

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0043912

Permit being assessed: WP3994FR.

For: Waste Transfer Station, held by Heather Brown

At: Rhostyllen, Wrexham, Clwyd, LL14 4EG.

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

On 21/03/2024 between 11:00 and 11:45.

Parts of permit assessed: specified by permit, site drainage system, site security, records management, amenities

NRW Lead Officer: Boguslawa Pierzchala, accompanied by Dafydd Williams.

Report sent to: Andy Brown, manager on 04/04/2024.

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

| Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria) | Assessment result | Permit condition |
|--|-------------------|------------------|
| A1 - Specified by permit | Action only (X) | |
| B3 - Infrastructure - Site drainage engineering (clean and foul) | Action only (X) | |
| D1 - Incident Management - Site security | Action only (X) | |
| F1 - Amenity - Odour | Assessed (A) | |
| F2 - Amenity - Noise | Assessed (A) | |
| F3 - Amenity - Dust/fibres/particulates and litter | Assessed (A) | |

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

| Total number of 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?

| Criteria | Action needed | Complete by |
|----------|---|-------------|
| A1 | Action: Please ensure waste is stored within the permitted area, alternatively you could register the correct exemption. Please ensure the storage meets the conditions of the waste exemption. | 12/04/2024 |
| B3 | Please ensure site's interceptor is accessible at all times | 05/04/2024 |
| D1 | Please repair the perimeter fence. | 12/04/2024 |

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

This was a routine unannounced site inspection carried out by Natural Resources Wales officers.

The weather was wet and windy.

The site was operational with the owner, Andrew Brown, and operatives sorting waste in the yard.

The officers were accompanied by Mr Brown throughout the inspection.

The area to the left was being cleared as a new building is planned to be installed there.

The inert waste pile was substantial but appeared to be within the permit limits.

Officers noticed that the interceptor access was not visible as it was covered with soil. This was brought to Mr Brown's attention. He then used a digger to remove the soil.



Interceptor access covered with soil

Please ensure the interceptor is accessible at all times.

G2 – Records of activity- Waste transfer notes

A selection of waste transfer notes was checked with no issues identified apart from one that was missing an EWC code.

D1- Site Security. Permit Condition 3.2.1. Action only.

Officers noted that the perimeter fence had been damaged. This was discussed with Mr Brown who stated he could repair the fence in one day.

Action: Please repair the fence by the 12th of April 2024. Once completed, please submit photographic evidence via email.



Damaged fence on site

A1) Specified by Permit. Permit Condition 1.1.1, Table 1.1. Action only.

Mr Brown mentioned that he uses skips located outside of the permitted area (car park) to store waste. At the time of the inspection the location of the skips didn't benefit from a waste exemption. This was discussed with Mr Brown.

The storage of waste would only be allowed in that location if a valid exemption was in place and the storage arrangements met the exemption's conditions.

Therefore, you must cease storing waste outside of the permitted area unless it can be appropriately stored under an exemption.

Please note that activities carried out under exemptions must be done as a separate operation to those authorised by your permit.

Action: Please ensure waste is stored within the permitted area, alternatively you could register a waste exemption. Please ensure the storage arrangements meet the conditions of the waste exemption. Please comply by **12th of April 2024.**

Thank you for your time during the visit please find my contact details below.

Kind regards,

Boguslawa

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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.

What are suspended scores?

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 and Waste action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

A: Permitted activities

- A1 Specified by permit

B: Infrastructure

- B1 Infrastructure – Engineering for prevention and control of emissions
- B2 Infrastructure – Closure and decommissioning
- B3 Infrastructure – Site drainage engineering (clean and foul)
- B4 Infrastructure – Containment of stored materials
- B5 Infrastructure – Plant and equipment

C: General management

- C1 General management – Staff competency/training
- C2 General management – Management system and operating procedures
- C3 General management – Materials acceptance
- C4 General management – Storage, handling, labelling and segregation

D: Incident management

- D1 Incident management – Site security
- D2 Incident management – Accidents, emergency and incident planning

E: Emissions

- E1 Emissions – Air
- E2 Emissions – Land and groundwater
- E3 Emissions – Surface water
- E4 Emissions – Sewer
- E5 Emissions – Waste

F: Amenity

- F1 Amenity – Odour
- F2 Amenity – Noise
- F3 Amenity – Dust/fibres/particulates and litter
- F4 Amenity – Pests/birds and scavengers
- F5 Amenity – Deposits on road

G: Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting

- G1 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Monitoring of emissions and environment
- G2 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Records of activity, site diary/journal/events
- G3 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Maintenance records
- G4 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales

H: Resources efficiency

- H1 Resource efficiency – Efficient use of raw materials
- H2 Resource efficiency – Energy efficiency

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.

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- 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
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