

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0044284

Permit being assessed: BH0063801

For: LLANDYGWYDD HOUSING SITE, held by CYNGOR SIR CEREDIGION C C
At: LLANDYGWYDD HOUSING SITE, CARDIGAN, CEREDIGION, WALES, SA43 2QX.

Type of assessment carried out: Check Monitoring/Sampling, Reason: Routine.
On 30/11/2023, between 15:53 and 16:55.

Parts of permit assessed: (I) Nature and composition of discharge

NRW Lead Officer: Bethan Lewis.

Report sent to: Cari Barker, STW Project Manager, on 14/05/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C1 Major	(I) Nature and composition of discharge
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WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C2 Significant	(I) Nature and composition of discharge

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-C1	Submit a report to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) detailing the actions to be undertaken to investigate and/or resolve the sample failures at Llandygwydd Sewage Treatment Works. The report must provide reasonable deadlines for the completion of individual actions.	07/06/2024
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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.

You are non-compliant with your permit.

We are currently considering taking enforcement action against you for the non-compliance recorded above. We will contact you in due course.

4. Details of our assessment

A Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Officer attended Llandygydd Sewage Treatment Works (STW) on 30 November 2023 to collect a sample of the final effluent discharge. The sample which was cloudy and had a strong sewage odour was found to contain 60mg/l suspended solids; 206 mg/l Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD); and 41.5mg/l ammoniacal nitrogen. Llandygydd STW's permit (BH0063801) states that the final effluent shall contain no more than 30mg/l suspended solids; 20mg/l BOD; and 8mg/l ammoniacal nitrogen. As the BOD and ammoniacal nitrogen concentrations in the final effluent were found to be more than four times the absolute limit, two category 1 non-compliances have been recorded above. As the suspended solids concentration in the final effluent was found to be more than twice the absolute limit, a category 2 non-compliance has also been recorded above.

These are not the first set of sample results for Llandygydd STW where failures have been identified. NRW's enforcement response in relation to these breaches is currently subject to further investigation, however as has been requested of Ceredigion County Council (CCC) separately to the Compliance Assessment Recording System, NRW ask CCC to submit a report by the **07 June 2024** detailing the actions to be undertaken to investigate and/or resolve the sample failures at Llandygydd STW. The report must provide reasonable deadlines for the completion of individual actions.

In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) order 2012.

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 to 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
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property

If your assessment result in Section 1 is suspended, what does this mean?

In line with our guidance, we may suspend non-compliance for up to six months to allow time for remedial action to be taken. These will be re-instated if the action is not completed.

Full list of water quality action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**WQ A: Management**

- WQ-A1 General management

WQ B: Operations

- WQ-B1 Permitted activities
- WQ-B2 The site
- WQ-B3 Operating techniques
- WQ-B4 Improvement programme
- WQ-B5 Pre-operational conditions

WQ C: Emissions and monitoring

- WQ-C1 Emissions to water
- WQ-C2 Emissions to land
- WQ-C3 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- WQ-C4 Installation of monitoring boreholes

WQ D: Information

- WQ-D1 Records
- WQ-D2 Reporting
- WQ-D3 Notifications

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.

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 20 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 – 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.