

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0046601

Permit being assessed: BC0016601

For: Trebanos Wastewater Treatment Works, held by DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

At: Pheasant Road, Trebanos, Pontardawe, Swansea, SA8 4BR.

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 14/03/2025.

Parts of permit assessed: 2.2.1

NRW Lead Officer: Chris Palmer.

Report sent to: CARS Mailbox, CARS Mailbox, on 14/03/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-B1 - Water Quality - Operations - Permitted activities	C4 No impact	Condition 2.2.1 - The discharge activities shall take place at the discharge points marked on the site plan at schedule 7 to this permit, and as listed in table S3.2; and, the operating techniques that are the subject of conditions prefixed by 2.3 shall be applied at the locations shown, or otherwise described, in schedule 7.

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-B1	Connect FE to the new outfall as described in permit condition 2.2.1 or apply to vary the permit to reflect current FE discharge location	13/06/2025

Action 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.

You are non-compliant with your permit.

At this time, we are issuing you with a warning for the non-compliance recorded above. Warnings may influence future enforcement response for continued or further non-compliance.

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

Permit version issued - 22/11/2024

On the 7 March 2025 an OPNOT was received which stated the following:

"Newly issued varied permit BC0016601 has been updated to reflect that both Final effluent (FE) and Settled storm (SS) discharge at the same location SN 70942 02124. However this is not correct for current site operation. Currently SN 70942 021124 is the location of settled storm discharge only and the Final effluent is discharging through original discharge location SN 70879 02128. Only when the amp 8 flow driver scheme is completed (due by 31st March 2027) will the FE and SS discharge at the same location."

DCWW applied to vary the permit to the current version which came into effect on the 25 November 2024, which combines both FE and SS to a newly built outfall. DCWW did not specify the FE would be connected at a later stage (during AMP8 as stated in the above OPNOT) and did not ask for a phased approach to the variation. We note the SS connection was only made on the 21 January 2025. In future please ensure any capital schemes which effect the works and any required permit variations are coordinated and aligned to avoid unnecessary non compliances.

As the FE is currently not discharging through the new outfall it is not compliant with the following permit condition:

NON-COMPLINACE - CCS 4 - Condition 2.2.1 - The discharge activities shall take place at the discharge points marked on the site plan at schedule 7 to this permit, and as listed in table S3.2; and, the operating techniques that are the subject of conditions prefixed by 2.3 shall be applied at the locations shown, or otherwise described, in schedule 7.

ACTION - Connect FE to the new outfall as described in permit condition 2.2.1 or apply to vary the permit to reflect current FE discharge location. Due **13 June 2025**

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 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
- 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
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 quality action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**WQ A: Management**

- WQ-A1 General management

WQ B: Operations

- WQ-B1 Permitted activities
- WQ-B2 The site
- WQ-B3 Operating techniques
- WQ-B4 Improvement programme
- WQ-B5 Pre-operational conditions

WQ C: Emissions and monitoring

- WQ-C1 Emissions to water
- WQ-C2 Emissions to land
- WQ-C3 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- WQ-C4 Installation of monitoring boreholes

WQ D: Information

- WQ-D1 Records
- WQ-D2 Reporting
- WQ-D3 Notifications

Enforcement response

Any permit condition non-compliance 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).

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- 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.

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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 – 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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