

Application to change an environmental permit: Part C6 - new bespoke water discharge activity and groundwater (point source) activity

About you

Tell us the permit number for the environmental permit you want to change. The permit number may also be referred to as your 'consent number' or your 'authorisation number' in documents that have been issued before April 2010.

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Tell us who is making the application to change this permit.

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Last name: Austin

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Postcode: EC3V 0HR

Telephone:

Email:

Only the permit holder(s) or somebody authorised to act on their behalf can change the permit.

Are you the permit holder or somebody who is authorised to act on their behalf?

Yes

Is somebody completing this application on your behalf?

Tell us if you're using an agent or somebody else to complete this application on your behalf

Yes – I'm completing this application on behalf of somebody else

Agent or others acting on behalf of the applicant

Complete your details:

First name: Matthew

Last name: Dey

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email address:



1 Pre-application discussions

Did you have pre-applications discussions with Natural Resources Wales about this activity?

No

What do you need to change?

Complete one

I need to make technical changes to my permit

Tell us about your proposed technical change

There are three different types of technical change you can make to a permit: minor, normal and substantial.

Minor variation

For changes which need some technical input from NRW, for example applications to:
Reduce the volume of discharge where no review of existing substances or habitats assessment is required Normal Variation

For changes requiring technical input from NRW, for example applications to Change outlet location which requires a review of any existing substance or habitat assessment
Change the volume or the quality (or content) of a discharge and no new assessment of emission limits for specific substances is needed. Substantial variation

Where a significant assessment is required, including: Change the volume or change the quality of a discharge and a new assessment of emissions limits for specific substances is needed Specific substances are: Hazardous pollutants for water discharge activities

Hazardous substances or non-hazardous pollutants for groundwater activities
Please give us details of the proposed technical change in the box below:

Change in volume of discharge from 100m³/day to 250m³/day, no change in chemistry of discharge

What type of change is this?

Normal

Where will you be discharging?

Please complete

Site name Clogau St David's Gold Mine

Address Gold Mines of Wales (Operations) Ltd
Bontddu

Postcode LL40 2UP

Please provide the 12 character national grid reference of the location of your septic tank / sewage treatment plant. This consists of two letters followed by 10 numbers (for example AB 12345 67890)

To find out the 12 character grid reference, you can search on the UK grid reference finder website: <http://www.gridreferencefinder.com/>

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About the effluent

Give a brief description of the effluent discharge you want a permit for, for example, treated domestic sewage effluent.

Trade effluent consisting of abstracted mine flood waters via agreed discharge point

Give this effluent a unique name

This name will be used throughout the application and may be used in the permit to identify this effluent. If you have more than one effluent you must ensure that each name you use is distinct. For example, package sewage treatment plant effluent, septic tank effluent, cooling water, site drainage and so on.

Llechfraith dewatering discharge

Is this a release from a dam, weir or sluice ('reservoir release') under Schedule 21 of the EPR meaning of water discharge activity?

No

Tell us the effluent type:

You must fill in a separate copy of this form for each type of effluent you plan to discharge.

Trade – known volume (including process effluents, wash waters, close circuit cooling waters, boiler blowdown, filter backwash, pumped mine water)

Trade – known volume: How long will you need to discharge?

What date do you want the permit for this effluent to start?

You cannot discharge your effluent prior to this start date on your permit. This is the date that your annual subsistence charges will start, even if you have not started to discharge.

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For seasonal discharges which only occur for part of the year, tells us when the discharge will take place. Where a discharge will continue at a significantly lower rate over a period you should complete this question and also send in details of the seasonal variation. For example, campsites which are closed in winter but have a residual throughput from residential properties on site all year.

Will the discharge take place all year?

Yes

Will the discharge take place on more than six days in any year?

If you answer 'no' you must be able to comply with the requirement to discharge on six days or fewer in any year as this will be a permit condition. It would apply only to batch processes such as the emptying of fish rearing ponds or planned shutdowns of plant or equipment

Yes

Could your discharge from other premises be made to the foul sewer?

How far away is the nearest foul sewer from the boundary of the properties (in metres)?

You will need to check this with your sewerage undertaker (usually your local water company) and you may also need to check if it is possible to connect to a private foul sewer. Measure the shortest distance between the boundary of premises served by the private sewage treatment system and the nearest foul sewer and/or private sewer.

>1000m

Discharges from all other premises, for example a pub, cafe, restaurant or office

Divide the volume of the discharge (in cubic metres) by 0.75 and then multiply this figure by 30 metres

	Volume of discharge (in cubic metres)	Divided by 0.75	Multiplied by 30 metres
Your premises	250	187.5	5625

Is this distance you've calculated greater than the distance to the nearest foul sewer you've provided above?

