

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0045756

Permit being assessed: BW2300101

For: Cefn Styile P.S. Gowerton, held by DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

At: Opp 2 Cefn Styile Rd, Loughor, Swansea, SA4 3QS.

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

On 22/11/2024, between 09:45 and 10:05.

Parts of permit assessed: Operations, Permitted Activity & The site

NRW Lead Officer: Catherine Tucker, accompanied by: Sarah Bennett, Gareth Martin.

Report sent to: CARS@dwrcymru.com, CERS Mailbox, on 16/12/2024.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-B1 - Water Quality - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B2 - Water Quality - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B3 - Water Quality - Operations - Operating techniques	Assessed (A)	
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B3 - Water Quality - Operations - Operating techniques	Action only (X)	

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-B3	Please submit the Pumping Station Key Protection Measures (PSKPM) to NRW.	31/03/2025

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.

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 Compliance Assessment Reports relates to a site inspection of Cefn Styllle Pumping Station on the 22nd November 2024. The weather was dry during our visit and it had been dry on the days preceding the inspection.

The consolidated permit for Cefn Styllle SPS allows the discharge of Storm Sewage and Sewage in an Emergency as defined in the permit conditions.

The SPS consists of a covered well which was not accessible during the inspection. You informed us that the SPS receives surface water and foul sewage from a very small catchment and pumps the flows onto Gowerton WwTW on a separate line to the rising main coming from Penclawdd. You told us that the combined line can be adversely impacted during heavy rainfall by excess surface water and flooding.

We observed two dry pumps at the SPS, you told us that they were duty/ standby as defined in the permit. You confirmed that they were alarmed. You informed us that one of the pumps had recently been rebuilt as a result of a pump failure which you notified us of via OPNOT in September 2024. You told us that the second pump was also due to for a rebuild in November 2024 due to a mechanical fault causing leakage, which we observed during the inspection.

The improvement conditions submitted to us in 2023 confirm a weir setting of 0.911/s at the SPS. The EDM data submitted for 2023 recorded 8 significant spills and was shown to be recording 99.93% of the time.

The improvement conditions submitted also confirmed that there is no storage provision in place at the SPS and that there are no screens in place.

My understanding is that DCWW is going through a process of classifying all its storm overflows in accordance with Guidance Note GN066 'How to classify storm overflow performance'. I would expect this asset to be classified as substandard due to the lack of screens.

The permitted discharge point for the Storm sewage and Emergency Overflow is to a tributary of the Loughor Estuary at SS 57351 96597. During the inspection we inspected the watercourse and discharge point which was clear of any sewage debris/ rag.

Condition 2.3.1 requires that any emergency overflows, subject to the conditions of this permit, shall be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in the Pumping Station Key Protection Measures (PSKPM).

Action

Please submit the Pumping Station Key Protection Measures (PSKPM) to NRW.

During this inspection, we did not identify any non-compliances.

Thank you.

End

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).

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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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