

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0042979

Permit being assessed: CB3297HZ.

For: Carmarthen Metal Recycling, held by Airfield Metals Limited

At: Cillefwr Road West, Cillefwr Industrial Estate, Johnstown, Carmarthen, SA31 3RB.

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

On 06/12/2023 between 11:30 and 12:15.

Parts of permit assessed: Operations, waste storage and infrastructure

NRW Lead Officer: David Ellar.

Report sent to: Nening Jones, Director on 11/12/2023.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
B4 - Infrastructure - Containment of stored materials	C3 Minor	2.3 table 2.3 (1)
B3 - Infrastructure - Site drainage engineering (clean and foul)	C3 Minor	2.3 table 2.3 5b
A1 - Specified by permit	Assessed (A)	
D1 - Incident Management - Site security	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	8

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
B4	Move ELV's to impermeable surface with sealed drainage system	31/12/2023
B3	Maintain impermeable surface in line with permit conditions.	29/02/2024

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

A routine, unannounced visit was made by David Ellar (NRW) on the 06 December 2023. During the visit NRW officer was accompanied around the site by the site manager Albert. The weather was fine and dry.

During the inspection the following observations were made:

Storage of waste:

The site was fairly quiet and on the most part organised and well managed. There were piles of ferrous and nonferrous metal stored on the impermeable surface. There were some empty skips and some steel racking stored on the hard standing. Several vehicles were parked on the hard standing but at least 2 of these would be classed as ELV as they had been partially crushed.

Impermeable surface:

Much of the impermeable surface was worn and in need of maintenance.

TCM:

Our records show Gareth Danter-Hill is current Technically Competent Manger for the site.

Permit Breaches:

ELV storage:

At least 2 undepolluted End of Life Vehicles (ELV) were seen stored on the hardstanding and not on the impermeable surface. Section 2.3, table 2.3 (1) of the permit states that ELV must be stored on an impermeable pavement with a sealed drainage system. **This is a breach of permit and has been recorded as a Category 3 non-compliance.**

Action: Move all undepolluted ELV to the impermeable pad.

A photo showing ELV stored off the impermeable pavement can be seen here:

**Impermeable pavement:**

The impermeable pavement was seen to be damaged in several areas and in need of maintenance. Albert said he was aware of the issue and plans were in place to maintain, improve and expand the pad. Section 2.3, table 2.3 (5) (b) states: a drainage system which discharges to surface water or to groundwater and is designed, constructed and maintained so discharged run-off does not adversely impact the water quality of receiving water bodies, both during construction and when operational. The impermeable pavement has not been maintained in accordance with this and is in need of maintenance. **This is a breach of permit and has been recorded as a Category 3 non-compliance.**

Action: The impermeable pavement must be repaired and maintained. Please contact NRW detailing plans of how and when the pad maintenance improvements will be put in place.

Photographs showing ELV damage to the impermeable pavement can be seen here:



Thank you for your time during the visit.

Ends.

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

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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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