

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0044759

Permit being assessed: RP3733PC.

For: Trecatti Landfill, **held by:** Biffa Waste Services Ltd

At: Trecatti Landfill Site, Fochriw Road, Merthyr Tydfil, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 4AB.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 10/07/2024 between 13:00 and 15:30.

Parts of permit assessed: Handover .

NRW Lead Officer: Lewis Evans, accompanied by Geraint Harris.

Report sent to: Simon Milford, Site Manager, on 17/07/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR1A - Installations - Management - General Management	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

Biffa Trecatti Landfill

Permit Reference: EPR/RP3733PC

NRW site handover 10th July 2024.

On the 10th of July 2024 Natural Resources Wales (NRW) officers Lewis Evans and Geraint Harris visited Trecatti Landfill. The purpose of the visit was to hand over the site from former NRW employee Richard Taylor and for officer Evans to have a site tour and overview of the operations at the landfill.

Present from Trecatti Landfill was Simon Milford.

Officers arrived at site at 13:00 and signed into site where Simon was met. Discussions on the history of the landfill were discussed and how the different operating cells on the landfill were managed. Simon went into detail on the different systems on site such as the water treatment of the leachate, the surface water management and discharge points, the gas management and associated pipework's with the system and how the site accepts and deals with the waste when accepted onto site. NRW officers highlighted that in the future possible audits of these systems will take place.

After the discussions in the office, a site tour was completed via the 4x4 driven by Simon. He highlighted the gas plant and water treatment systems as he drove towards the highest point (south side) on the site where observations could be made of the site. Simon highlighted the current operating cell which had waste being deposited and the temporary capping being prepped once acceptance had stopped for the day. Observations were made on the soil processing area and the hazardous cells. It was noted that there was a significant presence of seagulls on site, however at the time of the visit the cannon went off which distributed the birds. Additionally, there was a wild bird of prey noted to be flying around the area also deterring the seagulls. Simon continued the drive around site and by the request of NRW officers, stopped near the water discharge point off-site. The water was running clear with no waste or suspended solids noticed in the water. This then concluded the site tour and returned to the office.

Other observations are that there was no windblown waste on the perimeter fences. There was no obvious odours while travelling around site, due to the previous rainfall there was no excessive dust

seen.

There were no further AOB's upon returning to the office. NRW officers signed out and left site.

END.

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 Industry compliance criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

1. Management

- IR1A – General management
- IR1B – Finance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR1C – Energy efficiency
- IR1D - Efficient use of raw materials
- IR1E - Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities
- IR1F - Multiple operator installations

2. Operations

- IR2A – Permitted activities
- IR2B – The site
- IR2C – Operating techniques
- IR2D – Technical requirements
- IR2E – Improvement programme
- IR2F – Pre-operational conditions
- IR2G – Landfill engineering (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2H – Waste acceptance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2I – Leachate levels (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2J – Closure and aftercare (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2K – Landfill gas management (only applicable to Landfill)

3. Emission and Monitoring

- IR3A – Emissions to water, air or land
- IR3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- IR3C – Odour
- IR3D – Noise and vibration
- IR3E – Monitoring
- IR3F – Pests
- IR3G – Air quality management plans
- IR3H – Monitoring for the purposes of the Industrial Emissions Directive (this heading includes Large Combustion Plants)
- IR3I – Fire

4. Information

- IR4A – Records
- IR4B – Reporting
- IR4C – 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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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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