

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0046064

Licence being assessed: WA/065/0018/024.

For: , held by Ynni Ogwen Cyfyngedig.

At: .

Type of assessment: Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 13/09/2024, between 12:30 and 14:00.

Parts of licence assessed: See report

NRW Lead Officer: Swyn Spencer, accompanied by Phillip Oliver.

Report sent to: Gareth Cemlyn, Daliwr Trwydded, on 18/02/2025.

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

Part of licenced activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Licence condition
WR-A8 - Water Abstraction - Abstraction specified by licence - Other specified on licence	Assessed (A)	

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

2. What action is required?

No action required.

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 or civil sanctions being imposed depending on the circumstances of the offence.

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

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Trwydded Cronni / Impoundment

Mae'r adroddiad yma yn cyfeirio at Drwydded Cronni Dŵr: WA/065/0018/024

Cafodd safle Hydro Ynni Ogwen Cyfyngedig ei ymweld ar 13.09.2025 gan Swyddogion yr Amgylchedd Swyn Spencer a Philip Oliver. Nid yw pob cyflwr y drwydded yn cael sylw yn

yr adroddiad. Dylid bob amser ymgyfarwyddo yn llawn gyda'r trwyddedau i sicrhau cydymffurfiaeth.

Roedd y cynllun yn tynnu dŵr ar y diwrnod, ac mi roedd hi'n heulog a sych. Mi roedd dŵr yn mynd drwy'r sgrin tynnu ym mhwynt A.

ENW'R DŴR MEWNDIROL FYDD YN CAEL EI GRONNI

1.1 Dŵr mewndirol (afon) a elwir yn Afon Ogwen ym Manc Ogwen, Braichmelyn, ger Bethesda, Gwynedd.

2. MAN CRONNI DŴR - Pwynt A:

2.1 Fel sydd wedi ei nodi yn y Drwydded Cronni. Cyfeirnod Grid Cenedlaethol. SH 62620 65407. **Cydymffurfriad**

3. Y DULL FAINT O DDŴR Y CEIR EI GRONNI:

Dimensiynau y mewnlif/ Intake Dimensions:

Cafodd y rhain eu mesur yn ystod ein hymweliad 13.09.2024, a chafodd ei gymharu gyda dimensiynau yn y cynlluniau o fewn y Drwydded Cronni. Doedd dim problem o gwbl yma. Er roedd rhai mesuriadau yn fwy cymhleth i'w cymryd o ganlyniad llif uchel. **Cydymffurfriad**

4. AMODAU PELLACH:

Cafodd cyflwr 4.5 ei hasesu:

- Rhaid i Ddeiliad y Drwydded adeiladu, gweithredu a chynnal y gwaith tynnu dŵr yn unol â'r manylebau a'r darluniau y cyfeirir atynt yn Amod 3.1 y drwydded hon, a sicrhau bod dim gollyngiadau na rhwystrau o gwbl bob amser.*

Yn ystod ymweliad 13.09.2024, doedd dim rhwystr (no blockages). Roedd y 'Gosodiad Llif Annibynnol' neu'r Hof (Hands Off Flow) yn glir – heb unrhyw rwystr.

Dylid gweithredu ar waith cynnal a chadw a gwiriadau gweledol yn rheolaidd i sicrhau bod y 'Gosodiad Llif Annibynnol' (Hof neu compensation notch) yn llifo'n ddirwystr bob amser.

Cydymffurfriad

Dylai'r daliwr drwydded sicrhau llif fel y egluri'r yn y Drwydded Tynnu. Mae hefyd wedi ei egluro yn adroddiad CAR tynnu dŵr, o dan gyflwr 9.5. Mae cadw'r 'Gosodiad Llif Annibynnol' (Hof) yn cyfrannu bod hwn yn cael ei gyflawni. Drwy gydymffurfiaeth a

chyfraddau tynnu, a gwaith cynnal a chadw fel yn y drwydded, mae ecoleg afon hefyd yn cael ei diogelu.

Os oes gynnloch chi unrhyw ymholiadau yn ymwneud a'r adroddiad cydymffurfiad yma neu am eich Trwyddedi Dynnu a Chronni, cysylltwch â mi ar y rhif neu e-bost isod.

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Mae unrhyw gyfeiriad o fewn yr adroddiad CAR/ trwydded tuag at Asiantaeth yr Amgylchedd yn golygu Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru.

