now been rectified and copies of the Environment Management System, Fire Prevention & Mitigation Plan have been developed and were available on site. Copies of these documents have been emailed to Natural Resources Wales and we now have added these to our records.

Natural Resources Wales may wish to review these documents and will feedback any comments.

During the inspection, a copy of the Environmental Permit was also made available on site.

Technical Competent Manager & Staff Training

It was noted that Robert Keane is now also a qualified Technical Competent Manager having completed WAMITAB qualifications.

During the inspection we discussed the need for regular training and 'toolbox talks' so all staff have a sound understanding of their responsibilities and how their role plays a part in complying with the conditions of the Environmental Permit.

ACTION: Arrange for a training session to take place where a Technical Competent person explains conditions of the Environmental Permit, how compliance can be achieved and the role staff play in relation to the Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan.

Summary

No non-compliances with the Environmental Permit were recorded during a routine site inspection on 13th March 2023.

Infrastructure appears to be well maintained and officers, in future inspections, may request further information regarding the underground storage units (storage capacity etc.).

Environment Management Systems and a Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan are now available on site, but these documents have not yet been assessed by Natural Resources Wales. It is likely that Natural Resources Wales will review these documents and feedback any relevant information to you.

Thank you for your time during the inspection.

END OF REPORT

Any compliance criteria not highlighted in the above summary should be considered as not assessed. In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resource Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012. You should note that the Natural Resources Body for Wales has been formed by bringing together the Countryside Council for Wales, Forestry Commission Wales and Environment Agency Wales. The Natural Resources Body for Wales has been empowered to exercise Welsh devolved functions since 1 st April 2013 and has, generally, taken over the responsibilities of the Countryside Council for Wales, the Forestry Commissioners and the Environment Agency for Wales.

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.

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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If you are dissatisfied with our response, you can contact the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales by phone on 0300 7900203 or by email at ask@ombudsman.wales

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