

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0048700

Permit being assessed: GWSW1816

For: Erwbarfe, held by J Lewis

At: Perterwyd Aberystwyth Ceredigion, SY23 3JR.

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

On 09/06/2025, between 14:29 and 14:57.

Parts of permit assessed: See criteria listed below

NRW Lead Officer: Bethan Lewis, accompanied by: Carol Fielding.

Report sent to: Mr J Lewis, Operator, on 22/07/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-A1 - Water Quality - Management - General management	Action only (X)	
WQ-B1 - Water Quality - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B2 - Water Quality - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B3 - Water Quality - Operations - Operating techniques	Assessed (A)	
WQ-D1 - Water Quality - Information - Records	Assessed (A)	

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-A1	Confirm whether sheep dip disposal activities at Erwbarfe are managed in accordance with a written management system. If so, please provide NRW with a copy of the written management system.	02/09/2025

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

This was a pre-planned site inspection of sheep dip disposal activities at Erwbarfe, Ponterwyd (permit number: GWSW1816) carried out by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) officers Bethan Lewis and Carol Fielding. The site inspection commenced at 14:29 hours on the 09 June 2025 and concluded at 14:57 hours. The weather at the time of the inspection was dry but cloudy. The NRW Officers were accompanied during the inspection by the son of the operator, but later met Mr. J Lewis, the operator, when reviewing records held in accordance with the permit.

Waste sheep dip is disposed to land at Erwbarfe once a year. The NRW officers viewed disposal plots 1 and 2 centred at National Grid Reference (NGR) SN 75012 78450. The disposal plots cover a single field, currently used for the production of silage. The plots are shown in the photographs below.



Disposal plot 1



Disposal plot 2

Due to the small quantity of waste sheep dip disposed at Erwbarfe each year (approximately 200 litres/0.2 cubic metres), diluted dip is typically spread over a small area near the boundary of disposal plot 2 at SN 7500 7840.

To comply with the conditions set out in permit GWSW1816, Mr. J Lewis is reminded that discharges of diluted sheep dip:

- shall not be made within two metres of any field boundary (condition 2.3.3); and
- shall not exceed 4 cubic metres per day (1 part dip to 3 parts slurry or water) spread evenly on a minimum of 0.2 hectares of land (condition 2.3.8).

As part of the above site inspection, the NRW officers were shown records of the disposal of the waste sheep dip at Erwbarfe. These records included the dates of disposal; the brand name of the sheep dip used; the volume of spent dip disposed; the spreading equipment used; the rate and location of disposal; the material used to dilute the spent dip; and the dilution ratio. All records were compliant with the requirements of permit GWSW1816.

Condition 1.1.1(a) of permit GWSW1816 requires the operator to "*manage and operate the activities in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints*". The below webpage provides guidance on what may need to be included within the management system:

<https://naturalresources.wales/guidance-and-advice/business-sectors/farming/sheep-dip/develop-an-environmental-management-system-for-a-permit-to-discharge-used-sheep-dip-to-land/?lang=en>

Erwbarfe's written management system was not discussed at the time of the site inspection. NRW therefore ask Mr. J Lewis to confirm whether sheep dip disposal activities at Erwbarfe are managed in accordance with a written management system, and if so, to provide NRW with a copy of the management system. NRW kindly ask for this to be completed by no later

than the **02 September 2025**.

In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) order 2012.

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

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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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