

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0048785

Permit being assessed: CB3891FF

For: Land at Pencroesffyrdd Farm, held by Andrew Jones and Son

At: Pencroesffyrdd Farm, Cray, Brecon, Powys, LD3 8YU.

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

On 08/07/2025, between 12:00 and 13:00.

Parts of permit assessed: All

NRW Lead Officer: Ffion Jones.

Report sent to: Mr Jones, owner/operator, on 10/07/2025.

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 of sheep dip discharged

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 disposal records are accurately kept.	10/07/2025

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 Pencroesffyrdd Farm on the 8th July 2025 to undertake a planned inspection for the disposal of sheep dip to land under permit CB3891FF. Many thanks Mr Jones for your time.

The dip bath is impermeable with bricks and render walls and floor with rock earth all around. The bath was constructed approx. 70/80 years ago and has a capacity of a maximum of 220 gallon. The dipping bath is not roofed and also does not have any secondary containment. Mr Jones dips between 500/600 ewes with Golden Fleece dip in November/early December and also uses alternative methods throughout the year.

Following dipping the sheep are run onto a stone yard and kept on the yard for 1/2 hours before later being taken back to fields that have no surface water access. 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 11th December 2024, diluted with 1 part water to 3 part sheep dip and spread on fields specified by permit. Mr Jones believes that they have a maximum of 60 gallons of spend dip each time. The spreading locations are 9 acres in total with adequate grass cover and are appropriate distances from surface and ground waters. The disposal areas do not waterlog and does not have slopes nor drains.

As per condition 4.1.3 of the permit, please ensure all records are accurate.

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](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/sheep-dip-groundwater-protection-code)

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.

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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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