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WELSH OFFICE

**CONTROL OF POLLUTION ACT 1974: SECTIONS 34 & 55
THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION (DISCHARGES BY AUTHORITIES) REGULATIONS 1984
CONSENT FOR A DISCHARGE**

WHEREAS

1. The WELSH WATER AUTHORITY (hereinafter referred to as 'the Water Authority') proposes to discharge biologically treated sewage effluent in an emergency from the Llanfor Sewage Treatment Works to the Nant Hafhesp at national grid reference SH 9395 3645 as shown on the attached plan.

2. The proposals require the consent of the Secretary of State for WALES in pursuance of sections 34 and 55 of the Control of Pollution Act 1974 as modified by the Control of Pollution (Discharges by Authorities) Regulations 1984 (hereinafter referred to as 'the Regulations').

3. In accordance with the provisions of Regulation 2 of the Regulations the Water Authority have submitted the proposals to the Secretary of State in the form of an application for consent dated 21 July 1988.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR WALES hereby consents to the proposed discharge subject to the conditions specified in the Schedule hereto attached.

Signed 

On behalf of the Secretary
of State for Wales

Dated this 19 day of
October 1988

SCHEDULE

Conditions prescribed for the discharge of biologically treated sewage effluent in an emergency at the Llanfor Sewage Treatment Works to the Nant Hafhesp at Grid Reference SH 9395 3645.

"Sewage" can mean domestic sewage only or in admixture with industrial waste water(s).

1. The effluent discharged shall consist of biologically treated sewage effluent discharged only in an emergency. For the purposes of this consent an emergency means subject to what is said below an electrical or mechanical breakdown of such severity as to render the pumping station fully inoperable, or a rising main blockage. The foregoing definition of emergency shall not include station shut-down to enable routine maintenance or station upgrading work to be carried out.

2. The pumping station shall be equipped with an automatic remote alarm system to give warning of an emergency. The equipment shall be satisfactorily maintained. One hundred per cent standby capacity shall be provided for pumps, motors, and electrical equipment which shall operate automatically in the event of duty pump failure.

3. All events resulting in biologically treated sewage effluent discharges to the river from the pumping station during an emergency shall be reported to the Welsh Office (HMIP) giving: reason(s) for the failure; the duration of the discharge; a record of remedial action(s) taken and the timing thereof; and a description of the measures which have been taken or might be reasonably taken by the Welsh Water Authority, with an indication of the timescale involved, to prevent reoccurrences. The state of the river at the time of the discharge in

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question, that is spate, average, low, or very low, shall be noted in the Report which shall be submitted to the Welsh Office (HMIP) within one calendar month of the commencement of the discharge. Should dilution in the river be low or very low at the time of the discharge the Report shall include a biologist's comments on any or possible damage caused to the biological communities in the river as well as on any adverse effects on river uses and users downstream.

5. A copy of this consent, suitably protected against the weather shall be posted within the site of the works. Further copies shall be posted as and when required to maintain effective notice of the consent on the site of the works.

6. This consent shall come into force on the works commissioning date. The Authority shall inform the Welsh Office (HMIP) of the commissioning date at least one calendar month prior to this date.


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