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WASTE ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURES

1.0 PRINCIPLE

This document outlines the general procedures for the pre-acceptance and acceptance of waste at the Eco Park. The purpose of this document is to ensure that site operatives working on site is aware of the procedures for the correct acceptance of waste.

2.0 SCOPE

This procedure covers the pre acceptance and acceptance of wastes at the facility.


3.0 RESPONSIBILITY

All site operatives are responsible for carrying out the procedure as detailed in Section 4 below. Any changes that may be required following issue of this document are the responsibility of the Site Manager to approve and update such that the document is re-issued in line with the procedures outlined in EMS.S2.04.

4.0 WASTE HIERARCHY

PCC will operate the site in accordance with the principles of Waste Hierarchy, as set out in Article 4 of the revised Waste Framework (Directive 2008/98/EC). It will rank each waste stream it takes in, in accordance with what is best for the environment. As this site will be taking in a variety of waste streams, the operator of the site will give priority to preparing the waste for re-use, then recycling and last of all disposal.

Materials will be separated to ensure they can maximise the options within the waste hierarchy for reuse, recycling, and recovery. PCC are working towards the Welsh Government's '*Blueprint for collections*', which has seen a change from a co-mingled recycling service to a kerbside-sort recycling service. The new facility will accommodate the additional recyclates arising from the change in collections and facilitate that the materials are easily and effectively recyclable. The site is designed to sufficiently store separate materials ready for bulking and transferring. The whole process, including collections and operations of the transfer, directly link into the Welsh Government's statutory targets to ensure PCC meets its 70% recycling target by 2025. Where new markets or technologies become available to recycle and or recover other waste streams, PCC will endeavour to utilise the principles of the waste hierarchy to maximise the recycling, re-use, and recovery of all materials on site. Any offtaker contracts that the authority may enter will also be encouraged to include recycling/recovery targets.

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PCC will continue to work with WRAP on Materials Marketing to ensure the Authority are utilising the best end markets, and ensuring prioritisation is given to prevention, re-use, recycling, and recovery prior to disposal, being the last resort. The Authority, as far as practicable, will always work towards a circular economy in any decision that it makes regarding recycling its materials. PCC are also receiving support with communications and behavioural change, which is aimed at changing the behaviours of the local residents towards better prevention and recycling practices (e.g. reducing household generated food waste; recycling of unavoidable food waste).

The design of the site has ensured that the layout will maximise the separation of all recyclable material onsite; it provides containment for the waste materials which in turn yield higher quality, and ultimately better recyclability at end markets. Additionally, the site design has also taken into account the possibility of new recyclable materials emerging in the future, when the technology and infrastructure is in place. The site was configured on a way that it allows some flexibility with the bay sizes, and spare bays can be factored in for this eventuality, therefore future proofing the site.

5.0 WASTE ACCEPTANCE PROCEDURE

The following procedures outline the pre-acceptance measures that will be followed at all times.

5.1 Pre-acceptance procedures to assess waste


5.1.1 *Origin of waste*

Proposed operations at the site will be to accept non-hazardous, hazardous, and commercial wastes arising from household and commercial premises. Waste will be delivered to the site in local authority and commercial vehicles or delivered to the WRC by members of the public and commercial businesses.

Only the wastes referenced by the Environmental Permit will be accepted at the site. A copy of the list of wastes that can be accepted on site can be found in Section 5.5 of this document with reference to the European Waste Catalogue (EWC) Codes and the appropriate code number.

5.1.2 *Pre-acceptance checks*

Householders and commercial sources have been informed and educated on the waste types accepted for kerbside collection and at the WRC, through the Council's educational campaigns and various information outlets. This information is readily available at any time online or by contacting PCC.

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Site operatives will be trained to identify the various types of waste that can be collected from the kerbside. Training is detailed further in the EMS, Section 3, '*Training Plans and Requirements*'. Site staff will continue to receive 'on-the-job' supervision and training to ensure only those waste streams, in the formats specified within the permit are accepted and collected. Any visually identifiable waste presented at the kerbside which is not covered by the permit, will not be accepted and if practicable the relevant householder/producer will be notified why. If recycle receptacles are clearly filled with non-compliant waste these will not be collected. If residual waste receptacles are unusually heavy or are clearly filled with non-compliant waste these will not be collected.

