

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0041711

**Permit being assessed:** WP3836ZF.

For: Wrexham Clinical Waste Treatment Facility (Incinerator), held by Tradebe Healthcare National Limited

At: Wrexham Clinical Waste Treatment Facility (Incinerator) Marlborough Road , Wrexham Industrial Estate, WREXHAM, Clwyd, LL13 9RJ.

**Type of assessment carried out:** Report/Data Review, Reason: Routine.

On 27/04/2023.

Parts of permit assessed: monitoring returns

**NRW Lead Officer:** Rebecca Harwood.

**Report sent to:** Alan Rhodes, SHEQ Lead on 03/05/2023.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
E1 - Emissions - Air	C3 Minor	3.2.1
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G4 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales	Assessed (A)	
G1 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Monitoring of emissions and environment	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
3	12

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
E1	no further action - see text below	Already completed
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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.

#### You are non-compliant with your permit.

**At this time, we are issuing you with a warning for the non-compliance recorded above. Warnings may influence future enforcement response for continued or further non-compliance.**

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

This compliance assessment report follows a review of Q1 (January to March 2023) monitoring reports.

#### 1. Q1 CEMS monitoring

Monitoring data was received monthly from the Operator as previously agreed.

Condition 3.2.1 requires that emissions to air will not exceed levels set out in Table S3.1. Having reviewed the data submitted, the following ELV breaches have been identified for Q1.

Hydrogen Chloride - exceedances of the ½ hour average ELV of 60mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> were recorded on the 28 January and 24 February 2023. The exceedance detected on 24 February was a result of a lime dosing blockage and therefore constitutes abnormal operations. **The exceedance from the 28 January has been scored a category 3 breach of Condition 3.2.1.**

Hydrogen Chloride - an exceedance of the daily average of 10mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> was also recorded on 24 February 2023, however this was a result of a lime dosing blockage and therefore constitutes abnormal operations.

VOC - exceedances of the ½ hour average ELV of 20mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> were recorded on the 2 February, 22 February, 25 March 2023. **These have been scored a category 3 breach of Condition 3.2.1.** There were no exceedances of the daily average ELV of 10mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>.

Carbon monoxide - an exceedance of the 10 min average of 150mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> was recorded on 27 March 2023. **This has been scored a category 3 breach of Condition 3.2.1.** There were no exceedances of the daily average ELV of 50mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>.

Exceedances across the quarter have been consolidated per parameter.

There were no breaches of particulate matter, sulphur dioxide or NOX above the ELVs.

Notifications were received for the above exceedances in accordance with Condition 4.3.2. These cover the investigations relating to the exceedances and no further action is required at this time.

## **2. Bottom Ash & APC residues**

Bottom Ash and APC residues sampling was undertaken in accordance with Conditions 3.6.1 and Table S3.5. Ash composition for all quarters remained below the 3% TOC limit.

The recently revised permit states that Bottom Ash TOC results should be reported monthly, but it has been agreed with the Operator that this will be quarterly. If there is an exceedance this should be reported in accordance with Condition 4.3.1 (notifications).

Bottom ash analysis indicates elevated levels of lead compared to previous results. Copper results remain elevated and similar to Q4 2022 results.

Dioxin analysis in both the bottom ash and APC Residues is higher than recent previous results.

The permit variation also states that the reporting requirements for the performance parameters in Table 4.3 should be quarterly, this should be annually. This will be amended at the next permit variation.

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:

- offering or providing you with our literature or services relating to environmental matters
- 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](mailto: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](mailto:ask@ombudsman.wales)

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