

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0049223

Permit being assessed: AN0007701

For: TAFFS WELL SPS EMERGENCY CARDIFF, held by DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

At: TAFFS WELL SPS EMERGENCY, TAFFS WELL, CARDIFF CBC, WALES, .

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

On 14/08/2025, between 10:30 and 11:30.

Parts of permit assessed: All

NRW Lead Officer: Alexander Grainger.

Report sent to: DCWW CARS Mailbox, DCWW CARS Mailbox, on 28/08/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C2 Significant	Conditions of consent (4)
WQ-B2 - Water Quality - Operations - The site	Action only (X)	
WQ-B2 - Water Quality - Operations - The site	Action only (X)	
WQ-B2 - Water Quality - Operations - The site	Action only (X)	
WQ-D1 - Water Quality - Information - Records	Action only (X)	

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-C1	Confirm the presence of a screen for the discharge at this asset. During the inspection of this asset, both NRW and DCWW were unable to see any type of screening. This will need to be implemented if it is confirm by DCWW that there isn't one in order to be compliant with the permit.	30/09/2025
WQ-B2	Confirm spill level height for this asset.	30/09/2025
WQ-B2	Provide maintenance frequency for this asset.	30/09/2025
WQ-B2	Clear vegetation for ease of access within asset.	30/09/2025
WQ-D1	Provide spill data / wet well level data for this asset from 01/09/2024 - 24/08/2025.	30/09/2025

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.

You are non-compliant with your permit.

We are currently considering taking enforcement action against you for the non-compliance recorded above. We will contact you in due course.

4. Details of our assessment

This compliance form is the result of the onsite inspection carried out at Taffs Well SPS on 14/08/2025.

Arrived on site with DCWW at 10:30am. The site area is quite overgrown as it does not get attended very often. This will need to be cleared to ensure ease of accessibility.

DCWW lifted the inspection chamber where the level looked to be low and the reading on the system indicated it was 0.42m. The pumps automatically kick in at 0.45m to maintain a low level in the chamber. NRW request that the spill level height be confirmed and the maintenance frequency of the pumps at this asset be provided.

The overflow within the chamber seems quite low and has no screen.





The permit states the following:

Conditions of consent:

1. "The effluent shall consist of: screened sewage only."

Additionally, it further states:

4. "The quantity and quality of effluent shall not exceed the following values:

The discharge shall consist of screened sewage and shall only come into operation in the event of mechanical or electrical breakdown of the pumps."

This will need to be confirmed whether a screen is present elsewhere within the asset, however, if not, this will be to be implemented by DCWW as it is a permit condition.

Went down to the outfall location but unable to find it due to overgrown vegetation.

This asset last went into spill on 14/08/2025 at 02:45am until 03:00am as per the DCWW storm overflow map. NRW request that the spill data / wet well level data for the past year be provided for review.

Left site at 11:30am.

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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- 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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