

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0048652

Permit being assessed: GWSE2411

For: Cilwhybert Farm, held by David L.J Powell

At: Brecon Powys, LD3 8NB.

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

On 10/06/2025, between 10:00 and 12:00.

Parts of permit assessed: All

NRW Lead Officer: Ffion Jones.

Report sent to: David and Fern Powell, owner/operator , on 25/06/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-D1 - Water Quality - Information - Records	C4 No impact	4.1.3 Records

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-D1	Please ensure all correct information is recorded when land spreading activity occurs.	26/06/2025

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

Natural Resources Wales officer Ffion Jones attended Cilwhybert Farm on the 10th June 2025 to undertake a planned inspection for the disposal of sheep dip to land under permit GWSE2411. Many thanks David and Fern Powell for your time.

There is an underground concrete dipping bath at Cilwhybert Farm that was constructed approx. 30 years ago. The bath itself has a capacity of approx. 370 gallons and is roofed to avoid rainwater ingress. The store is impermeable with no leakage. There is no secondary containment for the dipping bath however, the concrete yards surrounding the bath slope

down towards the bath. Mr Powell dips approx. 800 sheep periodically using Golden Fleece dip. Following dipping there is a small pen that drains the dip back into the dipping bath. The sheep are kept in this small pen with concrete floor and walls (capacity to hold 30/40 ewes) until they stop dripping. Once they have stopped dripping they are moved onto larger concrete yards on the farm for a few hours before later being taken back to the fields. Most of the fields have piped water for consumption and therefore, this keeps sheep away from watercourses. The spent dip is then stored in the dipping bath until conditions are suitable for spreading. The spent dip is then diluted and tankered out onto the fields specified by the permit. The most recent disposal activity was on the 4th February 2024, diluted with water 1 part to 3 part sheep dip and spread on fields specified by permit. The records did not record the volume of undiluted spent dip discharged and the rate of discharge. Mr Powell believes that they have approx. 200/250 gallons of spend dip each time. The spreading locations have grass cover and are appropriate distances from surface and ground waters. The disposal areas do not waterlog and does not have slopes nor drains.

Action:

1) As per condition 4.1.3 of the permit, please ensure all records are accurate. During this inspection, there was no record of (b) and (c).

4.1.3 Records for discharges of waste sheep dip shall include:

- (a) name, address and NGR of the site where the used / waste sheep dip originated (only applies to mobile sheep dip contractors);
- (b) daily volumes of undiluted used / waste sheep dip discharged;
- (c) rates of discharge;
- (d) location and area of discharge;
- (e) nature of used dip (marketing authorisation name will suffice);
- (f) any materials added to dilute or treat the used / waste sheep dip, including water or slurry;
- (g) for multiple discharges, records demonstrating compliance with only one permitted discharge per designated area of land per year shall be kept.

Advice and Guidance:

- 1) Please ensure all unused and used dip is stored appropriately and has secondary containment for any potential leaks.
- 2) Please ensure that sheep are kept away from any watercourses for as long as possible.

Please see below guidance for groundwater protection.

[Sheep dip: groundwater protection code - GOV.UK](#)

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).

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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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If you disagree with this compliance assessment report, you should contact the lead officer without delay to discuss your concerns.

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