Due to the following aspects of the operations, the risk of contamination, or non-compliant waste being brought to site is greatly reduced:

- collection is controlled by the operator/ source segregated origins of the waste accepted by PCC;
- visual checks carried out by operatives at the collection point both in the bulking facility and at the WRC; and
- the low-risk nature of the permitted wastes.


5.1.3 Sampling of waste from suppliers

Sampling of waste will not be routinely undertaken to validate the waste type against the description in the waste transfer note.

However, the Site Manager will, on occasion (no less than once a quarter) request a spot sample from the waste producer to validate the waste type against the description of the waste transfer note. For commercial wastes, a sample will be requested from the waste producer. For household municipal wastes, a sample will be taken by the Site Manager or designated site operative once the waste is delivered at the site.

The spot samples will be analysed and validated against the waste transfer note description. If the spot sample does not conform to the waste transfer note the Site Manager will review the contract in place and agree measures with the waste producer to correctly describe the waste types.

The results of all spot sample analysis will be filed with the accompanying waste transfer note in the site office.

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Sampling of waste is also required under the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) Regulations¹. The sampling required under the MRF Regulations is detailed in Section 6.0.

5.1.4 Waste Transfer Note

All commercial waste arriving on site will be accompanied by a waste transfer note. Where multiple loads arrive under a contract, one note may cover all deliveries.

Waste will be described in the waste transfer note with reference to the European Waste Catalogue (EWC) Codes with the appropriate code number. A copy of the list of wastes that can be accepted on site can be found in Section 5.5 of this document.

The Site Manager and the site operatives will be trained to identify a correctly completed waste transfer note. The Site Manager and all site operatives will be trained to complete all sections of a waste transfer note fully and accurately.

Training is detailed further in the EMS, Section 3, 'Training Plans and Requirements'.

The Site Manager or a site operative will check that the waste transfer notes includes signed confirmations that the waste hierarchy has been applied correctly under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 (as amended). The waste hierarchy illustrates the most and least favoured options of disposal (1 being the most favoured);

1. prevention;
2. minimisation;
3. reuse;
4. recycling;
5. recovery/energy recovery; and
6. disposal.


All waste transfer notes will be kept at the site office for no less than 6 years.

5.1.5 Waste Carrier Check

Every commercial vehicle that arrives on site will have a Waste Carriers license (as required). Before the waste vehicle arrives on site, a check will be made to ensure that the vehicle is properly licensed.

This will be checked by using one of the following methods:

¹ Environment Permitting (England and Wales)(Amendment) Regulation 2014. SI 2014 No 255.

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- phoning Natural Resources Wales on 0300 065 3000 or checking the Natural Resources Wales waste carrier register online at <https://www.wastecarriersregistration.naturalresourceswales.gov.uk/en/registrations/search>; or
- phoning the Environment Agency on 08708 506506 and requesting an instant Waste Carrier Validation Check or checking the Environment Agency's waste carrier register online at <https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers>.

If vehicles are arriving from the same fleet / same contract the Waste Carrier Licence may cover the entire fleet.

5.2 Waste Acceptance Procedure

The following steps will be followed on a daily basis. The Site Manager and all site operatives will be trained to understand and implement the following waste acceptance procedures:

1. Vehicles will enter the WTS facility from the entrance road and report to the automated weighbridge. The waste will be weighed at the weighbridge and directed to the appropriate waste unloading area. An operator will visually inspect the vehicle loads for any contaminants before allowing the vehicle to discharge their load prior to exiting the site.
2. Authorised vehicles will enter the WRC from the entrance road. If unpermitted waste is brought to the site the driver will be informed and the vehicle will be turned away. A site operative will direct the vehicle to the appropriate receptacle. Throughout the day site operatives will continuously monitor the waste for any signs of fire, odour or dust emissions and unpermitted items.
3. Checks on storage capacity will take place throughout the day to ensure that suitable space is available for all incoming wastes. The checks on capacity will be made by site operatives and will be visual only.
4. A visual and olfactory load inspection will take place. This will be carried out before the waste is unloaded and will be undertaken by the technically competent site operative, to ensure consistency with the waste transfer note. If it is not possible to inspect the waste prior to unloading, the waste will be inspected immediately after off-loading in the waste reception area.

