

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0045098

Permit being assessed: AN0221601

For: CAESARS ARMS, CARDIFF RD, CREIGIAU, held by STEADYCHANCE LIMITED

At: CAESARS ARMS, CARDIFF ROAD, CARDIFF, CF15 9NN.

Type of assessment carried out: Check Monitoring/Sampling, Reason: Routine.

On 14/08/2024, between 12:00 and 13:30.

Parts of permit assessed: Conditions of consent

NRW Lead Officer: Alexander Grainger.

Report sent to: Mark Sharples, Manager, on 10/09/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C1 Major	Condition 7 - The discharge shall not contain more than: (i) 20 milligrams per litre of biochemical oxygen demand (measured after 5 days at 20C with nitrification suppressed by the addition of allyl-thiourea).
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C3 Minor	Condition 7 - The discharge shall not contain more than: (iii) 10 milligrams per litre of ammoniacal nitrogen (expressed as N).
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C3 Minor	Condition 7 - The discharge shall not contain more than: (ii) 30 milligrams per litre of suspended solids (measured after drying at 105C).

Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-C1	Please inform NRW within fourteen days a timeframe for improvement works to be carried out in order to bring the site	20/09/2024

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	back into compliance.	
WQ-C1	Please inform NRW within fourteen days a timeframe for improvement works to be carried out in order to bring the site back into compliance.	20/09/2024
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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.

You are non-compliant with your permit.

We are currently considering taking enforcement action against you for the non-compliance recorded above. We will contact you in due course.

4. Details of our assessment

This compliance report is a follow up from a site visit undertaken on 14/08/2024.

Arrived at site at 12:00pm and spoke with on site maintenance staff. I asked if there had been any improvements had been made / work been undertaken to the treatment plant since my last visit, which I was informed that there hadn't been. This was due to complications with the sites contractor.

As a result, Caesars Arms have sought out another contractor with the intention to install a reed bed system as an extra method of treatment. Email conversations regarding this have been forwarded to myself.

Went down to the discharge point where there was enough flow to take samples. Asked on site staff if they would like their own samples for testing and they said yes, so 2 samples were taken; 1 for NRW analysis and 1 for Caesars Arms.

Upon analysis of the sample taken on this date, the following results were as follows:

BOD: **101mg/l** (permitted limit: **20mg/l**)
 Ammonia: **32.4mg/l** (permitted limit: **10mg/l**)
 Suspended solids: **60mg/l** (permitted limit: **30mg/l**)

As a result of the above sample results, NRW have identified a breach in the following condition:

CONDITION 7 - COMPOSITION

The discharge shall not contain more than:

- (i) **20** milligrams per litre of biochemical oxygen demand (measured after 5 days at 20C with nitrification suppressed by the addition of allyl-thiourea).

- (ii) **30** milligrams per litre of suspended solids (measured after drying at 105C).
- (iii) **10** milligrams per litre of ammoniacal nitrogen (expressed as N).

It should be noted that the site was informed from this initial visit back in April that they should not be discharging to the watercourse until the system was capable of treating the site effluent. Although this was adhered to for some time following the initial visit with the use of tankers, the site has returned to discharging to the watercourse with no improvements made to the site's treatment system and multiple failings since.

With the above failings taken into consideration, NRW have decided that this is non-compliant and will therefore be issuing a *statutory notice* due to the continuous non-compliances from this site that were identified back in April 2024.

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.

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:

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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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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.

If you are unable to resolve the issue with the lead officer or their line manager you should contact our Customer Contact team on 0300 065 3000 (Monday to Friday 08:00 – 18:00), or email enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk for details of how to raise your dispute further through our Complaints and Commendations procedure.

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