

Mrs Janet Jones - The Company Secretary  
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**Our ref: EPR/AB3233DW**

**Date: 16/01/2020**

Dear Madam

**Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 Permit Review  
Request for information**

**Permit reference: EPR/AB3233DW**  
**Operator: GP Biotec Limited**  
**Facility: Great Porthamel Anaerobic Digestion Plant, Great Porthamel,  
Brecon, Powys, LD3 0DL**

In April 2019 we wrote to you advising of Natural Resources Wales statutory requirement to review your permit, following the publication of the revised Best Available Techniques (BAT) Reference Document (BRef) for Waste Treatment. Our letter and accompanying Notice set out the information we required from you in order to be able to carry out that review.

On 18 September 2019 we received a response from you to the above request. This response did not provide sufficient information to items 1 to 6 of the Reg 61 Notice. Your response is now overdue. You must confirm whether or not you currently comply with the regulations against each BAT Conclusion; provide a description of the techniques in place and how they meet each standard; or describe how and by when you intend to comply with each BAT Conclusion. Where you believe a BAT Conclusion is not applicable to your site you must state this within your response. Failure to comply with this notice without reasonable excuse is an offence under Regulation 38(4)(a) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016, and may lead to legal action being taken against you. If we do not receive any further information NRW will proceed to issue an updated IED permit with appropriate conditions in place, based on the limited information available to us. Please note this may result in stricter permit conditions and emission limits than may be necessary.

The original information notice issued under Regulation 61(1) of The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 is enclosed for your information.

In your response you have not:

- provided sufficient information to determine whether or not you comply with each BAT Conclusion;
- in some instances the BAT Conclusion numbers and descriptions used in the response do not appear to correlate to the relevant BAT Conclusions. Please ensure this is corrected when responding to this request for further information. A template excel spreadsheet is attached summarising all BAT Conclusions. This can be used, in conjunction with information and descriptions of techniques and applicability of BAT Conclusions provided in the BREF document itself, to order your responses accordingly.

- limited, and in some instances no information, is provided in responses against each BAT Conclusion
- for BAT 1, the Environmental Management System for the installation needs to incorporate all relevant points in BAT 1 to ensure compliance. Please provide further information on how you meet each feature listed in BAT 1.

We require you to submit a full assessment, ensuring that it clearly lists each individual BAT Conclusion, and states whether or not you currently comply with the requirements of each BAT Conclusion, including any associated emission levels. A description of the techniques in place (in line with those as described in the BAT Conclusions and wider BAT Reference Document itself which provides further detail) should be provided along with details of how they meet the standards. The response should also include details on how you intend to meet the standards before the 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022.

You have not provided a copy of the current Opra Profile See request 5 of the Notice.

In addition, where you use, produce or release hazardous substances, as defined in Article 3(18) of the Industrial Emissions Directive, you will need to complete a risk assessment considering the possibility of soil and groundwater contamination at the installation with such substances. Where any risk of such contamination is established, you will need to take the action specified in the Notice. Insufficient information has been provided. See request 6 of the Notice.

Where the information specified in the Notice has been previously submitted to and accepted by Natural Resources Wales, and where this remains current and valid, then it will not need to be submitted again. However, you will need to state this in your submission, specifying the nature of the information and the date it was submitted.

The requirements of the Reg 61 Notice dated the 4th April 2019 have not been fulfilled, please provide all outstanding information within 3 weeks of the date of this letter. If for any reason the missing information can not be provided within this timeframe please contact Claire Goddard via email: [claire.goddard@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:claire.goddard@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk) or speak to your regulatory officer.

Yours sincerely

**Claire Goddard MSc BSc (Hons)**

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