

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0044727

**Permit being assessed:** BW4100901

For: LIMESLADE PUMPING STATION SWANSEA, held by DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG  
At: LIMESLADE PUMPING STATION, LIMESLADE, SWANSEA, WALES, .

**Type of assessment carried out:** Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 28/06/2024, between 10:30 and 11:00.

Parts of permit assessed: Operations, Emissions and Monitoring.

**NRW Lead Officer:** Sarah Bennett, accompanied by: Catherine Tucker, Hamish Osborn.

**Report sent to:** CARS@dwrcymru.com, CARS Mailbox, on 12/07/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-B1 - Water Quality - Operations - Permitted activities	Action only (X)	
WQ-B2 - Water Quality - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	Action only (X)	
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Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

### 2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-B1	Please can we have more information on the spill recorded on the 06/07/2024 and whether you intend to replace the ultrasonic head on the monitor.	30/08/2024
WQ-C1	Please inspect the screens and report back to us with your findings.	30/08/2024
WQ-C1	Please ensure that the sample point can be reasonably accessed.	30/08/2024

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.

**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

On the 28 June 2024 we carried out an inspection of Limeslade Sewage Pumping Station with DCWW. It was dry at the time of our visit and, apart from light rain the day before, it had been dry for some days.

The permit for Limeslade SPS allows for a discharge in emergencies only as defined by the permit. There is no permit in place to discharge storm sewage.

The sewage pumping station appeared to be operating normally. As expected, there was no discharge from the pumping station occurring. We checked the point at which the receiving surface water emerges from the culvert and there were no visible signs of pollution.

We were unable to inspect the screens and sample point at the time of the inspection.

**Action: Please inspect the screens and report back to us with your findings.**

**Action: Please ensure that the sample point can be reasonably accessed.**

A 24 hour response telemetry system to provide notification in the event of an emergency operation is in place.

A number of spills have been recorded by the monitor installed at the overflow from Limeslade SPS. Apart from a discharge that occurred on the 31/12/2024 due to an airlock in the pumps, it is thought that these spills are not genuine with the 15 minute data collection typically recording only one single spill event in a 24 hour period.

In March 2024 you informed us that the spurious data was being investigated. You reported that a fault with the ultrasonic head had been found, the unit had been re-wired and that it would be monitored to assess if the ultrasonic head needed replacing.

The information I have to hand from your CSO map indicates that there has been just one recorded 15 minute spill on the 06/07/2024 between 1930 and 1945 GMT since this work was done.

**Action: Please can we have more information on the spill recorded on the 06/07/2024 and whether you intend to replace the ultrasonic head on the monitor.**

I would like to reiterate that there is no permit to discharge storm sewage from this SPS and that any spill alerts from the monitoring in place should initially be responded to as an overflow operating due to an emergency.

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 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.

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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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