

OGN 200 Form 1A

Record of a Habitats Regulations Assessment

Plan or project name, brief description or application reference number	PAN-026339
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HRA iteration/version	1.0
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1. Plan or Project Details

Information about the plan or project		
1	Date application received	Application duly made on 01/09/2025
2	Applicant details	FMC Agro Limited
3	NRW team responsible for carrying out, or requiring to be carried out, the plan or project, and name of lead officer	N/A
4	Activity/ies proposed	<p>The operator has held an Environmental Permit for the facility since 2013. The operator is proposing to replace a tank containing nitric acid with a new stainless steel tank of the same volume and the associated water scrubber will also be replaced. A bund will be constructed which will act as secondary containment for the tank.</p> <p>Emissions of oxides of nitrogen (NOx) and nitric acid vapour will continue to be monitored and controlled from the relevant emission point, A006 in accordance with the permit.</p> <p>The following European sites are within 10km of the facility:</p> <p>Special Areas of Conservation (SAC): Deeside and Buckley Newt sites Dee Estuary / Aber Dyfrdwy (Wales) SAC Dee Estuary / Aber Dyfrdwy (England) River Dee and Bala Lake / Afon Dyfrdwy a Llyn Tegid (England) River Dee and Bala Lake / Afon Dyfrdwy a Llyn Tegid (Wales)</p> <p>Special Protection Area (SPA): The Dee Estuary (England) The Dee Estuary (Wales)</p>

5	Relevant legislation or statutory basis	Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 Industrial Emissions Directive 2010 (IED)
6	Location	NRG: SJ 32800 67600 Site address: Pentre Agrochemicals Site, Rectors Lane, Pentre, Deeside, Flintshire, CH5 2DH
7	Plan or project documents, including any application documents	Internal see DMS: EPR-FP3031CW External see Public Register: Public register - Customer Portal
8	Environmental Statement	N/A
9	Pre-application correspondence	N/A
10	NRW team responsible for preparing this HRA report, and lead officer	Emma Smith Senior Permitting Officer Installation and RSR Permitting, Permitting Service
11	Team or person responsible for approving the plan or project (competent authority role)	Installation and RSR Permitting, Permitting Service

2. Determining the need for a Habitats Regulations Assessment

2.1 Is there any possibility that the plan or project could negatively affect any European sites?	No. The only change is the existing nitric acid tank and water scrubber are being replaced. In addition the new tank will be positioned in a purpose build bund, which is a betterment. No other changes will be made to the installation. In addition it is thought that the new water scrubber will be more efficient.
2.2 Is the whole of the plan or project directly and only connected with or necessary to the management of one or more European sites, for the purposes of conserving the habitats or species for which the European site(s) is/are designated?	NO
2.3 Is there a possibility that the plan or project could affect any other feature of the European site(s) concerned, or of another European site, in a way that would undermine that feature's conservation objectives?	NO

6. Conclusion

HRA is not required because there is no conceivable impact on any European sites. (As documented in section 2.1)	Y
HRA is not required because the whole of the plan or project is directly connected with or necessary to the management of one or more European sites, for the purposes of conserving the habitats or species for which the site(s) is/are designated, <u>and</u> the plan or project is not likely to have a significant effect on any other European sites. (As documented in section 2.2 and 2.3)	
This project is a renewal of a current permission which complies with NRW agreed criteria for ruling out likely significant effects of a renewal without conducting a project-specific LSE test. Therefore, it is considered not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites, either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects. (As documented in section 3.1 of this form)	
The plan or project has been screened for likelihood of significant effects and is considered not likely to have a significant effect on any European sites. (As documented in section 3.2 of this form, and section 5 if applicable)	
In light of the conclusions of an appropriate assessment it has been established that the plan or project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European sites, taking into account any conditions or restrictions as applicable, either alone or in-combination with other plans or projects.	

(As documented in section 4 of this form, and section 5 if applicable)	
<p>In light of the conclusions of the appropriate assessment, it has <u>not</u> been ascertained that the plan or project will not adversely affect the integrity of any European sites, as documented in section 4 of this form, and section 5 if applicable.</p> <p>Approval for the plan or project <u>cannot</u> be given unless either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the plan or project specification, and/or the terms under which it might be approved, are modified so as to remove the risk of adverse effects, and a revised HRA is prepared, or • the plan or project (not being an SSSI consent*) satisfies the requirements for a derogation and a Derogation Notice is prepared and submitted for consideration by the appropriate authority, normally Welsh Ministers <p>(*SSSI consents cannot be given as derogations)</p>	
<p>Signed: Emma Smith</p> <p>Name: Emma Smith Position: Senior Permitting Officer</p> <p>Date: 11/09/2025</p>	
<p>Was this HRA conclusion an escalated decision? YES or NO</p>	<p>NO</p>