

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0042238

Permit being assessed: CB3237AP.

For: Gwynedd Skip And Plant Hire Ltd, held by Gwynedd Skip And Plant Hire Ltd

At: Lon Hen Felin, Cibyn Ind Est, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 2BD.

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

On 20/06/2023 between 14:00 and 14:35.

Parts of permit assessed: As below.

NRW Lead Officer: Leon Williams, accompanied by Donna Muirhead.

Report sent to: Huw Jones, Operations Manager on 03/08/2023.

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)	
C1 - General Management - Staff competency/training	Assessed (A)	
C3 - General Management - Materials acceptance	Assessed (A)	
C4 - General Management - Storage, handling labelling and Segregation	Assessed (A)	
G4 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales	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
A1	Please see suggested actions recorded in the text below.	28/09/2023

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

Routine site inspection conducted at Gwynedd Skip & Plant Hire Ltd on the 20 June 2023 by NRW Senior Waste Regulation Officer, Leon Williams and Waste Regulation Officer Donna Muirhead.

We were accompanied by the company's Operations Manager, Huw Jones.

This visit was a handover visit for Leon Williams who will now be the new Regulating Officer and contact for the site.

The weather was dry and sunny at the time of the inspection.

General Observations

A walk around the yard was undertaken with no issues noted.

Following recommendations made in 2022, the company continues to offer dumpy bags to customers to assist the segregation of gypsum and plasterboard type wastes.

Segregated plasterboard was observed stored in an appropriate bay away from the mixed waste streams.



A1 Specified by permit - Waste Sampling

We have been sent and reviewed testing results for fines and soil sampling undertaken at Gwynedd Skip & Plant Hire Limited's site in February and May 2023.

Evidence of testing parameters for arsenic, cadmium, chromium, hexavalent chromium, mercury, nickel, selenium, copper, lead, zinc, pH, total hydrocarbons (TPH), speciated polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), asbestos, total sulphate, and loss on ignition (LOI) have been provided.

ACTION: NRW would recommend further developing the July 2022 Interim Sampling Plan to include a table of baseline levels for the parameters above to assist staff in cross referencing sampling results to determine whether samples can be categorised as inert or hazardous.

ACTION: Confirm who which members of staff will be responsible for analysing sampling results as referenced in Section 3 of the July 2022 Interim Sampling Plan July 2022 and update plan.

ACTION: Consider how you will interpret your sulphate analysis results to determine the extent to which plasterboard contamination is entering mechanical treatment processes and update plan.

Section 6 of the July 2022 Gypsum Waste Procedure addresses the requirement to develop a staff training procedure for the management of gypsum and plasterboard wastes outlined in CAR_NRW0040041.

G4 Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales - Waste Returns

The 2022 waste returns submitted by Gwynedd Skip & Plant Hire Ltd have been reviewed with particular focus on EWC 170802 (gypsum based construction materials).

For this waste stream, the waste returns record that 602.88 tonnes were accepted and 655.96 tonnes were removed from site in 2022.

These figures provide evidence to indicate that gypsum and plasterboard wastes are being identified and segregated from mixed waste streams.

A1 Specified by Permit - Environmental Management System (EMS)

Following the site inspection on the 20 June 2023, a request was made for the sites current Environmental Management System (EMS) to be submitted for inspection.

Several documents were received via email on the 6 July 2023, these included procedures for:

- Baling
- Crushing and Screening
- MRF
- Shredding Tyres
- Waste Collection & Reception
- Waste Storage
- Waste Removal
- Dust
- Odour
- Emissions
- Maintenance and Contractor Control
- Spill Containment Plan

ACTION: Please ensure that the EMS contains a site plan which outlines any relevant discharge points, surface and foul drainage, locations of waste storage areas, oil

and chemical storage areas, sensitive and quarantine areas.

ACTION: Please also ensure that the EMS contains procedures concerning:

- A complaints system for incidents and non-conformances.
- A record of all competent persons employed by Gwynedd Skip & Plant Hire LTD.
- A accident procedure.
- A site security procedure.
- Accessibility to site records and permit.

Please see further guidance on the how to comply with your environmental permit document: [How to comply with your environmental permit \(naturalresources.wales\)](https://naturalresources.wales)

ACTION: Please consider whether a consolidated single document EMS would be more convenient to develop and maintain rather than multiple individual documents.

C1 Staff Competency / Training

A CIWM (WAMITAB) Level 4 Medium Risk Operator Competence for Non-Hazardous Waste Transfer and Treatment certificate dated the 7 March 2022 completed by Huw Jones has been received.

ACTION: Please ensure that any relevant additional technical competence certificates for staff employed by Gwynedd Skip & Plant Ltd are sent to NRW.

If you require any further clarification of the actions outlined in this report then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Diolch yn fawr

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In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resources 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

If you think this report contains commercially confidential information that should not be placed on our public register, you must contact your local Natural Resources Wales office within **fifteen working days** of receiving this report, using the contact details in the accompanying email or letter. You must give a full explanation of why it should not be added to our public register, including specifying which information is commercially confidential. We will assess your request and respond to you within 20 working days to let you know if we agree to your request.

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 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

Welsh Language Standards

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