

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0046839

Permit being assessed: BM0004402

For: CSO and EO at Ewenni No 2 SPS, held by DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

At: Abbey Road , Ewenni, Bridgend, CF35 5BN .

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

On 21/01/2025, between 12:00 and 12:30.

Parts of permit assessed: Relevant conditions

NRW Lead Officer: Hannah Jenkins.

Report sent to: CARS, CARS, on 11/04/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	Action only (X)	
WQ-A1 - Water Quality - Management - General management	Action only (X)	
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WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	Action only (X)	

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-C1	Provide records and photographs following maintenance of the wet well as discussed on site and at the NRW/DCWW local liaison meeting on 13th February.	02/05/2025
WQ-A1	Provide maintenance records for the SPS from 01/01/2024 to date including maintenance of the screen, storm storage tanks and outfall. Include a description of the tasks completed with frequencies and an explanation of any acronyms used in the information provided.	02/05/2025
WQ-A1	Provide a copy of the Pumping station key protection measures (PSKPM) for the site as required by Condition 2.3.1 and table S1.2 of the permit.	02/05/2025
WQ-C1	Provide an update regarding the installation of a flow meter at the site and a time frame for this to be in place.	02/05/2025

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

Site visit prompted by storm overflow map showing asset in spill for significant length of time. Initially checked the outfall for the overflow from the sewage pumping station.

The temporary over pumping is still in place to relieve the asset in high flow conditions for the outfall. At time of inspection, there was no discharge from the temporary overflow pipe, there had been some erosion at the riverbank near the outfall and debris caught around a fallen tree in the channel adjacent to the original outfall, there was a pool of discoloration with some sewage fungus at the outfall location and an odour of sewage.

Following outfall inspection, officer contacted the DCWW Pollution Technician and Operational Supervisor for the area and met with the Operational Supervisor around 12pm at the SPS.

Inspected wet well which was at a very high level. There was a crust of solids on the surface of the wet well which was at the level of the overflow pipe, the screen was heavily soiled with solids/sewage debris, sewage fungus appeared to be growing within the screen.

The Ops Supervisor said he would arrange for contractors to attend site to drawn down the surface of the wet well, to remove the crust from the surface and reduce the levels. He also arranged for an operative to inspect the downstream sewer to ensure the pumping station was passing forward sufficient flows.

Explained that the outfall showed sewage fungus and raised the issue with the temporary outfall from the SPS, informed that outfall is managed by the network team. The outfall should be inspected regularly to assess any impact to the river and maintained to ensure there is free flow from the outfall into the river to allow for adequate outfall operation and dilution when operating.

It was confirmed that there is no flow meter at the pumping station, we were informed that a request has been made for a flow meter at the site. A photograph was shown on site of a downstream manhole at full flow from the SPS. The condition of the storm tanks was unknown and not possible to access at the time of the site inspection.

Officer has been in contact with Dwr Cymru since the visit to discuss the outcome of the SOAF assessment at this site, and request detail of this investigation, awaiting dates for a meeting.

A data request will also be made to DCWW's wastewater data team for EDM data for this asset. A further compliance assessment will be made following submission of this data.

Actions -

1. Provide records and photographs following maintenance of the wet well as discussed on site and at the NRW/DCWW local liaison meeting on 13th February;
2. Provide maintenance records for the SPS from 01/01/2024 to date including maintenance of the screen, storm storage tanks and outfall. Include a description of the tasks completed with frequencies and an explanation of any acronyms used in the information provided.
3. Provide a copy of the Pumping station key protection measures (PSKPM) for the site as required by Condition 2.3.1 and table S1.2 of the permit.
4. Provide an update regarding the installation of a flow meter at the site and a time frame for this to be in place.

If you have any queries regarding this CAR form or to provide an update on any actions above, please contact: hannah.jenkins@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

If we do not receive the information requested within specified deadline and have not been informed as to why there is a delay then we may serve a Regulation 60 Notice requiring the information under Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

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:

- 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 20 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 – 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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