

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0045519

Permit being assessed: AD0011501

For: CWRT PERROTT SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS, held by CWRT PERROTT FARM LIMITED

At: CHURCH ROAD, LLANDEGFEDD, NEWPORT, GWENT, NP18 1JA.

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 24/10/2024, between 10:45 and 11:00.

Parts of permit assessed: Tank, biological treatment, discharge

NRW Lead Officer: Alastair Krzyzosiak, accompanied by: Peter Jones.

Report sent to: Cwrt Perott Farm Limited, Permit Holder, on 28/10/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-A1 - Water Quality - Management - General management	C2 Significant	3

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-A1	Repair infrastructure as required, respond to requests for further information, comply with permit conditions	31/12/2024

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 CAR Contains a Warning

Actions Required

The permit for the site requires that the operator manages the site in accordance with a written management system (see permit for full condition wording). The site overall appears

to be in a poor state of repair. **Please provide a copy of the written management system under which this site operates, including details on competent persons and resources. Please also provide records demonstrating compliance with Condition 1.1.1.**

Condition 3 states that there should be no point source emissions except from the sources and emissions points set out on the permit. At the time of the site visit it was clear that untreated sewage had spilled from the wall of the septic tank into the field (a breach of Condition 3.1.1). There appears to be a hole in the tank wall. Sewage debris was visible in the field, including sanitary products, and oily residue. It is possible that the tank had surcharged due to rainwater/surface water ingress. Sewage cannot be allowed to discharge into the field.

The brickwork of the secondary treatment section of the system is in very poor condition. Trees are growing from / adjacent to the walls.

The distributor arms and distributor are blocked and the full bed of filter medium is not being utilised.

The following actions are required:

- Please provide a recent survey report demonstrating the condition of the tank, secondary treatment section, drainage field, and all associated infrastructure.
- Investigate the reasons for the tank surcharging (illegally) into the field. Repair as necessary and provide details.
- Please also provide details setting out the servicing schedule at the site. How often is the site serviced? When was the site last serviced? When was the tank last de-sludged or emptied? When was the last time the drainage field was assessed to ensure it is functioning adequately? Details to be provided. Records and Reporting are a requirement of the permit (Condition 4).
- Brickwork / masonry to be repaired / replaced to ensure effective containment and control of polluting matter from the site (to be discharged only to the designated drainage field).
- Unblock / clean the distributor and arms of sludge. Ensure full use of the treatment bed (currently much of the filter medium is not being used).
- Provide a breakdown of the number of people / properties (including the number of bedrooms) feeding into the sewage system (to demonstrate that the maximum flow is compliant with the permit limit).

Photos will be provided separately.

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:

- offering or providing you with our literature or services relating to environmental matters
- consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (e.g. Health and Safety Executive, local authorities) on environmental issues
- 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.

We may also pass it on to our agents or representatives to do these things on our behalf.

Disclosure of information – this report will be available to view on-line

If you think this report contains commercially confidential information that should not be placed on our public register, you must contact your local Natural Resources Wales office within **fifteen working days** of receiving this report, using the contact details in the accompanying email or letter. You must give a full explanation of why it should not be

added to our public register, including specifying which information is commercially confidential. We will assess your request and respond to you within 20 working days to let you know if we agree to your request.

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.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you can contact the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales by phone on 0300 7900203 or by email at ask@ombudsman.wales

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