

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0043644

Permit being assessed: CP3735PB.

For: Nantycaws Landfill EPR/CP3735PB, **held by:** CWM Environmental Ltd

At: Nantycaws Landfill Site Llanddarog Road , Nantycaws, Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire, SA32 8BG.

Type of assessment: Report/Data Review,

Reason: Routine.

On: 31/12/2023.

Parts of permit assessed: Annual Report Submission.

NRW Lead Officer: Benjamin Taylor.

Report sent to: Darren Sanders, Composting and Landfill Site Manager, on 28/02/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR4B - Information - Reporting	C3 Minor	Permit Condition 4.2.1.

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
1	4

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
IR4B	Review your annual monitoring regime and ensure all information is submitted within the agreed timeframes, as specified within your EPR permit.	31/01/2025

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

Introduction

This Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) is an assessment of the annual submission for Nantycaws Landfill, which was provided by CWM Environmental (the Operator) covering the 2023 period.

Scope

The Operator provided the following reports and information which facilitated the generation of this Compliance Assessment Report (CAR):

- Nantycaws Landfill Site Annual Compliance Report 2023.
- Email Submissions.

2023 Annual Submission

The Operator submitted the *Nantycaws Landfill Site Annual Compliance Report 2023* on the 2nd of February 2024, this fulfilled the requirements outlined by permit condition 4.2.1a. NRW have not compliance assessed this report. However, we note the recommendations in Section 6.2 (shown below), which should be implemented and reported on.

- *'Monitoring locations SW203, UD2 and NACW227 should be investigated to assess the causes for these drying up. These locations should be reinstated if required and/or possible.'*
- *'The detection limits for dichloromethane, MCPP, diethyl phthalate and 4-methylphenol should be investigated with the laboratory to confirm if there is any scope for reducing the detection limit of these determinants closer to the compliance limit for the Site.'*
- *'An investigation to confirm assumptions regarding natural cadmium ranges in groundwater could be implemented; and'*
- *'Implementation of recommendations made in the updated HRA in 2024 regarding any modification of the Site Permit and EMMP in the context of the monitoring information obtained.'*

Furthermore, the Operator provided email submissions on the 1st of February 2024 which contained

the following information:

EMS Objectives & Targets

Project/Description	Aspect	Targets & Deadline(s)	Completed (YES/NO)
Renewable Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Efficiency Renewable Energy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce a feasibility study for renewable energy projects at Nantycaws. 1. Solar farm 2. Additional Wind Turbine 3. Sourcing alternative power supply to power the landfill pump requirements – mains electric or renewable energy provided by site. 4. Explore feasibility to utilize landfill gas onsite 5. Explore feasibility to construct a leachate treatment facility onsite • • Target Date: December 2024 	<p>YES</p> <p>Deferred to 2025</p> <p>Deferred to 2025</p> <p>Deferred to 2024</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>In progress</p>

The Operator provided the following objectives pertinent to permit condition 4.2.1b.

Energy Consumption

The Operator provided information that fulfilled requirements outlined by permit condition 4.2.1c.

Annual Production/Treatment

The Operator provided information that fulfilled requirements outlined by permit condition 4.2.1d.

Contamination/Decontamination

The Operator has not provided any information regarding this requirement, this is contrary to permit condition 4.2.1e.

Topographical Survey, Volumetric Difference Survey, Settlement Survey & Remaining Capacity

The Operator has not provided any information regarding these requirements. It was reported by the Operator to be the result of adverse weather throughout November/December, which impeded the ability for surveying to be carried out. Failure to report is contrary to permit condition 4.2.1f, 4.2.1g, 4.2.1h and 4.2.1i.

Compliance Testing

The Operator provided information that fulfilled requirements outlined by permit condition 4.2.1j.

Compliance:

The Operator failed to provide information pertinent to permit conditions 4.2.1e, 4.2.1f, 4.2.1g, 4.2.1h and 4.2.1i, as a result a non-compliance score of C3 has been attributed against criteria IR4B – Reporting.

Action:

Review your annual monitoring regime and ensure all information is submitted within the agreed timeframes, as specified within your EPR permit.

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

We are committed to establishing Natural Resources Wales as a naturally bilingual organisation. We will provide compliance reports in your preferred language.