

Our Ref: CAR _ NRW0043197

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Date 2nd May 2024

Dear Mr. Lewis

Warning letter

I write further to a Natural Resources Wales site visit to SL Recycling Limited on the 19th December 2023 to Unit 1, Pontyfelin Industrial Estate, New Inn, Pontypool, Torfaen, NP4 0DQ. Following the visit, SL Recycling Limited were issued a category 2 permit breach of permit condition 3.1.1 -

3.1.1. - "Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits (excluding odour) shall not cause pollution. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved emissions management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, those emissions..".

At the time of inspection, it was evident there was significant oil pollution in the ELV stockpile area, with car engines on site incorrectly stored that was causing a direct pollution to ground with a significant pooling of waste oil on a permeable surface. Car engines were also being stored outside on a permeable surface with no appropriate drainage, therefore allowing rainwater and hazardous polluting materials to infiltrate through the surface and into the soil.

NRW have completed their investigations into the matter and have identified the following offence:

Offence

It is an offence for a company to contravene **Regulation 38 (2) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 as amended.**

Contrary to **Regulation 38 (2) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016**, there has been a failure by SL Recycling Limited to comply with or to contravene an environmental permit condition.

The above offence relating to a site visit to SL Recycling Limited, New Inn on the 19th December 2023. On this occasion we are issuing you a **warning letter** as a response to the above offence. However, our decision could change if any further relevant information comes to light, including, but not restricted to, information that:

- you have committed earlier offences
- the environmental impacts of these offences are greater than we presently understand them
- the offences are continuing or have been repeated
- you have committed other offences of which we are presently unaware.

We will take this into account if we consider that you are involved in any future offending.

This warning does not:

- prevent any other prosecuting authority taking action against you/the Company; or
- affect our right to issue enforcement, clear-up or remediation notices, or seek recovery of costs or damages according to law.

If you have any further queries in regard to this letter, please contact Officer Alex Tennant at Alexandra.tennant@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



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Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi.

Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.