

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0041603

Permit being assessed: ZB3793HN.

For: Dragon Works, held by City Metals (U K) Limited

At: Saltney, Chester, Cheshire, CH4 8RW.

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

On 23/03/2023 between 11:35 and 11:50.

Parts of permit assessed: waste storage, waste returns, EMS

NRW Lead Officer: Boguslawa Pierzchala, accompanied by Carys Williams.

Report sent to: Mike Green, owner on 29/03/2023.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
A1 - Specified by permit	Action only (X)	
G4 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales	C4 No impact	Condition 7.2.2 of your permit requires you to submit within one month of the end of each quarter a summary of waste quantities and types accepted on to and removed from site for that quarter
G2 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Records of activity, site diary/journal/events	C4 No impact	7.3.1.
B4 - Infrastructure - Containment of stored materials	Assessed (A)	
C4 - General Management - Storage, handling labelling and Segregation	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
2	0.2

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?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
A1	Please provide an up to date EMS.	28/04/2023
G4	Please submit the missing Q4 2022 waste returns.	14/04/2023

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
G2	Please log all checks, incidents, TCM's attendance details and the movement of waste in the site diary.	31/03/2023

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

On Thursday the 23rd of March 2023 Natural Resources officers attended at City Metals to conduct an unannounced site inspection.

The site was last inspected on the 28th of September 2022, Compliance assessment form NRW040470 refers.

The officers met with Craig, the site manager, who accompanied officers throughout the inspection.

The site is operational; however not many vehicles are being processed at the moment due to current market trends.

The storage area was checked and no issues were noticed.

Waste returns:

Condition 7.2.2 of your permit requires you to submit within one month of the end of each quarter a summary of waste quantities and types accepted on to and removed from site for that quarter.

Q4 2022 has not been submitted, this has subsequently been scored as a C4 breach against the relevant permit condition.

Action: Please submit the outstanding waste return by no later than the 14th of April.

Site diary

Condition 7.3.1 Describes all events that need to be recorded in the diary including start and finish of daily waste management activities, emergencies, technical competent management attendance on site.

Site diary was inspected and it became apparent that only end-of-life vehicle details are currently being recorded. This has been raised during the last site visit.

It has subsequently been scored as a C4 breach against the relevant permit condition

EMS/Working Plan

NRW received a draft EMS for the site which has been returned with several comments.

We have not received your updated version. The EMS has been discussed with the site TCM who agreed to liaise with the site owner.

Action: Please update and send your EMS for assessment. Please comply by the 28th of April

After the inspection officers attended at the City Metals office and spoke to Mike, TCM for the site, to discuss the inspection and actions needed.

Officers mentioned that during the last site inspection a lorry containing wooden pallets was present on site. Mike stated that he would liaise with the site owner to clarify the above.

Thank you for assisting us with the inspection.

Please find my contact details below.

Kind regards,

Boguslawa Pierzchala Waste regulation Officer (Waste Regulation Team)

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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 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.

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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