

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0048641

Permit being assessed: AP3499FY.

For: Llanfoist Waste Transfer Station, **held by:** SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd

At: Llanfoist, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, NP7 9AQ.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 18/06/2025 between 12:40 and 13:15.

Parts of permit assessed: Various.

NRW Lead Officer: Carla Curtis, accompanied by Mark O'Gorman.

Report sent to: Justin Powell, Site Manager, on 24/06/2025.

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	Assessed (A)	
W2A - Waste - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
W2C - Waste - Operations - Operating techniques	Assessed (A)	
W2D - Waste - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
W3C - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Odour	Assessed (A)	
W3F - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Pests	Assessed (A)	
W3G - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Fire	Assessed (A)	
W4B - Waste - Information - Reporting	Assessed (A)	

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
0	0

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?

No action required.

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 report details the site visit made on the 18 June 2025 to SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd located Llanfoist, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire, NP7 9AQ, Permit number EPR- AP3499FY.

NRW Officers Carla CURTIS and Mark O’GORMAN attended for an unannounced routine site inspection at 12:40, We were asked to read an induction manual and sign it. The weather conditions were warm and sunny at the time of visit.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS - SUEZ Recycling and Recovery, Llanfoist operates under a bespoke permit as a Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) for public use in the Monmouthshire area as well as a waste transfer station. This site is permitted to accept non-hazardous and hazardous wastes. The total quantity of waste accepted at site shall not exceed 40,000 tonnes a year. The HWRC was closed to the public at the time of the visit. No waste of any type was stored outside of the permit boundary. The general housekeeping of the site was kept to a good standard, the infrastructure on site was in good order with no cause for concern.



Photo 1 – HWRC area – good infrastructure

WASTE ACTIVITIES - All the waste storage containers were all clearly marked, and signage was

in place to inform members of the public what each bin was for. The site operates a booking system so there is usually a steady flow of traffic. The site was in good condition with no issues, The general housekeeping of the site was kept to a good standard, the infrastructure on site was in good order with no cause for concern.

Stockpile heights of waste(s) were within compliance of the sites FPMP (Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan). There were no offensive odours / noise observed during the site inspection. The HWRC site is closed members of the public on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.



Photo 2 – Waste transfer station



Photo 3 – Good infrastructure

SITE SECURITY - Site security was not an issue due to fencing located all around the property, there is also 24-hour CCTV in operation.

FIRE INCIDENT – 10/6/25, the Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) reported an incident to NRW (WIRS 2505493) of a fire taking place at SUEZ Recycling and Recovery, Llanfoist.

NRW officer attended site at around 17.20 and spoke with station commander for SWFR who

explained the fire was within bay 2 and the likely cause was a disposable vape he praised the action of staff on site, the NRW officer spoke with site supervisor who explained the same.

Just water was used to extinguish the fire with help from staff on site to use a machine to pull the waste to ensure it was fully extinguished. All fire water was contained on site within the sealed drainage system as per the FPMP. All waste effected was treated as general waste and removed from site asap.

TECHNICAL COMPETENCY - The site TCM (Technically Competent Manager) is Mr. Justin Powell who's WAMITAB certificate expires 23 August 2026.

WASTE RETURN SUBMISSIONS - These appear to be up to date and correct, the total quantity of waste accepted at this site must not exceed 40,000 tonnes per year. Based on the submitted waste return data for the last four quarters of 2024/2025, the total waste accepted was 22,534.64 tonnes which is within the site's annual threshold.

PERMIT COMPLIANCE AND BREACHES - No permit non-compliances were identified on this visit and thus no breaches have been scored.

If you have any issues with this report, please contact Carla Curtis on carla.curtis@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk Thank you.

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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.

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- 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.

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