

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0044819

Permit being assessed: BB3697ZN.

For: New Horizon Plastics Co Ltd, **held by:** New Horizon Plastics Co Ltd

At: Unit 27 & The Former Scrapyard, Gelocity House, Castle Park Industrial Estate, Flint, Flintshire, CH6 5XA.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 17/07/2024 between 13:30 and 14:25.

Parts of permit assessed: Table S1.4, 1.1.1.

NRW Lead Officer: Amy Henderson, accompanied by Steven White.

Report sent to: Phillip Thomas, Company Director, on 01/08/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W2H - Waste - Operations - Pre-operational conditions	Assessed (A)	
W1A - Waste - 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

This was a pre-arranged site inspection carried out at the New Horizon Plastics site, Flint, permit ref EPR/BB3697ZN. The inspection was carried out by Waste Regulation Officer Amy Henderson and Senior Waste Regulation Officer Steve White.

The weather at the time was dry and sunny.

The site has recently been granted a permit variation to accept Hazardous Waste types onsite. As part of the variation a pre-operational condition was included with regard to drainage. This condition states;

The Operator shall not start undertaking activities associated with the treatment and storage of hazardous waste until they have demonstrated to Natural Resources Wales that all relevant infrastructure is present on site and is fit for purpose. This includes: • Kerbing • Sealed drainage system and underground surface water run off tank The above infrastructure should be in line with the specifications outlined in the Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan, and Environmental Management Plan documents as listed in Table S1.2 Operating Techniques . When the operator has completed the construction (where necessary) of all infrastructure and evidence is in place that it is fit for purpose the operator should submit a written report outlining this to NRW for approval.

The main purpose of this site inspection was to assess compliance with the above condition.

On arrival at site, Officers were met by the company Director Philip Thomas, site TCM Arthur Imrie and the sites Environmental Consultant.

Officers were shown around 'site b' of the permit. Since Officers last visited the site, work has been taking place to bring the site infrastructure in line with the newly varied permit and operations planned to take place. Further measures have also been implemented to reduce the risk of litter blowing off the site. New fencing has been put in place along the sites perimeter and the site also now bales the shredded plastic before this is taken to 'site a' for further treatment to minimise the risk of plastics escaping.

The area where hazardous waste is shown to be stored on the site plan was inspected. This area was seen to be sealed with a kerb bund surrounding it and an underground tank has been installed to collect any water from this area. The rest of the site was seen to be serviced by further underground tanks for surface water/water from the washing process. The site is using a centrifuge system to enable maximum recycling of the water within the wash plant. Areas where officers could access the site perimeter appeared to be surrounded by a kerb as per section 2.9 of the EMS (incorporated into the permit).

As a result of the site inspection the site was deemed to be compliant with the pre-operational condition of the permit. No breaches of the permit were identified during this site inspection.

Thank you for your time during the site inspection.

Should you have any queries regarding this CAR form please contact
amy.henderson@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Kind regards

Amy Henderson

Swyddog Rheoleiddio Gwastraff / Waste Regulation Officer

Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales

Swyddfa Bwcle / Buckley Office

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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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- 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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