

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0042905

Permit being assessed: AB3092FR.

For: Llantrisant Recycling, held by Llantrisant Recycling Centre Limited

At: Llantrisant Recycling, Pantybrad Lane, Llantrisant, Pontyclun, CF72 8YY.

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

On 31/05/2023 between 14:35 and 15:30.

Parts of permit assessed: All

NRW Lead Officer: Amy Bailey, accompanied by Laoni Tye.

Report sent to: Tom Prichard and George Harvey, Director and TCM on 21/12/2023.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
G2 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Records of activity, site diary/journal/events	C3 Minor	4.1.2

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

Total number of non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
1	4

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
G2	Please ensure that site records, plans and management system are kept in the manner specified in the permit and are available to view on site at all times	02/06/2023

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

Issued 30.11.2023, Amended 21.12.2023

Introduction

Waste Regulation Officer's Amy Bailey and Laoni Tye attended the permitted facility of Llantrisant Recycling Centre, Pantbrad Lane, Llantrisant, Pontyclun, CF72 8YY on the 31st of May 2023, arriving at 14:35. This was an unannounced site inspection with Sophie Arguile, the Senior Account Manager for Agriculture of NSF International. We met with Site Manager Howard Oakes and Technically Competent Manager, George Harvey.

The purpose of the joint inspection was to review site improvements and a non-compliance for compost quality identified during the 12 May 2023 inspection.

Actions are ongoing from the inspection on the 12 May 2023 and outlined in CAR_NRW0041920 issued 14th July 2023.

Throughout the duration of the inspection the weather was fine and dry.

The odour from site was perceived to be minimal and was not identified outside of the permit boundary.

Compost

Officers were taken to the bay where the quarantined material was being stored.

Officers reminded George Harvey and Howard Oakes that the material is still considered a waste.

George Harvey explained that as per the action in CAR_NRW0041920, the contamination had been investigated and was deemed to be staff error, misplacing material. George Harvey explained that further staff training would be implemented to avoid this happening again in the future.



Water run off

As witnessed on the previous inspection, run off was emanating from the treated wood waste and street sweepings bays and entering the area designated for the composting process. George Harvey informed officers that pressure of the water cannons on site would be reduced and a bund would be installed to prevent run off. This forms part of the ongoing actions from CAR form issued on the 14th of July 2023.

Paperwork

G2 Records of activity, site diary/journal/events- Category 3 breach. Permit condition 4.1.2

You have been given this category 3 breach under the above condition because during our inspection, officers requested a drainage plan and odour management records, but these were not available to access on site.

Permit condition 4.1.2 states 'The operator shall keep on site all records, plans and the management system required to be maintained by this permit, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales'

Action Required: Please ensure that site records, plans and management system are kept in the manner specified in the permit and are available to view on site at all times

We wish to thank you for your time during the visit.

If you have any queries regarding this Compliance Assessment Report, please contact regulatory officer Amy Bailey on 0300 065 3000, or via email at Amy.bailey@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

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.

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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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