Yes

Trade – known volume: How much do you want to discharge?

What is the maximum volume of effluent you will discharge in a day (in cubic metres)?

250

What is the maximum rate of discharge (in litres a second)?

2.89

Tell us how you have calculate this figure in the box below, or upload a copy of your workings in the next question.

We are currently pumping at 100m³/day and in part due to the heavy rains in July we are no longer dewatering, but simply maintaining a level. Therefore increasing the daily volume to 250m³/day would permit a dewatering value of the order of 150m³/day plus allow for the 100m³/day inflow we are seeing.

Tell us how you have calculated this figure by uploading a copy of your workings

- File: GMOW Dewatering Update.pdf - [Download](#)

Trade – known volume: How will the effluent be treated?

Do you treat your effluent?

Yes

Please fill in the table below for each stage of the treatments carried out on your effluent in the order in which they are carried out. . If you prefer, you can upload an overall design for the whole treatment process below

	Code number
First treatment	29 Settlement
Second treatment	-
Third treatment	-
Fourth treatment	-

Final effluent discharge quality

You must provide details of the final effluent discharge quality that the overall treatment system is designed to achieve. This should be after all the stages of treatment you have listed in the table above. For discharges of treated domestic sewage effluent this must include biochemical oxygen demand, suspended solids and ammonia. For trade effluent discharges, the substances should reflect the substances that are likely to be present in the final effluent discharge.

Please upload this and any supporting documents here.

- File: GMOW Treatment Information.pdf - [Download](#)

Trade – known volume: What will be in the effluent?

Are any 'specific substances' added to or present in the effluent as a result of the activities on the site?

You may add chemicals to the effluent during the treatment process; for example, iron salts to remove phosphate. Or you may have substances present in your effluent as a result of activities on your site; for example, chromium can be present in effluents from concrete batching plants.

No

Have any 'specific substances' been detected in samples of the effluent or in the sewerage catchment upstream of the discharge?

Yes

Are there any other harmful or hazardous substances in your effluent not mentioned in the environmental risk assessment guidance ?

The list in the environmental risk assessment guidance is not exhaustive and if you accept, add or detect any other harmful substance (including hazardous substances or relevant non-hazardous pollutants as described above) you will need to tell us.

Yes

If you have answered yes to either of the above two questions, please fill in the table below or upload further information on a separate sheet.

	Substance	Unit	Maximum concentration	Minimum concentration	Average concentration	Number of samples	Total or dissolved
	Cu	ug/L	<9	<9	<9	25	Dissolved
	Fe	ug/L	<20	<20	<20	25	Dissolved
	Zn	ug/L	<5	<5	<5	25	Dissolved
	As	ug/L	63	6.6	22.9	25	Total
	Al	ug/L	1830	<7.5	229	25	Total
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

You must also send us any information on samples that you may have

- File: GMOW Draft - H1 water discharges calcs spreadsheet v5.2.xlsx - [Download](#)

Give the maximum temperature of your discharge in degrees Celsius

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Trade – known volume: Monitoring arrangements

Please provide the 12 character national grid reference of the final effluent sample point.

This is the sample point used to assess compliance with any water quality emission limits on your permit. You must ensure that it allows a representative sample of the discharge to be obtained. You must also ensure that all constituents of the discharge pass through the sampling point at all times. The sample point can be where the effluent meets the receiving environment only in cases where no other effluent is added before this point. You must provide a permanent means of access to monitoring points.

A 12 character national grid reference consists of two letters followed by 10 numbers (for example AB 12345 67890). To find out the 12 character grid reference, you can search on the UK grid reference finder website: gridreferencefinder.com

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Do you have a UV disinfection efficacy monitoring point?

This type of monitoring point is only required for discharges that undergo some form of disinfection. For example, ozone or ultraviolet disinfection, membrane filtration etc.

No

What is the 12 character national grid reference of the flow monitoring point?

A 12 character national grid reference consists of two letters followed by 10 numbers (for example AB 12345 67890). To find out the 12 character grid reference, you can search on the UK grid reference finder website gridreferencefinder.com

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Does the flow monitor have an MCERTS certificate?

No

Your management systems

What management system will you provide for your regulated facility?

Own management system

I confirm that I have read the guidance and that my management system will meet NRW requirements.

Yes

Where will the effluent discharge to?

Where will the effluent discharge to?