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5. If the load is rejected, the waste transfer note will be completed with the reason for rejection, and the vehicle directed off site.
6. The potential to receive a rejected or non-compliant load via the recycle collections is extremely low since the waste is 'hand collected' from the kerbside and source segregated by operatives in-situ. Therefore full rejected loads are unlikely to occur on site. If after the off-loading of waste it is shown to be non-compliant, the load will be moved to the designated quarantine area by site staff immediately, and will be taken offsite to a suitably licensed facility as soon as practicable or within 24 hours. The designated quarantine area is shown on the site layout plan (EMS 9.02);
7. The vehicle will then be directed to the appropriate Waste Storage Shed or external storage area, where the waste will be unloaded or tipped in the appropriate bay, as illustrated on the site layout plan included in Section 9 of the EMS.


5.3 Batteries in waste deposits

Batteries will be collected separately to the residual waste. In addition to national awareness campaigns, PCC clearly communicate to residents and commercial clients on the collection methods and correct presentation of wastes, clearly instructing them not to put batteries in residual waste, to minimise the risk of them entering other waste streams. The waste acceptance procedure is undertaken on all waste streams as far as is practicable.

Residual waste loads received at site will be visually inspected. If batteries are identified, and cannot be safely removed, the load will be rejected. Batteries that can be safely removed, will be segregated to the QA. PCC communicate with commercial waste producers following any identified non-conforming items or rejected loads to prevent recurrence.

To ensure that batteries are removed from waste delivered by households and commercial businesses at the WRC prior to processing, a designated battery box is provided, and signposted, and site operatives remain vigilant and will remind those delivering waste to separate batteries.

Further mitigation measures of a fire risk from batteries include short onsite storage times of residual waste, no treatment and minimal handling of the waste to prevent

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agitation, an automated fire detection and suppression system, and an incident response plan both during and out of operational hours.

5.4 Non-compliant waste

As detailed above, if waste is found to be non-compliant prior to being off-loaded from the vehicle, then details will be recorded and the vehicle turned away. Should wastes be found to be non-compliant following tipping on the WTS floor or within waste bays/WRC container then the waste will be:

- reloaded on to the delivery vehicle for onward transport off-site to a suitably permitted facility; or
- removed to the designated quarantine area, pending removal off-site to a suitably permitted facility.


All records of non-compliant waste received at the site will include the following details:

- the quantity;
- characteristics;
- origin;
- delivery date and time; and
- the identity of the producer and carrier.


This record will be made in the site diary, or other alternative recording system on site.

5.5 List of Wastes for Acceptance


Table 3- Permitted waste types and quantities	
Maximum quantities	The maximum quantity for waste to be accepted on site shall not exceed 74,999 tonnes per year
Exclusions	<p>Wastes having any of the following characteristic shall not be accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consisting solely or mainly of dusts, powders or loose fibres • Wastes that are in a form which is either sludge or liquid

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Waste Code	Description
01	WASTES RESULTING FROM EXPLORATION, MINING, QUARRYING, AND PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL TREATMENT OF MINERALS
01 01	Wastes from mineral excavation
01 01 01	Wastes from mineral metalliferous excavation
01 04	Wastes from physical and chemical processing of non-metalliferous minerals
01 04 08	Waste gravel and crushed rocks other than those mentioned in 01 04 07
01 04 09	Waste sand and clays
02	WASTES FROM AGRICULTURE, HORTICULTURE, AQUACULTURE, FORESTRY, HUNTING AND FISHING, FOOD PREPARATION AND PROCESSING
02 01	Wastes from agriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, forestry, hunting and fishing
02 01 04	Waste plastics (except packaging)
02 01 10	Waste metal
13	OIL WASTES AND WASTES OF LIQUID FUELS (EXCEPT EDIBLE OILS, AND THOSE IN CHAPTERS 05, 12 AND 19)
13 02	Waste engine, gear and lubricating oils
13 02 05*	Mineral-based non-chlorinated engine, gear and lubricating oils
13 02 06*	Synthetic engine, gear and lubricating oils
13 02 07*	Readily biodegradable engine, gear, and lubricating oils
15	WASTE PACKAGING, ABSORBENTS, WIPING CLOTHS, FILTER MATERIALS AND PROTECTIVE CLOTHING NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

