

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0046503

Permit being assessed: BR97151B.

For: Newport Chemical Complex, **held by:** Solutia UK Ltd

At: Corporation Road , Newport, South Wales, NP19 4XF.

Type of assessment: Report/Data Review,

Reason: Routine.

On: 31/12/2024.

Parts of permit assessed: 4.2 Reporting.

NRW Lead Officer: Luke Burton.

Report sent to: HSES Manager, Solutia UK Ltd, on 28/02/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR4B - Installations - Information - Reporting	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

This Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) has been produced in response to the submission of annual performance and monitoring report(s) required by the following environmental permit conditions.

Condition 4.2.2 of the environmental permit states:

A report or reports on the performance of the activities over the previous year shall be submitted to Natural Resources Wales by 31 January (or other date agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales) each year. The report(s) shall include as a minimum:

- (a) a review of the results of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the permit including an interpretive review of that data;
- (b) the annual production /treatment data set out in schedule 4 table S4.2;
- (c) the performance parameters set out in schedule 4 table S4.3 using the forms specified in table S4.4 of that schedule

Table S4.2 is partially reproduced below:

Table S4.2: Annual production/treatment

Parameter	Units
Production of Chemicals	Tonnes

Table S4.3 is partially reproduced below:

Table S4.3 Performance parameters

Parameter	Frequency of assessment	Units
Effluent COD	Monthly	COD kg/tonne of product
Effluent Toxicity	Monthly	Value of NOEC
VOC	Annual	Kg/tonne of product
PCOP	Annual	Value of PCOP

Table S4.4 is partially reproduced below:

Table S4.4 Reporting forms

Media/parameter	Reporting format	Date of form
Air	Form Air 1 or other form as agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales	01/01/04
Air (Annual Releases)	Air 2 or other form as agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales	01/01/04
Water (Combined W1 + W2)	Form W1 or other form as agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales	01/01/04
Waste Return	Form R1 or other form as agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales	01/01/04
Water Usage	Form WU1 or other form as agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales	01/01/04
Energy	Form E1 or other form as agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales	01/01/04
Performance Indicators	Form P1 or other form as agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales	01/01/04

Report(s) for condition 4.2.2 were submitted via email on 31/01/2025.

The report(s) submission was made inside the reporting window which represents compliance the environmental permit.

The reports include a review of the results of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the permit including an interpretive review of that data which represents compliance with the environmental permit.

The report(s) submitted are for the performance parameters set out in schedule 4 table S4.3 which represents compliance with the environmental permit.

The reports submitted include the annual production /treatment data set out in schedule 4 table S4.2 which represents compliance with the environmental permit.

The report(s) have been submitted using the forms specified in table S4.4 to Schedule 4 which represents compliance with the environmental permit

Condition 4.2.3 of the environmental permit states:

Within 28 days of the end of the reporting period the operator shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales, submit reports of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the conditions of this permit, as follows:

- (a) in respect of the parameters and emission points specified in schedule 4 table S4.1;
- (b) for the reporting periods specified in schedule 4 table S4.1 and using the forms specified in schedule 4 table S4.4; and
- (c) giving the information from such results and assessments as may be required by the forms specified in those tables.

Table S4.1 is partially reproduced below:

Table S4.1 Reporting of monitoring data			
Parameter	Emission or monitoring point/reference	Reporting period	Period begins
Emissions to air Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	A2, A4, A6, A15, A16, A26-A30, A31	Annually	01/01/04
Emissions to water Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	W1	Every 3 months	01/01/04
Great crested newts as required by condition 3.5.1	As detailed in Table S3.4	Every 5 years	01/01/19

Table S4.4 is partially reproduced above.

Report(s) for condition 4.2.3 were submitted via email on 09/04/24, 24/07/24, 21/10/24 and 20/01/25.

The report(s) submission was made inside the reporting window which represents compliance the environmental permit.

The report(s) are for the parameters and emission points specified in schedule 4 table S4.1 which represents compliance with the environmental permit.

The report(s) are for the reporting periods specified in schedule 4 table S4.1 which represents compliance with the environmental permit.

The report(s) have been submitted using the forms specified in table S4.4 to Schedule 4 which represents compliance with the environmental permit

The report(s) give the information from such results and assessments as may be required by the forms specified in those tables which represents compliance with the environmental permit.

Great crested newts - The next great crested newt monitoring report is due for submission to Natural Resources Wales in 2029.

A compliance assessment of the reported emissions, point source and fugitive, against those permitted will be undertaken in 2025 calendar year.

Condition 4.2.5 of the environmental permit states:

The operator shall submit an annual solvent management plan in order to demonstrate compliance with the requirements of the Industrial Emissions Directive [IED], by 31 January each year in respect of the previous year.

Should the operator not undertake the activities of Annex VII IED (Solvent emissions and management) they do not need to comply with condition 4.2.5 of the environmental permit.

The operator has not submitted a solvent emission plan. This represents compliance with the permit, at this stage.

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.

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

We are committed to establishing Natural Resources Wales as a naturally bilingual organisation. We will provide compliance reports in your preferred language.