

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0046243

Permit being assessed: QP3994FZ.

For: Caerylchu Waste Management Facility, **held by:** Gwynedd Council

At: Cibyn Industrial Estate, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 2BD.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Other.

On: 11/02/2025 between 10:00 and 11:30.

Parts of permit assessed: 4.2.1.

NRW Lead Officer: Cheryl Griffiths, accompanied by Nia Brunning, Daniel Grant.

Report sent to: Endaf Williams , Rheolwr Safleoedd Ailgylchu, on 28/03/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W4B - Waste - Information - Reporting	C3 Minor	4.2.1

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
1	4

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?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
W4B	to agree on a temporary sampling methodology to remain compliant with your environment permit until your preferred methodology is operating	14/04/2025

Compliance 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.

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 Recording System (CARS) form is in relation to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) officers Cheryl Griffiths (Waste Regulation officer), Danial Grant (Hazardous Waste Regulation officer), Nia Brunning (Industry & Waste Regulation Team Leader North-West Wales) and Euros Jones (Operations Manager) completing an announced visit at Caerylchu Waste Management Facility on Tuesday the 11th of February 2025 at 1000AM accompanied by Roland Thomas (Assistant Head), Endaf Williams (Technical Competent manager) and their team.

The weather conditions throughout the visit was dry and cold with an overcast.

We touched base on the subjects of Material facility regulations (MFR) which came into effect since October 2024, The Waste Separation Requirements Regulations 2023 which came into effect on the 6th of April 2024 and the future plans for Caerylchu Waste Management Facility. No concerns was apparent during the visit by NRW officers.

Caerylchu confirmed that they currently do not have a sampling methodology in place for the new Material facility regulations (MFR), and a self-assessment for the reporting period of 1 October 2024-31 December 2025 and 1 January to 31 March 2025 was not completed.

When completed, and if your self-assessment shows that your facility meets the definition of a materials facility, you must tell us by the end of the reporting period. As stated in the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016, Schedule 9- Failure to notify : 1(2) The operator must notify the regulator [in writing] before the end of the reporting period if the assessment undertaken at the start of that period indicates that the materials facility is likely to receive a minimum of 1,000 tonnes waste material during the relevant year.

Unfortunately, Caercylchu did not manage to notify NRW via a self-assessment at the beginning of the reporting period of 1 October 2024-31 December 2025 and 1 January to 31 March 2025, which is a breach under section 4.2.1 of your environmental permit, the operator shall send all reports and notifications required by the permit to Natural Resources Wales using the contact details supplied in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

Actions

NRW requests that Caerylchu agrees on a sampling methodology to remain compliant with their permit condition as soon as possible and ensure that the self-assessment for future reporting periods is to be submitted to NRW by the beginning of each reporting period. NRW is aware that Caerylchu is currently looking into alternative sampling methodology, however a temporary solution will need to take place immediately to be compliant with your environmental permit.

If you have any further questions about the contents of this inspection report, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully,

Cheryl Griffiths - Waste Officer

email: Cheryl.Griffiths@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

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.

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

1. Management

- W1A – General management
- W1B – Energy Efficiency (MCP/SG facilities only)
- W1C – Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities

2. Operations

- W2A – Permitted activities
- W2B – Waste recovery plan
- W2C – Operating techniques
- W2D – The site
- W2E – Waste acceptance
- W2F – Technical requirements
- W2G – Improvement programme
- W2H – Pre-operational conditions

3. Emission and Monitoring

- W3A – Emissions to water, air or land
- W3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- W3C – Odour
- W3D – Noise and vibration
- W3E – Monitoring
- W3F – Pests
- W3G – Fire

4. Information

- W4A – Records
- W4B – Reporting
- W4C – 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.