

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0044459

Permit being assessed: CB3495FF.

For: Kings Dock, **held by:** South West Wood Products Limited

At: Swansea, Swansea, Swansea, SA1 8QT.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 24/05/2024 between 10:30 and 12:30.

Parts of permit assessed: See Below.

NRW Lead Officer: Michael Edwards, accompanied by Elaine Gunstone.

Report sent to: Tom Dunn, Regional Manager, on 04/06/2024.

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)	
W3B - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits	Assessed (A)	
W3G - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Fire	C3 Minor	3.5.1

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
W3G	Ensure that the approved Fire Prevention Plan is followed.	Already completed

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

Arranged site inspection conducted by Michael Edwards and Elaine Gunstone of Natural Resources Wales, accompanied by Simon Pearson of the Fire Rescue Service. Met on site by Tom Dunn, Rita Vassallo, Chris Channey, Martin Chubb, Lucy Binnie and David Hanlon of South West Wood Products Ltd.

The main goal of the arranged inspection was to discuss the proposed modification of the current FPMP to allow for larger stockpile sizes of waste wood to be stored on site.

Discussions were had regarding the proposal and NRW and the FRS raised concerns with the proposed stockpile height exceeding the 4m limit as set on the guidance.

The site demonstrated the way in which they would fight an ongoing fire through use of onsite machinery to break down stockpiles whilst also applying water through a new engine and tankers. FRS officer also raised concern on the practicality of being able to deliver the required volume of water to tackle a fire on a larger stockpile.



Following the demonstration officers conducted a site inspection.

General Management (W1A)

Officers noted that the site kept the required documentation on the board within the main office for **conditions 1.1.1 and 1.1.3** also including the current FPMP and dust management plan.

Waste Operation (W2A, W2C & W2D)

Waste activities during the inspection were found to be in line with the **condition 2.1 and table S1.1** of the permit.

All wastes were stored within the boundary of the permit as required under **condition 2.2.1**.

Wastes identified on site were permitted under **condition 2.3.2**.



Emissions and Monitoring (W3B & W3G)

During the inspection officers discussed previous dust complaints that were received for the operation. No dusts were identified during the inspection. It was explained to officers that the site had recently increased the dust suppression system to reduce the amount of dust from the processing of waste wood on site.



Officers measured the height and separation distances of stockpiles on site to determine compliance with the approved FPMP and noted that separation distances between stockpiles were below the minimum distance submitted in the FPMP.

As discussed on site, you are required to ensure that the operation is required to operate in accordance with the submitted FPMP under **condition 3.5.1**.

This has been scored as a **category 3 breach** of permit **condition 3.5.1**.

Following the inspection, images were provided demonstrating that the site has increased the

separation distance between stockpiles.

It was agreed during the inspection that South West Wood Products Ltd. would consider the advice provided by the FRS officer and make alterations to the current proposed fire prevention plan prior to submitting it for assessment.

Many thanks for your time during the inspection.

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Any compliance criteria not highlighted in the above summary should be considered as not assessed. In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resource Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012. You should note that the Natural Resources Body for Wales has been formed by bringing together the Countryside Council for Wales, Forestry Commission Wales and Environment Agency Wales. The Natural Resources Body for Wales has been empowered to exercise Welsh devolved functions since 1 st April 2013 and has, generally, taken over the responsibilities of the Countryside Council for Wales, the Forestry Commissioners and the Environment Agency for Wales.

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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- 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.

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