

10. Site condition report. Noting the ground condition information provided with the application, please confirm whether you wish to provide an updated H5 Site Condition Report (including intrusive sampling results) as a response to a pre-operational condition in the updated permit, if the variation is issued. This information would then be required to the H5 standard described in our guidance (Natural Resources Wales / Horizontal guidance) prior to the capture plant operating. It is not immediately obvious from the submission whether information provided is “full and final” or whether there is supplementary detail on any baseline contamination to follow.

Improvement conditions (IC) 5 & 6 of the permit was to submit a site condition report (SCR) of the existing operational area (kiln and cement mills) and within the report, propose a monitoring plan. These ICs are complete, and the monitoring plan is ongoing.

Action 10 here is an extension of what has already been done for the existing operation. We would like to accept a pre-operational condition in the permit to extend the current SCR to include the carbon capture process and ancillary processes.

Some soil sampling has already been done, reports referenced in CCS-C2-5b-02 Baseline summary, however, to ensure a detailed response, completing the SCR as a pre-operational condition alongside the construction seems to be the best way forward.