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15 01	Packaging (including separately collected municipal packaging wastes)
15 01 01	Paper and cardboard packaging
15 01 02	Plastic packaging
15 01 03	Wooden packaging
15 01 04	metallic packaging
15 01 05	Composite Packaging
15 01 06	Mixed Packaging
15 01 07	Glass packaging
15 01 09	Textile packaging
15 02	Absorbents, filter materials, wiping cloths and protective clothing
15 02 02*	Absorbents, filter materials (including oil filters not otherwise specified), wiping cloths, protective clothing contaminated by hazardous substances
15 02 03	Absorbents, filter materials, wiping cloths and protective clothing other than those mentioned in 15 02 02
16	WASTES NOT OTHERWISE SPECIFIED IN THE LIST
16 01	End-of-life vehicles from different means of transport (including off-road machinery) and wastes from dismantling end-of-life vehicles and vehicle maintenance (except 13, 14, 16 06 and 16 08)
16 01 03	End-of-life tyres
16 01 07*	Oil filters
16 01 13*	Brake fluids
16 01 14*	Antifreeze fluids containing hazardous substances
16 01 15	Antifreeze fluids other than those mentioned in 16 01 14

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16 02	Wastes from electrical and electronic equipment
16 02 14	Discarded equipment other than those mentioned in 16 02 09 to 16 02 13
16 02 16	components removed from discarded equipment other than those mentioned in 16 02 15
16 05	Gases in pressure containers and discarded chemicals
16 05 05	Gases in pressure containers other than those mentioned in 16 05 04
16 06	Batteries and accumulators
16 06 04	alkaline batteries (except 16 06 03)
16 06 05	other batteries and accumulators
17	CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTES (INCLUDING EXCAVATED SOIL FROM CONTAMINATED SITES)
17 01	Concrete, bricks, tiles and ceramics
17 01 01	Concrete
17 01 02	Bricks
17 01 03	Tiles and ceramics
17 01 07	Mixtures of concrete, bricks, tiles and ceramics other than those mentioned in 17 01 06
17 02	Wood, glass and plastic
17 02 01	Wood
17 02 02	Glass
17 02 03	Plastic
17 03	Bituminous mixtures, coal tar and tarred products

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17 03 02	Bituminous mixtures other than those mentioned in 17 03 01
17 04	Metals
17 04 01	Copper, bronze, brass
17 04 02	Aluminium
17 04 03	Lead
17 04 04	Zinc
17 04 05	Iron and steel
17 04 06	Tin
17 04 07	Mixed metals
17 04 11	Cables other than those mentioned in 17 04 10
17 05	Soil (including excavated soil from contaminated sites), stones, and dredging spoil
17 05 04	Soil and stones other than those mentioned in 17 05 03
17 05 08	Track ballast other than those mentioned in 17 05 07
17 06	Insulation materials and asbestos-containing construction materials
17 06 01*	Insulation materials containing asbestos
17 06 04	Insulation materials other than those mentioned in 17 06 01 and 17 06 03
17 06 05*	Construction materials containing asbestos
17 08	Gypsum-based construction material
17 08 02	Gypsum-based construction materials other than those mentioned in 17 08 01
17 09	Other construction and demolition wastes

