

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0042943

Permit being assessed: AN0237001

For: CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT WAUN-Y-POUN, held by HANSON AGGREGATES
At: CONCRETE BATCHING PLANT, WAUN-Y-POUND INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, EBBW VALE, BLAENAU GWENT, NP23 6PL.

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

On 05/12/2023, between 10:20 and 11:00.

Parts of permit assessed: All Permit

NRW Lead Officer: Gavin Summerhill.

Report sent to: Ryan Sturgess, Manager, on 05/02/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-C1 - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	Action only (X)	

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-C1	Waste transfer notes and maintenance logs for the last 12 months need to be submitted.	05/04/2024

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

Site Report

On Tuesday 5th December 2023 I visited Concrete Batching, Waun-Y-Pound Industrial Estate, Ebbw Vale to carry out a permit inspection on their Trade Effluent Plant. Permit Number AN0237001. I arrived on site at 10.20. The weather conditions were dry, cold and foggy. My Site inspection commenced at 10.25.

Observations

I proceeded to identify the location of the Trade Effluent Plant . Please see Photo 1 below.

Trade Effluent Plant (Photo 1)



After identifying the location of the Trade Effluent Plant I checked the sample point location at NGR SO 15555 1055. I confirmed that this was accurate as stipulated by the permit. Please see Photos 2 and 3 below.

Sample Point (Photo 2)



Sample Point NGR (Photo 3)



I visually checked the 3 stages of treatment of the Trade Effluent Plant and confirmed that the plant was operating as designed. Please see Photo 4 below.

Plant operating as designed (Photo 4)



At this point I had a conversation with Nigel Gale (Plant Supervisor) regarding the day to day running of the plant. Mr Gale advised the site has a chamber that surface water is swept into and that this chamber is emptied/pumped out/desludged on a weekly basis. Mr Gale also advised that a road sweeper attends site on a weekly basis. Please see Photo 5 below.

Surface Water Chamber (Photo 5)



I continued my conversation with Mr Gale and asked to see the storage location of any liquids or chemicals on site. I confirmed that all liquids/chemicals were stored in a safe and correct manner within a bunded area. Please see Photo 6 below.

Storage location of Liquids/Chemicals (Photo 6)



I asked Mr Gale if it was possible to see or be sent paperwork with regards to maintenance schedules/logs, waste transfer notes, incident reports. Mr Gale advised that Ryan Sturgess (Manager) deals with the paperwork side. Mr Gale provided Mr Sturgess contact details.

I then proceeded to check the discharge point at NGR SO 1565 1081. Discharge via a pipe to an unnamed tributary of the river Ebbw. I confirmed the discharge point was accurate and that the tributary showed no signs of pollution. The water was clear with no odours present. Please see Photo 7 below.

Discharge Point (Photo 7)

**Action required by date specified:**

- Waste transfer notes and maintenance logs need to be submitted.

The above actions are required by the 5th April 2024.

Contact details:

If you have any queries regarding this CAR form or to provide an update on any actions above, please contact me using the following details:

Gavin Summerhill (Environment Officer)

gavin.summerhill@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

If we do not receive the information requested within specified deadline and have not been informed as to why there is a delay then we may serve a Regulation 60 Notice requiring the information under Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

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).

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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What do I do if I disagree with the report or have a complaint?

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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