

Apply for a bespoke water discharge or groundwater activity permit

About you

Who will be the permit holder?

A registered company (including limited liability partnerships) or other corporate body

Registered company or other corporate body

Please provide details below

Company name: Merthyr (South Wales) Limited
Company address: Bradbury House, Mission Court
Newport
Company postcode: NP20 2DW
Company registration number: 04261274
Date of registration (DD/MM/YYYY): 30/07/2021

Contact name for the company

Title -
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Telephone: 07885452876

Is somebody completing this application on your behalf?

Tell us if you're using an agent or somebody else to complete this application on your behalf

No – I'm completing this application for myself

1 Pre-application discussions

Did you have pre-applications discussions with Natural Resources Wales about this activity?

Yes

Pre-application discussions

Give us the case reference or details of the pre-application advice you received. We will then be able to refer back to the information you've already given us, which will help us to determine your application.

PPN-01253 (Pre-Application advice confirmed in email by Kirsty Lewis on 27/06/2024)

Have you changed your proposal since you had pre-application discussions with us?

No

Where will you be discharging?

Please complete

Site name Rhaslas Reservoir
Address Cwmbargoed Disposal Point
Merthyr Tydfil
Postcode CF48 4AE

Please provide the 12 character national grid reference of the location of your septic tank / sewage treatment plant. This consists of two letters followed by 10 numbers (for example AB 12345 67890)

To find out the 12 character grid reference, you can search on the UK grid reference finder website: <http://www.gridreferencefinder.com/>

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About the effluent

Give a brief description of the effluent discharge you want a permit for, for example, treated domestic sewage effluent.

Discharge of reservoir water through scour valve for testing and drawdown of water levels to ensure that the scour valve will operate in an emergency in compliance with the Reservoir Act 1975. Testing and emergency drawdown procedure are highlighted in the Section 10 & Section 12 reports issued by a APRE (All Panels Reservoir Engineer) and the Supervising Engineer respectively.
Routine reservoir inspections are undertaken to comply with a Section 10 notice issued by the APRE under the Reservoir Act 1975.

Give this effluent a unique name

This name will be used throughout the application and may be used in the permit to identify this effluent. If you have more than one effluent you must ensure that each name you use is distinct. For example, package sewage treatment plant effluent, septic tank effluent, cooling water, site drainage and so on.

Rhaslas

Is this a release from a dam, weir or sluice ('reservoir release') under Schedule 21 of the EPR meaning of water discharge activity?

Yes

Tell us the effluent type:

You must fill in a separate copy of this form for each type of effluent you plan to discharge.

Trade – rainfall dependent (such as site drainage)

Trade – rainfall dependent: How long will you need to discharge?

What date do you want the permit for this effluent to start?

You cannot discharge your effluent prior to this start date on your permit. This is the date that your annual subsistence charges will start, even if you have not started to discharge.

* 14/10/2024

Is the discharge time limited?

No

Please give the date you expect the discharge to end but please note that your permit will not end on that date and you will still need to notify us to surrender the permit.
14/10/2028

Could your discharge from other premises be made to the foul sewer?

How far away is the nearest foul sewer from the boundary of the properties (in metres)?

You will need to check this with your sewerage undertaker (usually your local water company) and you may also need to check if it is possible to connect to a private foul sewer. Measure the shortest distance between the boundary of premises served by the private sewage treatment system and the nearest foul sewer and/or private sewer.

No

Discharges from all other premises, for example a pub, cafe, restaurant or office

Divide the volume of the discharge (in cubic metres) by 0.75 and then multiply this figure by 30 metres

	Volume of discharge (in cubic metres)	Divided by 0.75	Multiplied by 30 metres
Your premises	0000	0000	0000

Is this distance you've calculated greater than the distance to the nearest foul sewer you've provided above?

No

Provide evidence why you cannot connect to the foul sewer

You must explain why you cannot connect to the foul sewer:

Rhaslas Reservoir is located on open moorland at 400 AOD, approximately in a direct line 2km from a trunk sewer located in the Rhymney valley. Therefore, due to the terrain there is no connection to a foul sewer public or private as it's practically impossible to connect to a foul sewer.
Please see attached file showing the reservoir location in relation to Rhymney Valley trunk sewer

You must also send us evidence that you have: Approached the sewerage undertaker or owner(s) of the private sewer to reach an agreement for a connection to the foul sewer. If the sewerage undertaker refuses connection to the public sewer, provided evidence that you have requested that they adopt the proposed treatment system. If the sewerage undertaker refuses both of the above, you must appeal the refusal with Ofwat and provided evidence of the outcome of that appeal

[REDACTED]

Trade – rainfall dependent: How much do you want to discharge?

What is the maximum volume of effluent you will discharge in a day (in cubic metres)?

9590

What is the maximum rate of discharge (in litres a second)?

111

Tell us how you have calculate this figure in the box below, or upload a copy of your workings in the next question.

Calculation is based on a Table 31 Pipe full flow capacity for pipes discharging surface water of the National Coal Boards - Technical Management of Water in the Coal Mining Industry.
At a Hydraulic Gradient of 0.01000 1/100.0 & a Nominal Pipe Bore of 300mm

Trade - rainfall dependent: How will the effluent be treated?

