

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0042953

**Permit being assessed:** AN0401301

For: NEWPORT WASTE DISPOSAL SITE NPT, held by ENVIRONMENT MANAGER

At: PHASE 2, NEWPORT WASTE DISPOSAL SITE, DOCKSWAY, NEWPORT, NP20 2NS.

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

On 09/11/2023, between 10:00 and 11:30.

Parts of permit assessed: Site Operations

**NRW Lead Officer:** Gavin Dodd.

**Report sent to:** Robert Hughes , Landfill Team Manager , on 19/12/2023.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR3A - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water, air or land	Assessed (A)	
IR3E - Emissions and monitoring - Monitoring	Assessed (A)	

Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

### 2. What action is required?

No action required.

### 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

#### Site Report

I (Environment Officer Gavin Dodd) arrived at the Newport Waste Disposal site on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10:00 to conduct an inspection regarding a discharge of trade effluent consisting of site drainage from premises at Phase 2 Newport Waste Disposal Site to the Tidal River Ebbw (Permit Number AN0401301). Landfill Team Manager Robert Hughes was also present and I was accompanied to the discharge point by Monitoring

Technician Luke Embrey.

As per the permit, the discharge was to consist solely of trade effluent consisting of site drainage. We first went to the location marked 'sample point' on the permit. Mr Embrey confirmed that this is where he collected the monthly samples for analysis. The sample point consisted of an outfall set within a headwall. At the time of the inspection, the discharge from the outfall was constant. The discharge itself appeared to be clear water, with no visible oil or grease present. There was no odour in the area around the outfall.



*Figure 1: Discharge clear as it passes through sample point*

The water around the outfall was also clear. There was some debris present around the outfall (predominantly plastic bottles) but it wasn't clear if this had come from the outfall or had been washed up by the Ebbw. As the discharge left the sample point, it flowed along a channel before entering the Ebbw at the consent point specified on the permit. It was not possible to examine the discharge at the consent point as there was no safe access, though the discharge appeared clear as it flowed towards the river and the Ebbw itself was the same colour upstream and downstream of the consent point.



*Figure 2: View of the Ebbw from the consent point*

I asked technician Luke Embrey to provide me with the sampling results for the discharge as I could not assess condition 1.5-Composition while on site. The inspection concluded at 11:30. The last year's worth of results were later checked and determined to be in compliance.

**Contact details:**

If you have any queries regarding this CAR form , please contact me using the following details: Gavin Dodd, Environment Officer, [gavin.dodd@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:gavin.dodd@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk), 03000 65 3193.

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 to 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
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property

### If your assessment result in Section 1 is suspended, what does this mean?

In line with our guidance, we may suspend non-compliance for up to six months to allow time for remedial action to be taken. These will be re-instated if the action is not completed.

**Full list of water quality action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):****WQ A: Management**

- WQ-A1 General management

**WQ B: Operations**

- WQ-B1 Permitted activities
- WQ-B2 The site
- WQ-B3 Operating techniques
- WQ-B4 Improvement programme
- WQ-B5 Pre-operational conditions

**WQ C: Emissions and monitoring**

- WQ-C1 Emissions to water
- WQ-C2 Emissions to land
- WQ-C3 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- WQ-C4 Installation of monitoring boreholes

**WQ D: Information**

- WQ-D1 Records
- WQ-D2 Reporting
- WQ-D3 Notifications

**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).

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- 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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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.

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