

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0046196

Permit being assessed: RP3995FV.

For: Ferndale Community Recycling Centre, **held by:** Cynon Valley Waste Disposal Co Ltd

At: Ferndale, R C T, CF43 4RF.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 30/01/2025 between 13:54 and 14:18.

Parts of permit assessed: All.

NRW Lead Officer: Gareth Morris, accompanied by Craig Coleman, Andrew Prestt.

Report sent to: Shaun Thomas , Operations Manager , on 10/02/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	C3 Minor	1.1.1
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	C3 Minor	3.2.1
W3B - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits	C3 Minor	5.5.1,5.5.2

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
3	12

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?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
W1A	ACTION: I informed Mr Griffiths that paint cannot be stored in this cage and that the paint must be stored in a liquid retaining, sealed and covered container. I also informed Mr Griffiths that this requirement would need to be actioned	28/02/2025

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
	immediately and that the operator would receive a Category Three (3) breach for this breach of the permit	
W1A	ACTION: I informed Mr Griffiths that the sections of the security fencing that had been damaged needed to be repaired immediately in order to make the site fully secure. Mr Griffiths was informed that the operator would receive a Category Three (3) breach for this breach of the permit.	28/02/2025
W3B	ACTION: I informed Mr Griffiths that the litter would need to be removed and disposed of correctly. I did suggest that the site would benefit from mesh netting that was previously used at the site to remedy this issue. I informed Mr Griffiths that the operator would receive a Category Three (3) breach for this breach of the permit	28/02/2025

Compliance 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

Ferndale Community Recycling Centre Site Visit, Rhondda Cynon Taf (RP3995FV) – 30/01/2025

Waste Regulation Officer Gareth Morris accompanied by Senior Waste Regulation Officer; Craig Coleman and Carriers and Brookers Officer; Andrew Prestt visited the Ferndale Community Recycling Centre at North Road, Ferndale, Rhondda Cynon Taf, CF43 4RS on 30/01/2025 to conduct a routine site inspection and to assess compliance with environmental permit; RP3995FV.

The operator holds a bespoke environmental permit (A13)

The site is a Community Recycling Centre which accepts household waste.

On arrival at site, we were met by attendant, Paul Griffiths, who kindly showed us around the permitted site.

Weather on day of inspection, was clear, dry with little wind.

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Breaches Recorded**W1A- General Management****Route Cause Breach 1.1.1**

Permit Condition 1.1.1 states: *No waste management operations shall be authorised by this license unless:*

- a. *specified in and undertaken in accordance with the limitations in the following table; or*
- b. *otherwise required by the conditions of this license as being an integral part of those operations.*

W1A- General Management

Permit Condition 4.5.1 states: *Wastes displaying any of the hazardous properties or forms specified in Table 4.5 shall only be handled and or stored on the site in accordance with the standards specified in Table 4.5 (D) Wastes which are in a form which is either sludge or liquid; These wastes only permitted if:*

- *Stored in liquid-retaining, covered containers; and*
- *Stored in areas provided with impermeable pavement and sealed drainage*

During the site inspection it was evident that paint was being stored in a lockable cage that was clearly marked for gas bottles. There were no gas bottles stored in the cage at the time of the inspection so there was no risk posed.

ACTION: I informed Mr Griffiths that paint cannot be stored in this cage and that the paint must be stored in a liquid retaining, sealed and covered container. I also informed Mr Griffiths that this requirement would need to be actioned immediately and that the operator would receive a Category Three (3) breach for this breach of the permit

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W1A- General Management

Permit Condition 3.2.1 states: *Site security systems shall be provided at all times during the subsistence of this license, the objective of which shall be to prevent access by humans, and livestock, which is not authorised either by the License Holder or under legal powers of entry. These shall be installed, operated and maintained, and shall be fully documented and recorded, in accordance with the requirements specified in Table 3.2.*

Maintenance standards: The site security shall be fully inspected at the commencement of each working day. Any defects or damage shall be made secure by temporary repair by the end of the working day, and shall be repaired within seven (7) working days of the damage being detected. All inspections, defects, damage and repairs shall be recorded in the site diary.

