

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0045558

**Permit being assessed:** CM0077501

For: LAVISTER WwTW, held by DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

At: LAVISTER WwTW, LAVISTER, WREXHAM, WALES, LL12 0FB.

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

On 24/10/2024, between 13:30 and 14:00.

Parts of permit assessed: Emissions

**NRW Lead Officer:** Sally Sheehan, accompanied by: Callum Brannan.

**Report sent to:** CARS MAILBOX, CARS MAILBOX, on 02/01/2025.

### 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	C4 No impact	1.1 General management
WQ-D1 - Water Quality - Information - Records	Action only (X)	
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C3 Minor	2.1.2 whereby the only discharge permitted in table S1.1 is of secondary treated sewage effluent

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	ensure manual screen is in a working condition	Already completed
WQ-D1	Please send a screen shot of the MCERTS, Inlet flow and storm edm for the period 15/10/24 – 24/10/24	15/11/2024
WQ-C1	Classify asset which will then enable a permit variation to be made to include storm tank discharge	Already completed

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

Natural Resources Wales conducted a site inspection on the 24/10/24 due to the high spills recorded in 2023, 136 spills, on the Event Duration Monitor from the storm tanks on site to the Pulford Brook. In connection with the inspection at the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO), see CAR\_NRW0045557

All three storm tanks were full and spilling to the environment at the time of our visit. The sewage treatment works (STW) was receiving a flow of 40l/s. The weather was dry and had been in the days prior. Natural Resources Wales and Dwr Cymru have had numerous conversations about this illegal discharge to the environment. Dwr Cymru have notified NRW that they have plans to apply for a permit after they have assessed the storm overflow against the latest guidance. See action above. Alongside this Dwr Cymru have investment plans within the next Asset Management Period (AMP8). They plan to increase the treatment capacity and storm sewage capacity.

Is inlet flow measured at the STW? Can you send a screen shot of the MCERTS, Inlet flow and storm EDM for the period 15/10/24 – 24/10/24

Whilst on site we noted that the manual screen was covered in sewage debris. Action: to ensure the manual screen is in a good working condition in case the automatic screen needs to be bypassed.

The final effluent and storm tanks discharge at the same point on the Pulford Brook. There was no obvious sewage debris or impact to the brook on the day of our visit.

2/1/25 Actions complete: Dwr Cymru have provided a photo to show that the screen has been cleared of debris and confirmed that the screen is on a regular maintenance schedule.

Dwr Cymru have confirmed that the storm overflow from the storm tank is on their programme to be categorised as per the guidance. They will notify NRW of the outcome.

Data request action is out standing as the to inlet flow data missing. This will be requested again.

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.

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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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