

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0044572

**Permit being assessed:** JP3798FH.

**For:** Penrhos Depot Hazardous Waste Transfer Station, **held by:** Ceredigion County Council

**At:** Llandysul, Ceredigion, SA44 4SX.

**Type of assessment:** Site Inspection,

**Reason:** Routine.

**On:** 13/06/2024 between 11:57 and 12:09.

**Parts of permit assessed:** See criteria listed below.

**NRW Lead Officer:** Luke Taylor, accompanied by Jeremy Goddard.

**Report sent to:** Simon Edwards , TCM, on 08/07/2024.

### 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	C3 Minor	2.1.1
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	Action only (X)	

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
W1A	Ensure waste glass is kept within the storage bay, pending removal from site, and not entering the drainage channel. Remove the barrier blocking the drainage channel.	19/07/2024
W1A	Supply an up to date copy of the site management system, including any annexes relating to storage limits and times to NRW for review	31/07/2024

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

This compliance assessment report is being produced following a site inspection at Penrhos Depot Waste Transfer Station in Horeb. The inspection was carried out on 13th June 2024 and conducted by Luke Taylor (Waste Regulation Officer) and Jeremy Goddard (Team Leader - Waste and Enforcement Team Mid Wales).

The weather at the time of the inspection was overcast with light rain. The site was operational but not activity was taking place during the inspection.

The following non-compliance was identified:

**W1A General Management - Category 3 Breach - Permit Condition 2.1.1**

Condition 2.1.1 of the permit states that the engineered site containment and drainage systems shall be designed, constructed, inspected, validated and maintained, and shall be fully documented and recorded, to be fit for purpose.

The waste glass was found to be spilling out of the storage bay and off the impermeable concrete area onto the tarmac yard. A barrier had been installed at the edge of the bay in an effort to keep the glass within the bay, but this is on top of the drainage channel which runs from the large white goods storage area into the interceptor. As a result, any fluid run off cannot pass the glass bay to the interceptor.

Further along the drainage channel where it enters the interceptor system, glass had build up partially blocking the entrance to the trap.



(Waste glass escaping the storage bay)



(Waste glass blocking drainage channel)



(Waste glass build up at entrance to drainage system)

**ACTION - Ensure waste glass is kept within the storage bay, pending removal from site, and not entering the drainage channel. Remove the barrier blocking the drainage channel. Deadline 31/07/2024**

**ACTION ONLY**

Fridges, freezers and other large white goods were being stored on the impermeable area of the yard, with the exception of one or two which had been placed outside this area, onto the tarmac, which need to be moved back within the storage bay. Some of the items also appeared to have been in situ for some time.



(White goods outside impermeable surface)

The current site management system on file with NRW is an old style working plan. Owing to the age of the permit, it only references a working plan, and not a management system. However, the Environmental Protection (Miscellaneous Amendments)(England and Wales) 2018 inserted a condition that the operator must manage and operate the waste operation in accordance with a system (a “written management system”), described in a document or documents, which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution.

Within the working plan document, WP/1.1.1-11 Table 1 states that white goods and fridges/freezers will only be kept on site for one month. It may be that there have been variations to this with subsequent management system reviews and updates.

**ACTION - Please supply an up to date copy of the site management system, including any annexes relating to storage limits and times to NRW for review. Deadline 31/07/2024**

If you wish to discuss this CAR, or have any queries in relation to its contents, please email: [luke.taylor@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:luke.taylor@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk)

Regards,  
Luke Taylor

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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).

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.

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