

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0048435

Permit being assessed: BB4025501

For: CSO 104, Newbridge Road Pumping Station, held by DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

At: Off Victoria Road, Aberavon, Port Talbot, Neath Port Talbot, SA12 6DG.

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

On 06/05/2025, between 10:00 and 10:45.

Parts of permit assessed: 2.3.1

NRW Lead Officer: Chris Palmer, accompanied by: Owen Caughlin, Rhys Griffiths.

Report sent to: CARS Mailbox, CARS Mailbox, on 02/06/2025.

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	Action only (X)	
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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	Confirm if this high lift feed channel as described in flow chart is screened or not	29/08/2025
WQ-B1	Confirm if this high lift feed channel has discharged. Please provide now many times and duration of spills for the past year.	29/08/2025

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.

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 inspection of Newbridge Road SPS was undertaken as part of our 2025 pre Bathing Waters season compliance programme

Permit version in effect - 11/08/2022

The weather was dry at the time of inspection following a period of prolonged dry weather. Flows through the pumping station were below storm settings and as such the tanks were not filling at the time and the overflow was not operating. Levels in the River Afan were low and the tide was out during the inspection.

Screens

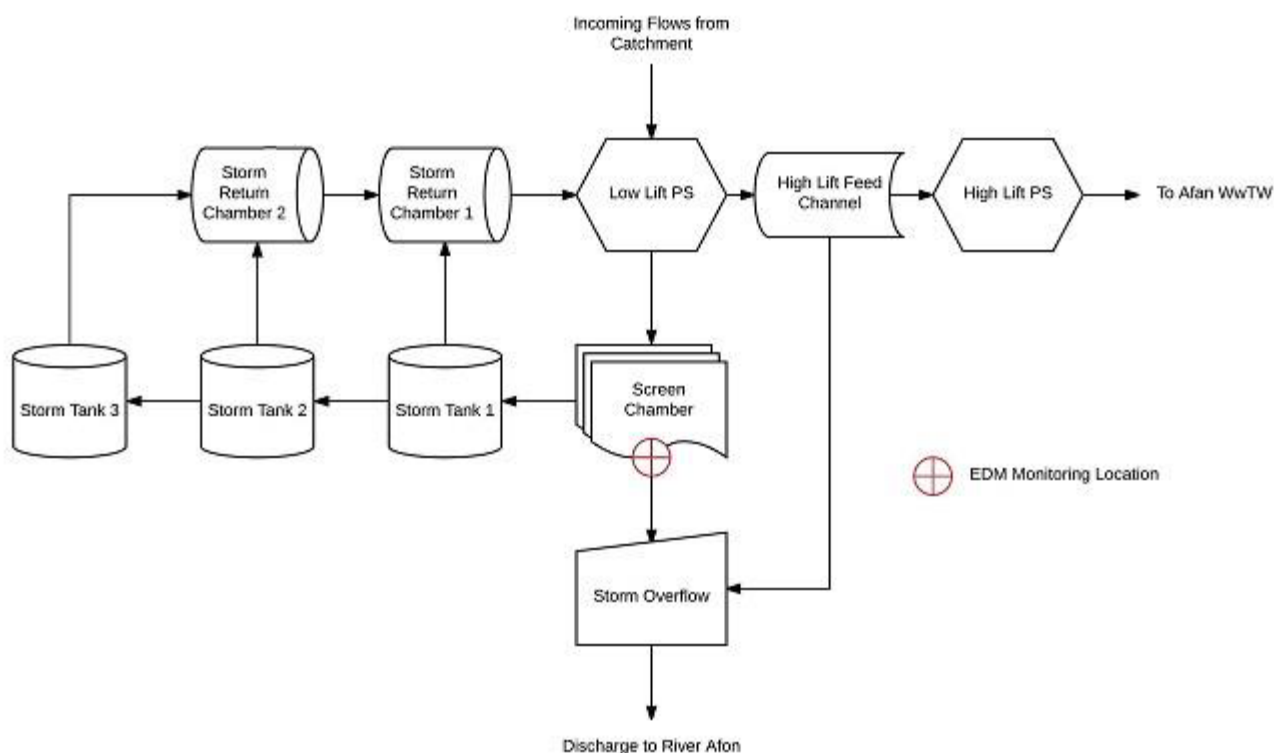
The screens on top of the pump house were viewed. No obvious defects or issues were noted from this visual inspection.

Outfall

As per action from CAR_NRW0045032, the rubber matting over the gabion baskets immediately below the outfall has been removed. Rag and debris had caught and collected on the gabion baskets indicating a significant carry over of rag. Previous responses from CAR form actions relating to carry over of rag, have stated "no screens are 100% effective", we do not view this as an acceptable position and action must be taken to improve the situation in light of the evident volume of carry over.

The document "EDM TBN Full Investigation Report - BB4025501-16 Port Talbot, Newbridge Road SPS" identified in CAR_NRW0045365 states in paragraph 2.3 "

There is also provision for flows to spill to the environment if the high lift pumps cannot pass forward the incoming flow. The arrangement is outlined in Figure 3 below"



This would indicate the high lift pumps can discharge unscreened sewage to the environment. If this is the case this would constitute a breach of permit condition 2.3.1 (d) - *The discharge shall not be comminuted or macerated and shall have passed through screens as specified and shall not contain a significant quantity of*

solid matter with a particle size greater than any indicated. All screenings shall be removed from the discharge.

Action - Confirm if this high lift feed channel as described in flow chart is screened or not

Action - Confirm if this high lift feed channel has discharged. Please provide now many times and duration of spills for the past year.

Due date - August 29 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).

We may also use and/or disclose the report in connection with:

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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.

We may also pass it on to our agents or representatives to do these things on our behalf.

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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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