

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0046207

Permit being assessed: AB3233DW.

For: GP Biotec Ltd, **held by:** GP Biotec Ltd

At: Great Porthamel AD Plant, Talgarth, Brecon, Powys, LD3 0DL.

Type of assessment: Check Monitoring/Sampling,

Reason: Routine.

On: 31/12/2024.

Parts of permit assessed: Emissions & Monitoring, Reporting.

NRW Lead Officer: Rhydian Cox.

Report sent to: Compliance Manager, Compliance Manager, on 21/02/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR3E - Installations - Emissions and monitoring - Monitoring	Assessed (A)	
IR4B - Installations - Information - Reporting	Assessed (A)	
IR3A(2) - Installations - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to air	Assessed (A)	
IR3A(1) - Installations - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	Assessed (A)	

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
0	0

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?

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 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**Annual Monitoring Returns 2024**

This Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) has been issued in response to the submission of the 2024 Annual Monitoring Returns by GP Biotec Ltd or activities at Great Porthamel Anaerobic Digestion Plant, Talgarth, Brecon, Powys, LD3 0DL under permit number EPR/AB3233DW.

Monitoring returns and reports for the following period(s) have been assessed in this CAR form:

- Reporting of emissions to air for the year 2024
- Reporting of emissions to water (other than sewer) and land for the year 2024
- Reporting of other performance indicators for the year 2024

This CAR was undertaken on 21 February 2025. However, to ensure that the CCS scoring is attributed to the correct financial year (for billing) the date on the CARS has been altered to 31 December 2024.

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Table S4.1 of the permit states that the 12 month reporting period for both emissions to air and emissions to water begins on 1 January.

The operator requested an extension to the deadline. An extension to 05/02/2025 was granted by the site's regulating officer. The 2024 annual reporting returns were submitted to NRW by GP Biotec on the 05 February 2025. The annual submissions are in compliance with permit condition 4.2.3.

Emissions to Air

The operator submitted the *Reporting of emissions to air for the year 2024* in the agreed reporting format (Form Number: Air 1 / 17/08/2022).

The Emission Limit Value (ELV) listed within the permit for Total VOC's (including methane) for emission point A1 CHP Exhaust is 1000mg/m³. A result of 1190mg/m³ has been provided. When taking into account the factor of uncertainty for the sampling, this result can be discounted.

No monitoring results have been provided for Emission Point A3 Emergency Stack Flare. Note 5 outlines the following; *Monitoring of flare emissions is only necessary when the flare is operated in excess of 10% of the time.*

No monitoring results have been provided for Emission Point A6 (Liquid Waste Tank At Reception Area Activated Carbon Filtration System). Note 6 of reporting form Air 1 / 17/08/2022 outlines the following; *Where emissions are unlikely to impact on sensitive receptors, operators can choose whether to monitor for odour or ammonia and hydrogen sulphide. Operators will need to justify that their choice demonstrates the continued*

efficacy of their abatement equipment and that the environment is protected.

All other reporting parameters within Emission Limit Values stated within the permit - No exceedances reported.

Emissions to Water

The operator submitted the *Reporting emissions to water (other than sewer) and land for the year 2024* in the agreed reporting format (Form Number: Water 1 / 09/02/2021). Nil returns have been submitted for emissions to water. Confirmation from the operator that the W1 emission point has not been utilised since it was permitted, with all captured surface water being utilised back within the system.

The operator must inform the site officer if a decision is made to begin utilising the permitted discharge points once more.

Performance Reports

Condition 4.2.2 of the permit states that reports on the performance of the activities over the previous year shall be submitted to NRW by 31 January. An extension to 05/02/2025 was granted by the site's regulating officer. The operator submitted the 2024 annual performance reports on 05 February 2025 in the agreed reporting form (Form Number: Performance 1 / 30/01/2024) in line with condition 4.2.2(c). No issues noted.

END

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

1. Management

- IR1A – General management
- IR1B – Finance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR1C – Energy efficiency
- IR1D - Efficient use of raw materials
- IR1E - Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities
- IR1F - Multiple operator installations

2. Operations

- IR2A – Permitted activities
- IR2B – The site
- IR2C – Operating techniques
- IR2D – Technical requirements
- IR2E – Improvement programme
- IR2F – Pre-operational conditions
- IR2G – Landfill engineering (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2H – Waste acceptance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2I – Leachate levels (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2J – Closure and aftercare (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2K – Landfill gas management (only applicable to Landfill)

3. Emission and Monitoring

- IR3A – Emissions to water, air or land
- IR3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- IR3C – Odour
- IR3D – Noise and vibration
- IR3E – Monitoring
- IR3F – Pests
- IR3G – Air quality management plans
- IR3H – Monitoring for the purposes of the Industrial Emissions Directive (this heading includes Large Combustion Plants)
- IR3I – Fire

4. Information

- IR4A – Records
- IR4B – Reporting
- IR4C – 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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