

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0043514

Permit being assessed: RP3733PC.

For: Trecatti Landfill, **held by:** Biffa Waste Services Ltd

At: Trecatti Landfill Site, Fochriw Road, Merthyr Tydfil, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 4AB.

Type of assessment: Report/Data Review,

Reason: Routine.

On: 20/02/2024.

Parts of permit assessed: Annual Report.

NRW Lead Officer: Tyrone Ward.

Report sent to: Simon Milford, Site Manager, on 20/02/2024.

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	C3 Minor	3.1.2
IR2I - Operations - Leachate levels (only applicable to landfill)	C3 Minor	2.8.1
IR3A - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water, air or land	C3 Minor	3.1.7
IR4B - Information - Reporting	Assessed (A)	
IR4C - Information - Notification	Assessed (A)	
IR2G - Operations - Landfill engineering (only applicable to landfill)	Assessed (A)	

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
3	12

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
IR3A	Return to permit limits	30/04/2024

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
IR2I	Return to permit limits	30/04/2024
IR3A	Return to permit limits	30/04/2024

Compliance 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

Annual Report 2023 received and reviewed.

Monitoring data

Surface water

Sampling point SWA was over compliance limits in both September and October. Breaches of pH, SS and NH₃-N are considered minor non-compliances.

Leachate

Leachate levels in LW1, LW4, LW5, LW6, LW7 and LW8 were non-compliant during the course of 2023. However leachate levels have improved over the year with the increased levels being attributed to the well's location within the operational site and infrastructure pumping being suspended. Noted that the leachate treatment plant continues to run with similar volumes treated compared with last year. Permit breaches are considered minor non-compliances.

Sewer data

During this period 107,816 m³ of treated leachate was discharged to the sewer. All parameters were compliant.

Groundwater

Groundwater levels throughout 2023 are reported to show little variation. The slight level increase recorded towards the last quarter could be seasonal fluctuations. We have also discussed how groundwater levels could be influenced by the neighbouring quarry which have ceased groundwater extraction, and how this may need further investigation in order to understand the impact they may have on the site going forward.

In relation to groundwater quality, GW1, GW2 and GW12 have permit limits. Parameters were compliant during the reporting period. Site investigations have shown that GW5, GW7, GW9, GW10, GW11 and GW13 currently have very low groundwater levels and slow recharge rates and therefore cannot be sampled. Refer to section 4 of Annual Report for further details.

Perimeter landfill gas

There were several exceedances of permit limits in perimeter borehole 22 during 2023. Boreholes 4 and 7 also exceeded limits. These breaches are considered a minor non-compliance.

Dust & PM10

Whilst PM10 results were compliant for the reporting period, deposited dust results from April show elevated levels of dust at station D3 (on the SE boundary) It has previously been raised that an off-site source may be contributing to deposited dust levels, PM10 levels were compliant at the same time of sampling.

Topographical survey

Drawing title *Settlement January 23 -January 24 ref T3063101* received and reviewed.

Other items

Schedule 6 Notifications were also received separately for the above permit breaches. These have been reviewed, and considered as part of the site annual report.

Engine Emissions - monitoring data for 2023 received and reviewed. All parameters were compliant.

Validation Report for *Construction Of Sidewall Engineering 2023 Document Reference: BF5081/05/01 Nov 2023* received and reviewed. We are now satisfied with the proposal.

Review of complaints - one single complaint made in relation to the site during 2023.

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.

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- providing public register information to enquirers
- investigating possible breaches of environmental law
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving our service
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