

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0045195

Permit being assessed: AB3699FY.

For: Alexandra Docks, **held by:** Associated British Ports

At: Alexandra Docks, Newport, NP20 2NP.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 02/09/2024 between 11:00 and 11:30.

Parts of permit assessed: Various.

NRW Lead Officer: Greg Gardner, accompanied by Chris Burge, Mark O'Gorman.

Report sent to: Mr. Sean Sullivan, Technically Competent Manager, on 16/09/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W2A - Waste - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
W2C - Waste - Operations - Operating techniques	Assessed (A)	
W2D - Waste - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
W3A - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water, air or land	Assessed (A)	
W3B - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits	Assessed (A)	
W3C - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Odour	Assessed (A)	
W3D - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Noise and vibration	Assessed (A)	
W3G - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Fire	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 report details the site visit made on the 2nd September 2024 to Associated British Ports, Newport, permit reference number EPR-AB3699FY.

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Officers Greg GARDNER and Chris BURGE along with NRW Enforcement Apprentice, Mark O'GORMAN attended the Associated British Ports (ABP) site at Alexandra Docks, East Way Road, Newport, NP20 2NP for a unannounced routine site inspection at 11:00am. The weather was muggy and reasonably mild at the time of the inspection. The site inspection was filmed by NRW Officer Chris BURGE who was in possession of an NRW issued body worn camera.

PERMIT BREACHES / ACTIONS

No permit breaches / actions have been identified during this site inspection.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The site was not operational at the time of site inspection with wood chip that had been processed at South West Wood Products Ltd (next door to site) stored on site ready for export.

SITE INFRASTRUCTURE

The flooring on site was in good condition with no apparent damage visible. General housekeeping on site was maintained to a good standard and no causes for concern were identified. There was no excessive noise along with no visible airborne dust present during the site inspection. There was also no offensive odours witnessed by NRW Officers. The wood material on the ABP site had been processed by SWWP Ltd, which was pending export from Newport Docks (see photos 1-4).

Good practices were witnessed by NRW Officer GARDNER with regards to fire prevention and mitigation such as sufficient fire breaks and low stockpile heights (see photos 1-4), it is worth reminding the operator to maintain continued compliance with your sites FPMP document to prevent highly combustible material such as this from igniting.

It was noted on a previous site inspection (CAR_NRW0044279) of utilising redundant

barriers as part of a mitigation measure to prevent wood dust(s) and / or chip(s) to enter the nearby dock (watercourse). This has now been implemented (photos 3 and 4) as well as utilising an employee which NRW Officers witnessed during the inspection, to remove any excess wood from the dockside to prevent potential pollution. Whilst there is still some excess wood to be removed these new measures installed will assist in the mitigation of wood entering the watercourse.



Photo 1 - ABP Site with wood stockpile in compliance of sites FPMP document



Photo 2 - ABP Site with sufficient fire breaks in place



Photo 3 - ABP Site to the left of the blue shipping containers



Photo 4 - ABP Site to the left of the blue shipping containers

NRW Officers left site at 11:30am the same day.

If you have any issues with this report please contact Greg Gardner on greg.gardner@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

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 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

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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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