Do you treat your effluent?

No

If no, please explain why the effluent will not be treated:

Rhaslas Reservoir is classed as an impounding reservoir under Reservoir Act 1975, a reservoir designed to collect surface water, basically rain water run off, from its catchment area and rain water that falls directly onto its surface area.

Therefore, as such this discharge is a naturally occurring part of the annual water cycle created by rain fall and doesn't require treatment. Water previously used as a non-potable industrial supply in the steel and coal industries.

The attached water analysis was undertaken by Socotec, a UKAS accredited laboratory on a sample taken on 9th July 2024

Please fill in the table below for each stage of the treatments carried out on your effluent in the order in which they are carried out. . If you prefer, you can upload an overall design for the whole treatment process below

Code number	
First treatment	32 No treatment required – good engineering
Second treatment	32 No treatment required – good engineering
Third treatment	32 No treatment required – good engineering
Fourth treatment	32 No treatment required – good engineering

Final effluent discharge quality

You must provide details of the final effluent discharge quality that the overall treatment system is designed to achieve. This should be after all the stages of treatment you have listed in the table above. For discharges of treated domestic sewage effluent this must include biochemical oxygen demand, suspended solids and ammonia. For trade effluent discharges, the substances should reflect the substances that are likely to be present in the final effluent discharge.

Please upload this and any supporting documents here.



Trade – rainfall dependent: What will be in the effluent?

Are any 'specific substances' added to or present in the effluent as a result of the activities on the site?

You may add chemicals to the effluent during the treatment process; for example, iron salts to remove phosphate. Or you may have substances present in your effluent as a result of activities on your site; for example, chromium can be present in effluents from concrete batching plants.

No

Have any 'specific substances' been detected in samples of the effluent or in the sewerage catchment upstream of the discharge?

No

Are there any other harmful or hazardous substances in your effluent not mentioned in the environmental risk assessment guidance ?

The list in the environmental risk assessment guidance is not exhaustive and if you accept, add or detect any other harmful substance (including hazardous substances or relevant non-hazardous pollutants as described above) you will need to tell us.

No

You must also send us any information on samples that you may have



Give the maximum temperature of your discharge in degrees Celsius

10-20

Trade – rainfall dependent: Monitoring arrangements

Please provide the 12 character national grid reference of the final effluent sample point.

This is the sample point used to assess compliance with any water quality emission limits on your permit. You must ensure that it allows a representative sample of the discharge to be obtained. You must also ensure that all constituents of the discharge pass through the sampling point at all times. The sample point can be where the effluent meets the receiving environment only in cases where no other effluent is added before this point. You must provide a permanent means of access to monitoring points.

A 12 character national grid reference consists of two letters followed by 10 numbers (for example AB 12345 67890). To find out the 12 character grid reference, you can search on the UK grid reference finder website: gridreferencefinder.com

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Do you have a UV disinfection efficacy monitoring point?

This type of monitoring point is only required for discharges that undergo some form of disinfection. For example, ozone or ultraviolet disinfection, membrane filtration etc.

No

What is the 12 character national grid reference of the flow monitoring point?

A 12 character national grid reference consists of two letters followed by 10 numbers (for example AB 12345 67890). To find out the 12 character grid reference, you can search on the UK grid reference finder website gridreferencefinder.com

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Does the flow monitor have an MCERTS certificate?

No

Trade - returned abstracted water: How long will you need to discharge?

What date do you want the permit for this effluent to start?

You cannot discharge your effluent prior to this start date on your permit. This is the date that your annual subsistence charges will start, even if you have not started to discharge.

* 31/08/2024

For seasonal discharges which only occur for part of the year, tells us when the discharge will take place. Where a discharge will continue at a significantly lower rate over a period you should complete this question and also send in details of the seasonal variation. For example, campsites which are closed in winter but have a residual throughput from residential properties on site all year.

Will the discharge take place all year?

No

Please give details below, of the months when you will make the discharge

Intermittently throughout the year

Will the discharge take place on more than six days in any year?

If you answer 'no' you must be able to comply with the requirement to discharge on six days or fewer in any year as this will be a permit condition. It would apply only to batch processes such as the emptying of fish rearing ponds or planned shutdowns of plant or equipment.

Yes

Could your discharge from other premises be made to the foul sewer?

Is this distance you've calculated greater than the distance to the nearest foul sewer you've provided above?

No

Your management systems

What management system will you provide for your regulated facility?

Own management system

I confirm that I have read the guidance and that my management system will meet NRW requirements.

Yes

You must send a suitable summary of your management system with your application – that includes enough information to allow us to assess whether your full system meets the standards set out in our guidance.

[REDACTED]

Where will the effluent discharge to?

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Non-tidal river, stream or canal

Is this effluent discharged through more than one outlet?

Effluents are usually discharged to one location in one receiving environment. If your effluent will be discharged to more than one location within the same receiving environment, for example, two different discharge points on a non-tidal river, you can provide details of every discharge point on the next page.

