

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0045194

Permit being assessed: BP0231501

For: UNITED WORLD COLL OF ATLANTIC LLA, held by UNITED WORLD COLL OF THE ATLANTIC

At: UNITED WORLD COLL OF ATLANTIC, LLANTWIT MAJOR ,, LLANTWIT MAJOR ,, LLANTWIT MAJOR ,, ,.

Type of assessment carried out: Report/Data Review, Reason: Routine.

On 08/08/2024.

Parts of permit assessed: Conditions 3, 8a and 8b.

NRW Lead Officer: Charlotte Rhodes.

Report sent to: Sarah Savage, Helpdesk Team Leader, Building Maintenance Estates, on 13/09/2024.

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	Assessed (A)	
WQ-C4 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Installation of monitoring boreholes	Assessed (A)	

Result types are explained in more detail 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

Audit report/Comments

On 8th August 2024, Officer C RHODES conducted a data audit of regulatory monitoring sample results

undertaken at Atlantic College UWC, in relation to permit **BP0231501**.

Permit background

CAR reference NRW0038375 was issued with a **Written Warning** in April 2024 following a pollution incident at this site whereby a non-compliance with permit conditions 2 and 9 caused an unpermitted discharge to the environment. This was resolved quickly and a subsequent revisit in May 2023, CAR_NRW0042024, confirmed that the resolution for the discharge point remained effective but did raise concerns with sludge conditions in the final treatment tank.

In reviewing the next iteration of the regulatory monitoring programme, this site came up in discussions and thus a data audit was conducted, looking at monitoring samples taken between 2022 and 2024. At the time of audit, four samples were taken during 2022, eight during 2023 and three during 2024.

Data review

Overall, the monitoring samples collected all displayed results **within compliance** of Conditions 8a and 8b's permitted limits of biological oxygen demand (BOD) and suspended solids – given as 100mg/l and 150mg/l respectively. Successful collection of the monitoring samples also demonstrates **compliance with** Condition 3 (listed as 'monitoring boreholes' as the closest available option).

The highest recorded results for suspended solids during the audit period were 95mg/l, taken on 29/11/2023, and 75mg/l taken on 15/05/2024. The highest recorded results for BOD during the audit period were 45.5mg/l, taken on 29/11/2023, and 40.2mg/l taken on 14/02/2024.

Despite finding elevated levels of Ammonia in samples taken during the in-person inspections earlier referenced, this is not on the list of permitted determinands and therefore was not tested for during regulatory monitoring.

Conclusions and further actions

No further actions are currently required following this data audit.

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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