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17 09 04	Mixed construction and demolition wastes other than those mentioned in 17 09 01, 17 09 02 and 17 09 03
19	WASTES FROM WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES, OFF SITE WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANTS SAND THE PREPARATION OF WATER INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION AND WATER FOR INDUSTRIAL USE
19 12	wastes from the mechanical treatment of waste (for example sorting, crushing, compacting, pelletizing) not otherwise specified
19 12 01	paper and cardboard
19 12 02	ferrous metal
19 12 03	non-ferrous metal
19 12 04	plastic and rubber
19 12 05	Glass
19 12 06*	Wood containing hazardous substances
19 12 07	Wood other than that mentioned in 19 12 06
19 12 08	Textiles
19 12 12	other wastes (including mixtures of materials from mechanical treatment of wastes other than those mentioned in 19 12 11
20	MUNICIPAL WASTES (HOUSEHOLD WASTE AND SIMILAR COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL WASTES) INCLUDING SEPARATELY COLLECTED FRACTIONS
20 01	separately collected fractions (except 15 01)
20 01 01	paper and cardboard
20 01 02	glass
20 01 08	Biodegradable kitchen and canteen waste

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20 01 10	Clothes
20 01 11	Textiles
20 01 13*	Solvents
20 01 14*	Acids
20 01 15*	Alkalines
20 01 17*	Photochemicals
20 01 19*	Pesticides
20 01 21*	Fluorescent tubes and other mercury-containing waste
20 01 23*	Discarded equipment containing chlorofluorocarbons
20 01 25	Edible oil and fat
20 01 26	Oil and fat other than those mentioned in 20 01 25
20 01 27*	Paint, inks, adhesives and resins containing hazardous substances
20 01 28	Paint, inks. Adhesives and resins other than those mentioned in 20 01 27
20 01 29*	Detergents containing hazardous substances
20 01 30	Detergents other than those mentioned in 20 01 29
20 01 33*	Batteries and accumulators included in 16 06 01, 16 06 02 or 16 06 03 and unsorted batteries and accumulators containing these batteries
20 01 34	Batteries and accumulators other than those mentioned in 20 01 33
20 01 35*	Discarded electrical and electronic equipment other than those mentioned in 20 01 21, and 20 01 23 containing hazardous components
20 01 36	Discarded electrical and electronic equipment other than those mentioned in 20 01 21, 20 01 23, and 20 01 35

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20 01 37*	Wood containing hazardous substances
20 01 38	Wood other than that mentioned in 20 01 37
20 01 39	Plastics
20 01 40	Metals
20 01 41	Wastes from chimney sweeping
20 01 99	Other fractions not otherwise specified (consisting of nappies and absorbent hygiene products (AHPs) only)
20 02	Garden and park wastes (including cemetery waste)
20 02 01	Biodegradable waste
20 02 02	Soil and stones
20 02 03	Other non-biodegradable waste
20 03	Other municipal wastes
20 03 01	Mixed municipal waste
20 03 02	Waste from markets
20 03 03	Street-cleaning residues (excluding mechanical sweepings or sweepings requiring de-watering)
20 03 07	Bulky waste

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Asbestos waste would arrive to the WRC where it would be accepted under a booking system (for both household and commercial waste). This will allow the site operatives to keep track of capacity and ensure there is trained staff available to manage the waste load. The waste will be double bagged and kept within clearly identified, segregated, lockable container - provided by the specialist offtaker. Prior to acceptance, a few selected site operatives will receive the required asbestos training, and PCC have an asbestos officer within the Council thus if the need arises further site staff can be trained. The LA has an existing agreement in place with an offtaker that can be expanded to include the asbestos waste, if it was decided to accept this at the facility. If the need arises, the LA can also call upon WRAP Cymru's materials brokerage system for ad-hoc collections.


EWC 20 03 03 will not be accepted on site as standard, under normal operations as this waste stream has been included in the application at this stage to future proof the site and provide maximum operational flexibility. The waste code EWC 20 03 03 is being added to cover the possibility of the Council accepting the waste in the future, if the need arises. Prior to acceptance a risk assessment will be carried out, a bay with adequate separation distance will be identified for storage, and the site plans, EMS, and management plans will be reviewed to ensure the management of this waste stream is appropriately covered. An offtaker for the waste stream will also be contracted 1-3 months prior to accepting this waste stream.

