

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0043261

Permit being assessed: XP3436SY.

For: Bryn Pica Generation Plant EA/EPR/XP3436SY/V005, **held by:** Novera Energy Generation No 2 Limited

At: Bryn Pica Landfill Site , Llwydcoed, Aberdare, Rhondda Cynon Taf, CF44 0BX.

Type of assessment: Report/Data Review,

Reason: Routine.

On: 30/01/2024.

Parts of permit assessed: Annual Reports.

NRW Lead Officer: Mostyn Wall.

Report sent to: Sam Morris, Compliance Engineer, on 30/01/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR4B - Information - Reporting	Assessed (A)	

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
0	0

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?

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

Infinis submitted the annual report for Bryn Pica Gas Utilisation Plant on the 19.01.2024.

The report included the performance indicators, environmental performance indicators, energy, raw materials assessment, waste minimisation review and fugitive emissions review.

No fugitive emissions were reported in 2023.

The performance parameters showed lower gas utilized in 2023 due to lower waste volumes being delivered to the landfill. Gas engine downtime in 2023 was 594 hours (24.75 days) while the flare was operational for 695 hours (29 days).

The tables below detail the performance and environmental performance indicators.

Annual Reporting of Other Performance Indicators		
Installation:	Bryn Pica Landfill Gas Utilisation Plant	Permit Reference: XP3436SY
Parameter	Jan - Dec 2023	Units
Flare operation hours	695	hrs
Gas engine downtime hours	594	hrs
Gas engine operation hours	8,166	hrs
Volume of LFG utilised	3,349,558	m3 (treated by engines)

Operator's Comments:
Only one engine remains. Gas utilised has decreased in 2023 compared to 2022 due to lower waste volumes being delivered on site.

Reporting of Performance Indicators (Form Ref: PI1)		
Installation:	Bryn Pica Landfill Gas Utilisation Plant	Permit Reference: XP3436SY

Annual Production/Treatment (MWh)	Jan - Dec 2023
Total production of energy	6184

Environmental Performance Indicators (Schedule 3: Table S3)				
Parameter	Annual Average Jan - Dec 2023	Units	Trends in Environmental Performance	
			2021	2022
Total oxides of nitrogen (expressed as NO ₂) emission	1.9	Kg/MWh	2.1	1.9
Total carbon monoxide emission	4.7	Kg/MWh	4.0	4.3
Total engine downtime (downtime hrs/available operation time in hrs)	7.3	%	3.4	6.4

Energy (Schedule 3: Table S3)					
Reporting period	Energy Imported (Primary Energy Usage) (MWh)	Parasitic (MWh)	Energy Exported (MWh)	Energy Used on Site (MWh)	Site Efficiency
Jan - Dec 2023	13.1	247	5388	260	22.4

Site efficiency has been calculated as follows: (Engine efficiency (%) x (gas to generation/total gas) x (power export / (power generation + imported power)). This calculation method has been revised since the previous years' reports as it is considered to more accurately reflect the overall energy efficiency at the site

The annual report is compliant with the permit.

END.

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.

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

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 compliance criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

1. Management

- IR1A – General management
- IR1B – Finance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR1C – Energy efficiency
- IR1D - Efficient use of raw materials
- IR1E - Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities
- IR1F - Multiple operator installations

2. Operations

- IR2A – Permitted activities
- IR2B – The site
- IR2C – Operating techniques
- IR2D – Technical requirements
- IR2E – Improvement programme
- IR2F – Pre-operational conditions
- IR2G – Landfill engineering (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2H – Waste acceptance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2I – Leachate levels (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2J – Closure and aftercare (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2K – Landfill gas management (only applicable to Landfill)

3. Emission and Monitoring

- IR3A – Emissions to water, air or land
- IR3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- IR3C – Odour
- IR3D – Noise and vibration
- IR3E – Monitoring
- IR3F – Pests
- IR3G – Air quality management plans
- IR3H – Monitoring for the purposes of the Industrial Emissions Directive (this heading includes Large Combustion Plants)
- IR3I – Fire

4. Information

- IR4A – Records
- IR4B – Reporting
- IR4C – Notification

Enforcement response

Any non-compliance with a permit condition 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 to 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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