If your effluent discharges to more than one location in a different receiving environment, for example, into land and to a non-tidal river you will need to select both receiving environments above and complete the relevant sections on the following pages.

No

Are there any other factors we need to take into account as part of your application?

No

Discharges to non-tidal river, stream or canal

Give the discharge point a unique name For example, 'Outlet 1' (you must use this name to identify the discharge point on the plan), the national grid reference and the name of the watercourse, canal or the main watercourse it is a tributary of if you know it

	Discharge point name	National grid reference	Watercourse name	Name of effluent discharged through this discharge point
1	North Bank 1	SO 0937407398	Course Rhaslas	Rhaslas
2	North Bank 2	SO 0937407398	Course Rhaslas	Rhaslas
3	-	-	-	-
4	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-

Is the discharge into a

Non-tidal river

Does the discharge reach the watercourse or canal by flowing through a surface water sewer?

No

Does the watercourse dry up for part of the year?

Effluent should discharge to watercourses which flow all year. Discharging to a dry watercourse may cause the effluent to pond and cause other environmental or amenity issues"

No

Environmental risk assessment and modelling

Have you carried out any river quality modelling? Read the 'Surface water pollution risk assessment for your environmental permit' guidance available on Gov.UK to determine if you need to provide this modelling.

No

Site plan

You must provide a site plan for your proposed discharge which is A4 in size or larger, and at 1:10,00 scale or larger.

On your plan you must show: which direction North is; the premises discharging effluent; the site in relation to the local area; any watercourses, wells, springs or boreholes on the site (or within 50 metres); the location of the wastewater treatment system all outlets where effluent will be discharged into the receiving environment; where samples of effluent can be taken automatically or manually (if required); where flow or quality will be measured (if required).

You may submit more than one plan if necessary.

Please upload your plan(s) below



How do you want to pay?

Who can we talk to you about your billing or invoice?

Same as application contact

How do you want to pay for your application fee?

Electronic transfer (e.g. BACS)

Paying by electronic transfer

Please provide your reference for the payment.

Payment reference: EPRMerthyr2024

Amount paid: £10,076

How we collect your personal data

We will process the information provided by you in line with the Data Protection legislation. For more information on how we manage, store and use your data, see our Privacy Notice (opens in new tab)

I have read and understood this information

Freedom of Information

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, anybody may request information from a public authority. The Act grants two statutory rights: to be told if the public authority holds that information; and if so, to have that information communicated to you.

Find out how to request information under the Freedom of Information Act.

I have read and understood this information

Confidentiality and National Security

We will normally put all the information in your application on a public register of environmental information. However, we may not include certain information in the public register if this is in the interests of national security, or because the information is confidential. Confidential information is information that is commercially or industrially confidential in relation to any person and is unlikely to be applicable for small-scale sewage discharges.

You can ask for information in the public register to be made confidential or withheld in the interests of national security by answering the question below and provide information on the next page giving your reasons. If we agree with your request, we will tell you and not include the information in the public register. If we do not agree with your request, we will let you know how to appeal against our decision, or you can withdraw your application.

Do you believe that for reasons of confidentiality or national security your details should not be included on the public register?

No

Declaration

A relevant person should make the declaration. You must be a relevant person or have the authority of a relevant person to sign this application on their behalf. An agent acting on behalf of an applicant is NOT a relevant person.

Each individual (or individual trustee) who is applying for their name to appear on the permit must complete this declaration. You can send a separate document with the relevant information if there are not enough spaces to sign below.

Relevant people means each applicant, and in the case of a company, a director, manager, company secretary or any similar officer or employee listed on current appointments in Companies House. In the case of a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP), it includes any partner. If the permit holder is an organisation of individuals, each individual (or individual trustee) must complete the declaration.

To simplify and speed up the application process, we recommend that the declaration is filled in by an officer of a company or one of the partners in a Limited Liability Partnership (LLP).

If you wish a manager, employee or consultant etc. to sign the declaration on behalf of a relevant person, we will need written confirmation from a relevant person; that is, an officer of the company, a partner in the LLP or the individual, confirming that the person has the authority to fill in the declaration.

If you are joint permit holders, you should each fill in your own declaration. We have provided extra spaces for this below. Please upload a separate sheet with your application if you need more room for signatories.

Where the operator is the subject of any insolvency procedure, the declaration must be filled in by the official receiver/appointed insolvency practitioner.

I have included written confirmation from a relevant person to confirm I can sign on their behalf

Upload written confirmation here



If you knowingly or recklessly make a statement which is false or misleading to help you get an environmental permit (for yourself or another person), you are committing an offence under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

I declare that the information in this application is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that this application may be refused or approval withdrawn if I give false or incomplete information.

I understand that if I knowingly or recklessly make a false or misleading statement: I may be prosecuted; and if convicted, I may have to pay a fine and/or go to prison.

By signing below, you are confirming that you understand and agree with the declaration above.

Title	-
First name	David
Last name	James
On behalf of (if applicable)	Merthyr (South Wales) Ltd
Date (DD/MM/YYYY)	26th. September 2024

Submit your application

Enter the email address you'd like a copy of your application sent to:

david.james@merthyrsw.com