

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0044085

Permit being assessed: CM0154001

For: CSO at Towyn SPS 3114 Coventry Camp, held by DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG
At: Golden Sands Holiday Park, Sandy Cove, Kinmel Bay, Rhyl, Conwy, LL18 5NA.

Type of assessment carried out: Audit, Reason: Other.

On 25/02/2024.

Parts of permit assessed: Flows and spills

NRW Lead Officer: Gareth Siney.

Report sent to: cars@dwrwymru.com, CARS Mailbox, on 23/12/2024.

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	C2 Significant	2.3.1 (a) (i) The discharge shall only occur when and only for as long as either: (i) the flow passed forward is equal to or greater than the overflow setting indicated due to rainfall and/or snow melt or

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-C1	Ensure FFT is within permitted values going forward.	07/06/2024

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.

At this time, we are issuing you with a warning for the non-compliance recorded above. Warnings may influence future enforcement response for continued or further non-compliance.

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

UPDATE 23/12/2024: NRW HAS CONCLUDED THAT A WARNING LETTER IS THE MOST APPROPRIATE RESPONSE. THE WARNING LETTER IS INCLUDED IN THIS CAR FORM.

Report:

Audit undertaken following data request.

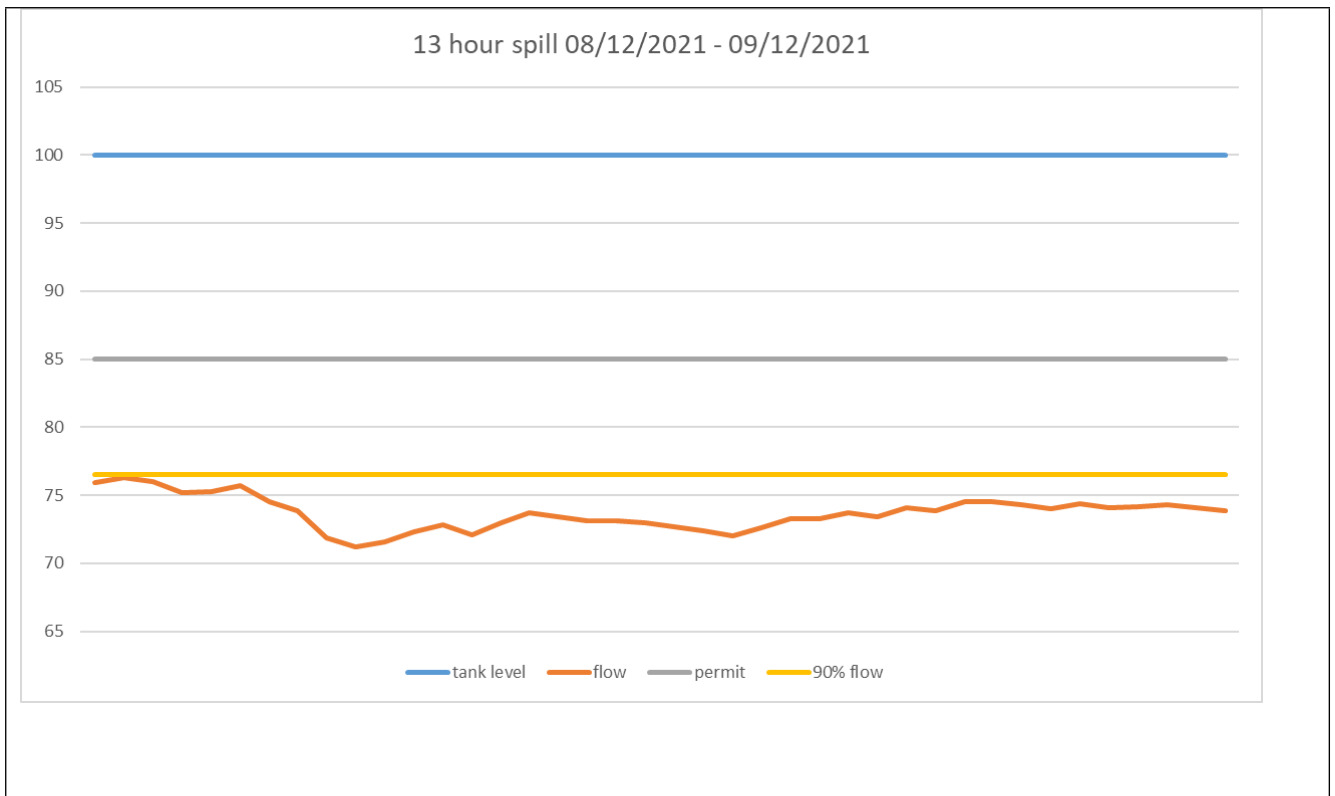
The site is permitted to discharge to storm tanks when the flow exceeds 85 litres per second. Flow data supplied is the inlet flow measured **downstream at Kinmel Bay** works, serving as a proxy for Towyn Golden Sands due to the lack of on-site data. Using the data provided, a volume of water discharged while flow was below this permitted rate was calculated by omitting all flow measurements when storm tank capacity was below 100%. Then by further omitting flows above the permitted rate, which would have been compliant, the remaining value is the volume spilled outside the permit limitations.

Between May 2021 and July 2022 there were 29 spill occurrences, during which **8,001,540 litres** was spilled in breach of permit.

CCS guidance for a Category 2 score would be spilling when flows are more than 10% below the permitted values. By adjusting our calculations earlier to show only flows below this point ($85 * 0.9 = 76.5$), we can see that **7,563,960** spilled here, equating to 94.5% of the total volume spilled in this audit. When looking at the data, 295 of the 376 timestamps during spill events recorded a flow below 90% of the permitted flow. This means 78.5% of the time spills occurred was during flows below 90% permitted rate.

Total litres spilled in breach of permit	8,001,540
Spilled <90% flow	7,563,960
<90% as a percentage of total volume	94.53

We can see that this spilled volume is almost all below 90% of the permitted rate. This is illustrated well during a 13-hour spill in December 2021, shown in the graph below.



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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