6.0 WASTE SAMPLING

In accordance with Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) 2016 Schedule 9A; Measurement and Reporting Requirements for Materials Facilities, the site will carry out the following sampling:

Input material

1. Measurements of the total weight in tonnes of mixed waste material received, from each supplier, during each reporting period will be taken and recorded.

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2. Samples of the mixed waste material received at the site, from each supplier, during each reporting period will be taken and composition measured (using the methodology outlined in Section 4.0), except where that material is to be transferred to another materials facility for the purpose of separating it into specified output material.
3. One sample will be taken for every 125 tonnes of mixed waste material received from each supplier.
4. The total weight of all the samples taken must provide an average weight of 60 kilograms or more per sample, and each sample taken must not weigh less than 55 kilograms.
5. Measuring the composition of a sample taken means identifying the materials comprising that sample by reference to:
 - (a) the types of target material, non-target material and non-recyclable material that is contained in the sample; and
 - (b) the weight in kilograms of each type of target material, non-target material and non-recyclable material that is so identified.

Target material that is identified in a sample will, as a minimum, be separately identified by reference to the following materials:


- (a) glass;
- (b) metal;
- (c) paper;
- (d) plastic.

If the sample taken contains material particles, they are deemed to comprise the proportions of target materials, non-target materials and non-recyclable materials already identified as making up the other contents of that sample, and the weight of the material particles will be apportioned according to the proportions for that particular sample.

Where the batch comprises material from more than one supplier, and the proportion of that batch attributable to a particular supplier cannot reasonably be ascertained, an estimate of the proportion will be made.

Output material

The total weight in tonnes of all waste material leaving the site will be recorded in each reporting period, in terms of:

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1. The total weight in tonnes of all mixed waste material that leaves the facility in each reporting period to be transferred to another materials facility for the purpose of separating that material into specified output material.
2. The total weight in tonnes of specified output material that leaves the facility in each reporting period.

Samples of the specified output material produced on site within a reporting period will be taken and measurement of the composition of those samples will be recorded.

Where relevant, the specified output material will, as a minimum, be identified by reference to the grade of glass, metal, or paper material making up each batch of specified output material. The grade of a material means a description of that kind of material by reference to its particular material specification. Mixed plastics will not be graded.

Measuring the composition of a sample taken by the operator means identifying the materials comprising that sample, by reference to:


- (a) the type of target material, non-target material and non-recyclable material that is contained in the sample; and
- (b) the weight in kilograms of each type of target material, non-target material and non-recyclable material that is so identified.

Samples will be taken at a minimum frequency of once per the amount in tonnes that is specified in the second column of the following table, in relation to the type of target material that is mentioned in the first column, for any sample taken on or after 1st October 2016.

Target material	Amount
Glass	50 tonnes
Paper	60 tonnes
Metal	20 tonnes
Plastic	15 tonnes

The minimum weight of any sample taken will be:

- (a) 10 kg in relation to glass target material;
- (b) 50 kg in relation to paper target material;
- (c) 20 kg in relation to plastic target material; and
- (d) 10 kg in relation to metal target material.

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If the sample taken contains material particles, they are deemed to comprise the proportions of target materials, non-target materials and non-recyclable materials already identified as making up the other contents of that sample, and the weight of the material particles will be apportioned according to those proportions for that particular sample.

Sampling Records

The following information, as a minimum, will be recorded:

- (a) the total weight in tonnes of mixed waste material entering site;
- (b) details of all the samples taken including the weight of each sample and its composition;
- (c) the measurements and details of where the other waste material that leaves the facility in each reporting period is sent to;
- (d) the measurements and details of where the mixed waste material that leaves the facility in each reporting period is sent to;
- (e) the measurements and details of where the specified output material that leaves the facility in each reporting period is sent to;
- (f) details of all the samples including the weight of each sample and its composition;
- (g) details of the amount in tonnes of specified output material that is produced on site within a reporting period, by reference to the grade of glass, metal, paper and plastic target material that makes up that batch of material.

The information recorded will be retained for a minimum of four years from the date that it is first recorded and will be produced for inspection by the regulator if required during those four years.

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