

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0042058

Permit being assessed: DP3793VH.

For: Colin Richardson Recycling Centre, held by Colin Richardson

At: Caerleon, Newport, Gwent, NP18 1PQ.

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

On 30/06/2023 between 10:00 and 10:30.

Parts of permit assessed: 1, 2, 3 & 4

NRW Lead Officer: Jak Rose.

Report sent to: Colin Richardson, Operator on 03/07/2023.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
C1 - General Management - Staff competency/training	Action only (X)	
G4 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales	Action only (X)	
D1 - Incident Management - Site security	Assessed (A)	
F1 - Amenity - Odour	Assessed (A)	
F3 - Amenity - Dust/fibres/particulates and litter	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?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
C1	Appoint a TCM and send evidence of the approved competency certificate once qualification has been met.	30/11/2023
G4	Submit outstanding waste returns using the spreadsheet provided	29/09/2023

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

This compliance report details the site inspection conducted by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Officers on 30 June 2023 at: Lower Yard (Unit 13) Star Trading Estate, Ponthir Road, Caerleon, Newport, NP18 1PQ. Permit EPR- EPR-DP3793VH.

Waste Regulation Officer Jak ROSE arrived at 10:00 and met with Mr. Colin RICHARDSON, Operator. The previous site inspection was completed on 10th September 2019. The weather consisted of rain showers at the time of inspection. Officer ROSE did not detect any signs of odour at the time of inspection beyond the site boundary.

Site observations

Officer ROSE was unable to access the site due to Mr. RICHARDSON not having a set of keys for the padlock for the entrance gate. The site did appear to be secure with no risk of unauthorised access.

The site is currently non-operational with vast amounts of vegetation growing from the stockpiles. Officer ROSE was unable to identify the wastes due to the overgrown vegetation. The operator explained that the stockpiles consist mostly of soils, some of which has been processed and some that has not. The operator explained that the site has not been used for several years. It was noted on the previous inspection 2019 that the site was non-operational.



Photo 1 – taken from the entrance gates which were locked at the time of inspection
Technically Competent Manager (TCM)

There is currently no TCM in place for the site. As the permit is still active a TCM is required as part of the *General Management Conditions 1.1*.

It was suggested that Mr. RICHARDSON would be the nominated TCM due to him completing the initial qualifications. Officer ROSE will request evidence of the enrolment onto one of the courses. Once the qualification has been obtained, please send this to us for our records.

Action required: Appoint a TCM and send evidence of the approved competency certificate once qualification has been met.

Due date: 30 November 2023.

Waste Returns

There have been no waste returns submitted to NRW since 2016. This is a permit requirement as per *Reporting Conditions 4.2*.

Due to the site being non-operational for quite some time there has been no wastes

received to site or sent out. The operator is still required to submit 'null' returns while the permit remains active.

Action required: Submit outstanding waste returns using the spreadsheet provided.

Due date: 29 September 2023

Thank you for your time and I look forward to working with the site in the future.

Officer ROSE left site at 10:30.

If you have any issues with this report, please contact Waste Regulation Officer Jak Rose at jak.rose@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk.

In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resource Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012.

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.

We may also pass it on to our agents or representatives to do these things on our behalf.

Disclosure of information – this report will be available to view on-line

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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.

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