

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0043390

Permit being assessed: BM3965IA.

For: Broughton Aircraft Factory EPR/BM3965IA, **held by:** Airbus UK

At: CHESTER ROAD BROUGHTON , CHESTER, CHESTER, CH4 0DR.

Type of assessment: Report/Data Review,

Reason: Routine.

On: 31/12/2023.

Parts of permit assessed: SEE NOTES (Section 4).

NRW Lead Officer: Victoria Griffin.

Report sent to: Claire Powell, Head of EHS, on 15/02/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR3A - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water, air or land	Assessed (A)	
IR3E - Emissions and monitoring - Monitoring	Assessed (A)	
IR3H - Emissions and monitoring - Monitoring for the purposes of the Industrial Emissions Directive (includes LCP)	Assessed (A)	
IR4A - Information - Records	Assessed (A)	
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

This Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) has been generated by the Natural Resources Wales (NRW) regulating officer to comment upon the 2023 Annual Performance Report and Annual Monitoring Returns.

1. Annual Performance

The Annual Performance Report was submitted via email to NRW on 26/01/24 in accordance with Condition 4.2.2. The annual report has been reviewed and the following salient points noted:

- During 2023 manufacturing output (by mass) was increased by 2.84% compared to 2022. Airbus Broughton built 5945.7 tonnes of finished product, compared with 5781.27 tonnes in 2022.
- Total waste production decreased by 8% based on 2022 and 2023 data. Non-recycled waste also decreased from 25% in 2022 to 21.2% in 2023. The Operator attributes the decrease in total waste in 2023 compared to 2022 to performance improvements, company strategy and project implementation.
- A substantial decrease in energy consumption by 22.74%, equating to a reduction in 5,752 tonnes of carbon dioxide (CO₂), based on 2022 and 2023 data. The Operator attributes the reduction in part to reduced usage of Combined Heat and Power (CHP) and site wide LED lighting installation.
- Volatile organic compound (VOC) usage decreased by 16.69% in absolute terms when compared to 2022 data. The decrease is linked to the implementation of VOC reduction projects.
- Water consumption decreased by 6.6% (8568m³ reduction) in absolute terms when compared to 2022 data. The decrease is linked to several completed projects including sprinkler tank lining replacement and a reverse osmosis system being installed.

2. Air Emission Monitoring

Air emission monitoring returns were submitted to NRW via email on 26/01/24 in accordance with Condition 4.2.2.

An air emission monitoring survey for oxides of nitrogen (as NO_x), as required Condition 3.5 and Table S 3.1 of the Permit, was undertaken between 01 and 30 January 2023. All emission points were within the respective permitted limits.

3. A Solvent Management Plan

A Solvent Management Plan was submitted to NRW via email on 26/01/24. The solvent management plan summarises a number of VOC reduction initiatives introduced /continued during 2023. The 2023 Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) reduction scheme targets shows the following:

- Coating Activities VOC (gross) was 38.47 tonnes, this equates to 40.2% of the 95.71 tonne target.
- VOC waste was 0.02 tonnes.
- Coating Activities VOC (net) was 38.44 tonnes, which equates to 40.17% of the target.
- VOC emissions from coating activities, were significantly below the IED target value.

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.

We may also pass it on to our agents or representatives to do these things on our behalf.

Disclosure of information – this report will be available to view on-line

If you think this report contains commercially confidential information that should not be placed on our public register, you must contact your local Natural Resources Wales office within **fifteen working days** of receiving this report, using the contact details in the accompanying email or letter. You must give a full explanation of why it should not be added to our public register, including specifying which information is commercially confidential. We will assess your request and respond to you within twenty working days to let you know if we agree to your request.

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 to 18:00), or email enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk for details of how to raise your dispute further through our Complaints and Commendations procedure.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you can contact the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales by phone on 0300 7900203 or by email at ask@ombudsman.wales

Welsh Language Standards

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