While carrying out my inspection, I could see that there were a number of areas within the permitted site that had defective/damaged security metal fencing. I asked Mr Griffiths when the damage was caused to the security fencing? Mr Griffiths then informed me that the permitted site is broken into every night in order to steal wiring stored at the permitted site. I explained that this was a high concern and I asked what has the operator done to remedy the break ins? I could see that the permitted site does have a robust security system in place in the means of metal security fencing and a 24/7 CCTV system.

ACTION: I informed Mr Griffiths that the sections of the security fencing that had been damaged needed to be repaired immediately in order to make the site fully secure. Mr Griffiths was informed that the operator would receive a Category Three (3) breach for this breach of the permit.

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Photograph 1.3



W3B - Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limit

Permit Condition 5.5.1 states: *Measures shall be implemented and maintained throughout the operational life of the site to prevent the escape of litter from the confines of the site.*

Permit Condition 5.5.2 states: *In the event that litter does escape from the site, it shall be retrieved as soon as practicable and no later than one (1) hour after the end of the working day.*

While carrying out my inspection, it became evident that large amounts of litter/debris were being blown by the wind and onto land directly outside of the permitted area. The litter is clearly from the site as it clearly contains Rhondda Cynon Taf Local Authority recycling bags as seen in image 1.5.

ACTION: I informed Mr Griffiths that the litter would need to be removed and disposed of correctly. I did suggest that the site would benefit from mesh netting that was previously used at the site to remedy this issue. I informed Mr Griffiths that the operator would receive a Category Three (3) breach for this breach of the permit

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Areas assessed as compliant and other comments can be found below.

W1A- General Management

Permit Condition 1.3.4 states: ***Attendance of the technically competent person(s) at the site shall be recorded in the site diary on arrival and departure***

A up to date copy of the sites WAMITAB's certificate was provided on request and I was informed that the technically competent manager (TCM) attended the site regularly. I checked the site diary and the site diary confirmed that Mr Shaun Thomas to WAMITAB holder was site earlier that day.

W2C-Operating Techniques

Permit Condition 1.2.1 states: ***No wastes other than those, which are categorised in Table 1.2 and specified in detail in Appendix A to these conditions shall be accepted at the site.***

The site accepts a number of waste codes. All waste containers were well displayed, and all waste was correctly segregated. There was no evidence of mixed/contaminated waste.

Photograph 1.6



W2E- Waste Acceptance

Permit Condition 6.2.2 states: *A summary of the waste types and quantities accepted and removed from the site shall be made for each quarter of the financial year and shall be submitted to the Agency within one month of the end of that quarter. The summary record shall be in the format detailed in Appendix B or otherwise subsequently agreed with the agency in writing.*

The permitted site accepts a number of waste codes. Quarterly returns for the previous quarter have been received on time. The Quarterly returns have been checked against the sites waste codes and are correct.

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Summary

Please pass on my thanks to Mr Paul Griffiths for taking the time to show myself and the other officers around the site. If you have an queries relating to this report, please do not hesitate to contact myself on the details below;

Gareth Morris

07966730983

Gareth.morris@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

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.

If your assessment result in Section 1 is suspended, what does this mean?

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 Waste compliance criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

1. Management

- W1A – General management
- W1B – Energy Efficiency (MCP/SG facilities only)
- W1C – Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities

2. Operations

- W2A – Permitted activities
- W2B – Waste recovery plan
- W2C – Operating techniques
- W2D – The site
- W2E – Waste acceptance
- W2F – Technical requirements
- W2G – Improvement programme
- W2H – Pre-operational conditions

3. Emission and Monitoring

- W3A – Emissions to water, air or land
- W3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- W3C – Odour
- W3D – Noise and vibration
- W3E – Monitoring
- W3F – Pests
- W3G – Fire

4. Information

- W4A – Records
- W4B – Reporting
- W4C – Notification

Enforcement response

Any non-compliance with a permit condition 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 twenty 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 to 18:00), or email enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk for details of how to raise your dispute further through our Complaints and Commendations procedure.

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