Non-tidal river, stream or canal

Is this effluent discharged through more than one outlet?

Effluents are usually discharged to one location in one receiving environment. If your effluent will be discharged to more than one location within the same receiving environment, for example, two different discharge points on a non-tidal river, you can provide details of every discharge point on the next page.

If your effluent discharges to more than one location in a different receiving environment, for example, into land and to a non-tidal river you will need to select both receiving environments above and complete the relevant sections on the following pages.

No

Are there any other factors we need to take into account as part of your application?

Yes

If yes, please give details:

Other than requesting an increase in the daily discharge volume nothing else has changed from our existing permit

Discharges to non-tidal river, stream or canal

Give the discharge point a unique name For example, 'Outlet 1' (you must use this name to identify the discharge point on the plan), the national grid reference and the name of the watercourse, canal or the main watercourse it is a tributary of if you know it

	Discharge point name	National grid reference	Watercourse name	Name of effluent discharged through this discharge point
1	Treated water	SH 66 19	Afon Cwm Llechen	Pumped water
2	-	-	-	-
3	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-

Is the discharge into a

Non-tidal river

Does the discharge reach the watercourse or canal by flowing through a surface water sewer?

No

Does the watercourse dry up for part of the year?

Effluent should discharge to watercourses which flow all year. Discharging to a dry watercourse may cause the effluent to pond and cause other environmental or amenity issues"

No

Environmental risk assessment and modelling

Have you carried out any river quality modelling? Read the 'Surface water pollution risk assessment for your environmental permit' guidance available on Gov.UK to determine if you need to provide this modelling.

Yes

Upload details of how the modelling was carried out and the outcome of the assessment.

- File: GMOW Draft - H1 water discharges calcs spreadsheet v5.2.xlsx - [Download](#)

Site plan

If the changes you're making involve moving outlets or updating grid references for your activities, you will need to provide an updates site plan.

The site plan should be A4 in size or larger, and at 1:10,00 scale or larger.

On your plan you must show: which direction North is; the premises discharging effluent; the site in relation to the local area; any watercourses, wells, springs or boreholes on the site (or within 50 metres); the location of the wastewater treatment system all outlets where effluent will be discharged into the receiving environment; where samples of effluent can be taken automatically or manually (if required); where flow or quality will be measured (if required).

You may submit more than one plan if necessary.

Please upload your plan(s) below

- File: GMOW Site Layout.pdf - [Download](#)

How do you want to pay?

If a new contact, please provide details:

Title -

First name Sarah

Last name Potter

Address 6th Floor, 60 Gracechurch Street, London

Postcode EC3V OHR

Telephone [REDACTED]

Email address [REDACTED]

How do you want to pay for your application fee?

Electronic transfer (e.g. BACS)

Paying by electronic transfer

Please provide your reference for the payment.

Payment reference: [REDACTED]

Amount paid: [REDACTED]

How we collect your personal data

We will process the information provided by you in line with the Data Protection legislation.

For more information on how we manage, store and use your data, see our [Privacy Notice](#) (opens in new tab)

I have read and understood this information

Freedom of Information

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, anybody may request information from a public authority. The Act grants two statutory rights: to be told if the public authority holds that information; and if so, to have that information communicated to you.

Find out how to request information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I have read and understood this information

Confidentiality and National Security

We will normally put all the information in your application on a public register of environmental information. However, we may not include certain information in the public register if this is in the interests of national security, or because the information is confidential. Confidential information is information that is commercially or industrially confidential in relation to any person and is unlikely to be applicable for small-scale sewage discharges.

You can ask for information in the public register to be made confidential or withheld in the interests of national security by answering the question below and provide information on the next page giving your reasons. If we agree with your request, we will tell you and not include the information in the public register. If we do not agree with your request, we will let you know how to appeal against our decision, or you can withdraw your application.

Do you believe that for reasons of confidentiality or national security your details should not be included on the public register?

No

Declaration

If you knowingly or recklessly make a statement which is false or misleading to help you get an environmental permit (for yourself or another person), you are committing an offence under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

I declare that the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that this application may be refused or approval withdrawn if I give false or incomplete information.

I understand that if I knowingly or recklessly make a false or misleading statement: I may be prosecuted; and if convicted, I may have to pay a fine and/or go to prison.

By signing below, you are confirming that you understand and agree with the declaration above.

Title	-
First name	George
Last name	Frangeskides
On behalf of (if applicable)	GMOW (OPERATIONS) LIMITED
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	03/08/2023

Submit your application

Enter the email address you'd like a copy of your application sent to:

[REDACTED]