

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0044280

**Permit being assessed:** RP3295FS.

**For:** G D Environmental Services Ltd, **held by:** G D Environmental Services Ltd

**At:** East Bank Road, Felnex Industrial Estate, Newport, Gwent, NP19 4PP.

**Type of assessment:** Site Inspection,

**Reason:** Routine.

**On:** 30/04/2024 between 11:00 and 12:00.

**Parts of permit assessed:** Various.

**NRW Lead Officer:** Greg Gardner, accompanied by Jodie Baskerville.

**Report sent to:** Mr. Mark Williams, Technically Competent Manager, on 23/05/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	Assessed (A)	
W2A - Waste - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
W2C - Waste - Operations - Operating techniques	Assessed (A)	
W2D - Waste - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
W3C - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Odour	Assessed (A)	
W3D - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Noise and vibration	Assessed (A)	
W3G - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Fire	Assessed (A)	
W4B - Waste - Information - Reporting	Assessed (A)	

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

Total 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?

No action required.

## 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 report details the site visit made on the 30th April 2024 to GD Environmental, permit reference number EPR-RP3295FS. NRW Officers Greg GARDNER and Jodie BASKERVILLE attended, unannounced, to the GD Environmental site at Unit 11, East Bank Road, Newport, NP19 4PP for a routine site inspection at 11:00am where we met with Mr. Paul HENDRICKSON (Site Supervisor) and Mr. Mark WILLIAMS (TCM). The weather was dry and reasonably mild which it had also been the previous day.

### **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS SITE INSPECTION(S) - CAR\_CAR\_NRW0042442 on 15/03/23**

Date	Action	Completed (Y/N)	Action Taken
11/09/23	Stockpile of unprocessed wood and other waste(s) not being stored in compliance with the FPMP guidance and sites FPMP document	Yes	Mr. WILLIAMS has sent images of stockpiles being brought back into compliance with the sites FPMP document
11/09/23	GD Environmental suffered a breakdown on machine which resulted in 3 week downtime. GD Environmental failed to notify NRW of said breakdown. GD Environmental accepted waste(s) during this time which resulted in stockpile of waste(s) not being stored in compliance with the FPMP guidance and sites FPMP document	Yes	Mr. WILLIAMS has indicated via email that the machine has been fixed which in turn has resumed operations and as a result stockpile levels have reduced and are back in compliance with the sites FPMP document

### **PERMIT BREACHES / ACTIONS**

No permit breaches / actions have been identified during this site inspection.

### **GENERAL OBSERVATIONS**

Whilst conducting the site inspection with Mr. HENDRICKSON, NRW Officers witnessed various different waste streams that were segregated and ready for transfer to other sites for further processing. It was noted by NRW Officers that the stockpile heights various waste

streams were in compliance of the sites Fire Prevention Mitigation Plan (FPMP).

Sufficient fire breaks were evident between the various waste stockpiles. Stockpile sizes on site are constantly dynamic therefore, as a reminder to the operator, please ensure you continue to remain within waste stockpile height / width limits as identified in your site FPMP to prevent potential fire risks.

It was noted by NRW Officers that there was a stockpile of mixed waste(s) underneath the 'shed' building on site. Mr. HENDRICKSON indicated to NRW Officers that the feeder conveyor belt machine (known as 'Big Red') was operational and that the stockpile was actively being worked on which would cause fluctuations in stockpile heights.

NRW Officers did not witness any excessive noise levels that were of concern or any excessive unpleasant odours. Due to the weather, there were no concerns or issues identified regarding dust. No issues with site security were identified and scavengers (birds) were managed through the on site deterrent system.



**Photo 1 - Waste stockpile(s) at GD Environmental**



**Photo 2 - Waste stockpile(s) at GD Environmental**



**Photo 3 - Waste stockpile(s) at GD Environmental**

GD Environmental are undertaking infrastructure improvements to their site via repairs to the on site road surface as well as the drainage at the lower end of the yard. Housekeeping on site was kept to a good standard despite operational work being undertaken as well as site security being of no concern to NRW Officers.



**Photo 3** - Improved areas of flooring infrastructure

### WASTE RETURNS

GD Environmental have submitted their quarterly waste return for Q1, 2024 on time and in full. For Q1, the site accepted 10,134.61 tonnes and removed 9,811.96 tonnes. No unauthorised waste(s) have been accepted to site.

#### Waste Return Submission Deadline

Quarter	Period	Deadline
1	1 January to 31 March	30 April
2	1 April to 30 June	31 July
3	1 July to 30 September	31 October
4	1 October to 31 December	31 January

NRW Officers Greg GARDNER and Jodie BASKERVILLE left site at 10.00am the same day.

If you have any issues with this report please contact Greg Gardner on [greg.gardner@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:greg.gardner@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk)

Thank you.

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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.

**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 Waste compliance criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**

**1. Management**

- W1A – General management
- W1B – Energy Efficiency (MCP/SG facilities only)
- W1C – Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities

**2. Operations**

- W2A – Permitted activities
- W2B – Waste recovery plan
- W2C – Operating techniques
- W2D – The site
- W2E – Waste acceptance
- W2F – Technical requirements
- W2G – Improvement programme
- W2H – Pre-operational conditions

**3. Emission and Monitoring**

- W3A – Emissions to water, air or land
- W3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- W3C – Odour
- W3D – Noise and vibration
- W3E – Monitoring
- W3F – Pests
- W3G – Fire

**4. Information**

- W4A – Records
- W4B – Reporting
- W4C – 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).

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- offering or providing you with our literature or services relating to environmental matters
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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
- Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations requests.

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### **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.

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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](mailto:ask@ombudsman.wales)

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