

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0048581

**Permit being assessed:** WP3195FU.

**For:** Dinas Community Recycling Centre, **held by:** Cynon Valley Waste Disposal Co Ltd

**At:** Cymmer Road, Dinas, Porth, Rhondda Cynon Taff, CF39 3BL.

**Type of assessment:** Site Inspection,

**Reason:** Routine.

**On:** 12/06/2025 between 13:40 and 14:10.

**Parts of permit assessed:** All.

**NRW Lead Officer:** Daniel Hopkin, accompanied by Gareth Morris, Craig Coleman.

**Report sent to:** TCM, TCM , on 19/06/2025.

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

| Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria) | Assessment result | Permit condition                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| W1A - Waste - Management - General management             | C3 Minor          | Condition A (As per the EPR amendments) |
| W3G - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Fire             | C3 Minor          | 4.3.2                                   |
| W1A - Waste - Management - General management             | Action only (X)   |                                         |

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

| Total non-compliances recorded | Total non-compliance score |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2                              | 8                          |

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 |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| W1A      | <p>Action: Please improve operations and adherence to site procedures to ensure the site are implementing the sites procedures, as per the sites Management Systems.</p> <p>And, as per my email on 16th of June 2025, please provide a copy of your EMS via email for our records. Please provide</p> | 07/07/2025  |

| Criteria | Action needed                                                                                                                                                                          | Complete by |
|----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
|          | this by the 7th of July 2025.                                                                                                                                                          |             |
| W3G      | Action: Please remove the cooking oil from the cage storing the gas canisters and store these wastes separately. Please send evidence this has been completed by the 7th of July 2025. | 07/07/2025  |
| W1A      | Action: Please send us a copy of the site TCM's WAMITAB certificate for us to update our records. Please send this by the 7th of July 2025.                                            | 07/07/2025  |

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

#### **Dinas Community Recycling Centre (EPR-WP3195FU) – 12/06/2025**

Apprentice Daniel Hopkin, Industry & Waste Regulation Officer Gareth Morris and Hazardous Waste Officer Craig Coleman attended the permitted facility of Dinas Community Recycling Centre held by Cynon Valley Waste Disposal Co Ltd at Cymmer Road, Dinas, Porth, Rhondda Cynon Taff, CF39 3BL on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June 2025 to undertake an unannounced routine site inspection.

Cynon Valley Waste Disposal Co Ltd hold a bespoke permit for this transfer station.

The weather was overcast with showers during the inspection.

We arrived at approximately 13:40 and were met by the site operator, who showed us around and answered any questions.

#### **Infrastructure**

The site infrastructure was in good condition throughout, with no signs of damage to the impermeable surface or sealed drainage. The sites housekeeping was in good order with no loose litter, mud or debris observed. Netting was installed on the site boundary to help mitigate this from happening following permit condition 5.5.1.

The site security was maintained and in accordance with their permit condition 3.2.1.

All waste was clearly separated into their designated areas and bins, with clear signage, batteries were kept in sealed containers with no water ingress.

There was sufficient staff on site to help ensure waste is separated appropriately, in line with permit condition 1.3.1.

## Storage

All waste permits holders whose permits were granted before 6th April 2008 are now required to have an environmental management system as per Part 3 (1) of The Environmental Protection (Miscellaneous Amendments) (England and Wales) Regulations 2018.

“Condition A is that the operator must manage and operate the waste operation in accordance with a system (a “written management system”), described in a document or documents, which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution arising from the waste operation, including (but not limited to) those—

- (a) arising from operations (including maintenance);
- (b) arising from an accident or other incident;
- (c) arising from a failure to comply with or from a contravention of the environmental permit in question;
- (d) identified following a complaint; or
- (e) arising from the closure of the operation.

## W1A General Management

### Root Cause Breach:

You have been scored a Category 3 root cause breach for non-compliance of Condition ‘A’ (a condition required by the above EPR Amendments) under W1A – General Management. Due to a management failure to implement the sites procedures.

The breach is not an offence; however, we have the power to serve an enforcement notice for this breach. Failure to comply with the notice is an offence."

**Action: Please improve operations and adherence to site procedures to ensure the site are implementing the sites procedures, as per the sites Management Systems.**

**And, as per my email on 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2025, please provide a copy of your EMS via email for our records.**

## W3G – Fire

### Breach:

**Permit condition:** 4.3.2 The operator shall manage and operate the activities in accordance with a written fire prevention plan using the current, relevant fire prevention plan guidance

The above, is a condition of the sites Variation application number EPR/WP3195FU/V002.

During the site inspection it was identified that the cage used to store gas canisters was also being used to store cooking oil. It was explained storing these two waste types together poses a fire risk and should be stored separately to mitigate this.

The sites fire prevention plan should identify the risks of storing these wastes types and ensure measures are in place to allow for suitable segregation to manage the risks associated, as per Guidance No. 16 ‘Fire Prevention & Mitigation Plan Guidance – Waste Management’, which states, you should be able to demonstrate how you will ensure segregation of materials. Therefore, failure

to suitability store and segregate these waste types constitutes a category 3 (Minor) breach of condition 4.3.2 and has been recorded under sub-criteria W3G - Fire.

**Action: Please remove the cooking oil from the cage storing the gas canisters and store these wastes separately. Please send evidence this has been completed by the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2025.**



#### Site records

Finally, we inspected the site paperwork. The site folder was readily available for us to see with the Environmental Management System (EMS) and Fire Prevention Mitigation Plan (FPMP) inside.

Permit Condition 1.3.2 - *A copy of this license shall be kept available on site for reference when required by all site staff carrying out work under the requirements of the license.*

**Advice and Guidance: Please ensure there is always a copy of the site permit on site, and this is readily available for all staff to read.**

#### Technically Competent Manager

During the inspection I was not able to speak to the site's Technically Competent Manager (TCM), however I did see the site diary and could see the TCM attendance record on site as required by permit condition 1.3.4. The TCM WAMITAB certificate was on display in the site office for us to see and expires in March 2026.

**Action: Please send us a copy of the site TCM's WAMITAB certificate for us to update our records.**

#### Waste Returns

Following the visit, I undertook a quarterly waste return desktop audit. The site has submitted waste returns regularly and on time, as required by permit condition 6.2.2.

The inspection concluded at 14:10. Thank you for taking the time to show us around during the inspection.

If you have any queries regarding this Compliance Assessment Report, please contact me on the details below.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:ask@ombudsman.wales)

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