Yn y ddogfen hon, ystyr 'Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru' yw Corff Adnoddau Naturiol Cymru a sefydlwyd gan Erthygl 3 o Orchymyn Corff Adnoddau Naturiol Cymru (Sefydlu) 2012

English Version - IMPOUNDMENT

This report is in reference to the Impoundment Licence WA/065/0018/024

The Hydro site of Ynni Ogwen Cyfyngedig was visited on the 13.09.2025 by Environment Officers Swyn Spencer and Philip Oliver. Not all conditions in the licence are mentioned in this report. You should always familiarise yourselves with the two licences in full to ensure compliance.

The scheme was abstracting, and it was sunny and dry. Water was going through the abstraction screen at Point A.

1. NAME OF INLAND WATER TO BE IMPOUNDED

1.1 Inland water (river) known as the Afon Ogwen at Ogwen Bank. Braichmelyn, near Bethesda, Gwynedd.

2. POINT OF IMPOUNDMENT – Point A:

2.1 As noted in the impoundment licence. National Grid Reference SH 62620 65407. Correct. **Compliant**

3. MANNER AND EXTENT OF IMPOUNDMENT:

Intake Dimensions:

These were measured during 13.09.2024 visit, and compared to measurement in the plans in the Impoundment Licence. No issues found. Some measurements were trickier to take as there was a high flow. **Noted as compliant**

FURTHER CONDITIONS:

Condition 4.5 was assessed:

“The Licence Holder shall construct, operate and maintain the intake works in accordance with the specification and drawings referred to in condition 3.1 of this licence and keep them free from leakage and obstruction at all times”.

During 13.09.2024 visit there were no blockages. The Hof (Hands Off Flow) was clear.

Regular maintenance and visual checks should be undertaken to ensure that the Hof/compensation notch is free flowing at all times

Compliant

The Licence Holder shall maintain a flow as explained in Abstraction Licence/ and also explained in the Abstraction CAR report under condition 9.5. Keeping Hof clear will contribute to this being achieved. Through compliance with the rates of abstraction and maintenance as per licences, the in river ecology is also protected.

If you have any queries regarding this compliance report or your abstraction and impoundment licences then please do not hesitate to contact me on the number or e-mail address below.

Please contact me if you require further information:

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Please note any reference within the CAR/ permit to the Environment Agency means Natural Resources Wales.

In this document ‘Natural Resources Wales’ means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) order 2012.

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 licence is issued to you under the Water Resources Act 1991 as amended by the Water Act 2003. You have a responsibility to comply with the conditions of your licence 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.

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 resource action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**WR A: Abstraction specified by Licence**

- WR-A1 Source of supply
- WR-A2 Points of abstraction
- WR-A3 Means of abstraction
- WR-A4 Purposes of abstraction
- WR-A5 Period of abstraction
- WR-A6 Quantities
- WR-A7 Land
- WR-A8 Other specified on licence

WR B: Abstraction measurement and records

- WR-B1 Means of measurement
- WR-B2 Recording
- WR-B3 Reporting

WR C: Surface / Groundwater level and protected flow

- WR-C1 Minimum hands-off flow/level requirements
- WR-C2 Flow/level measurement devices
- WR-C3 Recording
- WR-C4 Reporting

WR D: Environmental monitoring and information

- WR-D1 Recording
- WR-D2 Reporting
- WR-D3 Notifications

WR E: Fish and eel passage

- WR-E1 Infrastructure specified by licence
- WR-E2 Maintenance and records

WR F: Discharge

- WR-F1 Point of discharge
- WR-F2 Infrastructure
- WR-F3 Measurement
- WR-F4 Recording
- WR-F5 Reporting

WR G: Impoundment specified by licence

- WR-G1 Inland water to be impounded
- WR-G2 Manner and extent of impoundment
- WR-G3 Point(s) of impoundment
- WR-G4 Construction and removal requirements
- WR-G5 Other specified on licence

WR H: Borehole infrastructure

- WR-H1 Infrastructure and accessibility
- WR-H2 Maintenance and calibration

Enforcement response

Any licence condition non-compliance is an offence and we may take legal action against you. Action we take can include prosecution or civil sanctions. 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 (Mon to Fri 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

Welsh Language Standards

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