

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0045803

Permit being assessed: NB3339RH.

For: Hafod Yard Transfer Station, held by AMBIPAR Site Services Limited

At: Hafod Road, Johnstown, Wrexham, LL14 6HF.

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

On 04/12/2024 between 13:40 and 14:20.

Parts of permit assessed: 2.3.1, 2.3.2, 3.5.1, 4.1.1,

NRW Lead Officer: Amy Henderson, accompanied by Joe Weatherley.

Report sent to: Janet Edwards, Environment Officer on 16/12/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	Assessed (A)	
W2C - Waste - Operations - Operating techniques	Assessed (A)	
W3A - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water, air or land	Assessed (A)	
W3G - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Fire	Assessed (A)	
W4A - Waste - Information - Records	Assessed (A)	

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

Total number of 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 was a routine unannounced site inspection carried out at the Ambipar Site Services, Hafod Yard waste transfer station.

The site inspection was carried out by Waste Regulation Officers Amy Henderson and Joe Weatherley. The weather at the time was raining.

On arrival at site Officers were met by the Yard Supervisor, who accompanied them throughout the visit.

The site diary was seen, this included daily check lists for staff onsite to complete. The sites TCM attends weekly and this is documented within the signing in folder. A copy of the permit was held in the office with onsite staff being aware of it's location.

A copy of the sites FPMP was held at the entrance in compliance with the sites FPMP.

Waste was seen to be segregated into bays or contained within skips. A bunded area is in place for the storage of waste oils which were contained within drums.

Asbestos was kept in a lockable, sealed container, as specified in the permit conditions.

Items of WEEE are kept undercover in a curtain sided trailer.

As it was raining heavily in the run-up to and during the inspection, some of the drains were beginning to become overwhelmed with some surface water seen pooling. This was not causing any issues offsite however, with the water contained to the permitted area. It was stated the sites interceptors are emptied approximately every 30days, which can be carried out more frequently if required. It was discussed the importance of ensuring the drains themselves are maintained frequently to prevent water pooling onsite. The location of the interceptor was checked. This was kept clear for ease of access for maintenance/in case of emergency.

Waste remains onsite which was accepted from a HGV fire in 2023. The company is currently still in the process of liaising with the insurance company of the vehicle owner with regards to its disposal. Evidence of this was provided to NRW following the inspection. This remains ongoing and the site is unable to dispose of this whilst this is the case. Despite the difficulties, the waste is being stored securely in a covered and bunded area. As the situation is currently out of the hands of the operator but the waste is being suitably managed in the interim, with the company working to resolve the issues, a non-compliance score for storing waste in exceedance of the storage time specified in the sites Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan will not be issued.

There were no non-compliance scores issued as a result of this site inspection.

Thank you for your time during the site inspection.

Should you have any queries regarding this car form please contact amy.henderson@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk.

Kind regards
Amy Henderson
Swyddog Rheoleiddio Gwastraff / Waste Regulation Officer
Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru / Natural Resources Wales
Swyddfa Bwcle / Buckley Office

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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.

What are suspended scores?

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 Industry and Waste action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

A: Permitted activities

- A1 Specified by permit

B: Infrastructure

- B1 Infrastructure – Engineering for prevention and control of emissions
- B2 Infrastructure – Closure and decommissioning
- B3 Infrastructure – Site drainage engineering (clean and foul)
- B4 Infrastructure – Containment of stored materials
- B5 Infrastructure – Plant and equipment

C: General management

- C1 General management – Staff competency/training
- C2 General management – Management system and operating procedures
- C3 General management – Materials acceptance
- C4 General management – Storage, handling, labelling and segregation

D: Incident management

- D1 Incident management – Site security
- D2 Incident management – Accidents, emergency and incident planning

E: Emissions

- E1 Emissions – Air
- E2 Emissions – Land and groundwater
- E3 Emissions – Surface water
- E4 Emissions – Sewer
- E5 Emissions – Waste

F: Amenity

- F1 Amenity – Odour
- F2 Amenity – Noise
- F3 Amenity – Dust/fibres/particulates and litter
- F4 Amenity – Pests/birds and scavengers
- F5 Amenity – Deposits on road

G: Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting

- G1 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Monitoring of emissions and environment
- G2 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Records of activity, site diary/journal/events
- G3 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Maintenance records
- G4 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales

H: Resources efficiency

- H1 Resource efficiency – Efficient use of raw materials
- H2 Resource efficiency – Energy efficiency

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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