

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0049227

Permit being assessed: BL7108IM.

For: Port Talbot Steel Works , **held by:** Tata Steel UK Limited

At: Tata Steel Strip Products UK , PORT TALBOT, PORT TALBOT, WEST GLAMORGAN, SA13 2NG.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 23/07/2025 between 13:45 and 14:20.

Parts of permit assessed: See Section 4.

NRW Lead Officer: Benjamin Taylor, accompanied by Kirsty Thomas, Rhodri Morgan.

Report sent to: Head of Environment , Tata Steel (UK) Ltd, on 28/08/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR2A - Installations - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
IR2B - Installations - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
IR3B - Installations - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits	Assessed (A)	

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
0	0

How we use the non-compliance score to calculate your annual fee is explained in the 'Important Information' section below.

2. What action is required?

No action required.

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**Introduction**

This Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) is regarding a Site Inspection undertaken by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) on the 23rd of July 2025. The visit was to the Port Talbot Steelworks which is managed by Tata Steel (UK) Ltd (TSUK) under permit number EPR/BL7108IM.

Scope

This was a pre-arranged visit, the primary purpose of which was to attend a periodic progress meeting (titled Invictus) which is held on a monthly basis between TSUK and NRW.

Port Talbot Steelworks is currently undergoing a transition to Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) steelmaking. As part of this process, TSUK has submitted a permit variation application (PAN-029148) for the initial proposed changes to the permit. There are several components that form part of this proposed permit variation, one of which is for the relocation of the site's scrap metal processing area which is the subject of this CAR form. Additional components for other proposed changes, such as the application for the operation of an EAF is expected to follow in due course.

An inspection of the proposed location was undertaken to assess its suitability and to support the determination process for the variation application

Scrap Metal Processing

The relocation of sorting, processing and storage of scrap metal arisings (generated by the integrated steel working activities) was previously carried out by Harsco Metals under permit EPR/BP3635MR. TSUK propose for such activities to now be carried out within the Tata Steel UK's main steelworks installation permit under EPR/BL7108IM, with TSUK managing control of these relocated scrap metal management activities.

The new area is understood to be TSUK's temporary scrap management solution until the proposed electric arc furnace (EAF) is built and commissioned with its own dedicated scrap metal management facility.

This new temporary scrap area is proposed to handle approximately 100 - 150 tonnes per day, segregation will be undertaken into individual bays and stored until transfer offsite for external recycling/recovery. Larger sections of scrap will be cut via oxy-propane cutting prior to segregation.

TUSK have outlined within their submission that this relocation will reduce the distances travelled across Site whilst also minimising any interference during the construction of the EAF and other associated auxiliary components.



Figure 1: Proposed location of temporary scrap processing area, extracted from submitted TSUK documents (referenced Figure 1 within the submission)

Site Observations



Image 1: View of proposed temporary scrap processing area.

The proposed new scrap processing area is located northwest of the CAPL Offices, just off Central Road. NRW Officers noted that the area was situated upon a hard-standing surface, with a concrete access road running along the Western boundary. Whilst onsite, NRW Officers noted the segregation bays (with some already being utilised for scrap storage) in addition to the designated oxy-propane cutting areas.

Within the variation submission, TSUK has outlined that any surface water run-off will be captured by the existing drainage infrastructure prior to treatment within the current effluent treatment system. TSUK have also outlined that processed scrap is unlikely to be contaminated, with it primarily being sourced from the onsite Rolling Mills. At the time of the inspection, NRW Officers did not identify any stored material (which primarily consisted of shredded and coiled steel) which was deemed likely to cause contamination of land, air or water from a visual perspective.

The proposed change for the scrap metal processing activities will be subject to the permit determination process. A detailed assessment will be undertaken and further information may be required.

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 of 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	Score
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	60
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	31
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	4
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property	0.1

How we use assessment scores

The number and severity of non-compliances recorded in a year will affect your annual subsistence fee the following year. A non-compliance factor is added to your site's Operator

Performance Risk Appraisal (OPRA) score when we calculate your fee to reflect the additional resource we use to assess permit compliance.

If your assessment result in Section 1 is suspended, what does this mean?

In line with our guidance, we may suspend scores for up to six months to allow time for remedial action to be taken. Suspended scores will be re-instated if the action is not completed.

Full list of Industry compliance criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

1. Management

- IR1A – General management
- IR1B – Finance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR1C – Energy efficiency
- IR1D - Efficient use of raw materials
- IR1E - Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities
- IR1F - Multiple operator installations

2. Operations

- IR2A – Permitted activities
- IR2B – The site
- IR2C – Operating techniques
- IR2D – Technical requirements
- IR2E – Improvement programme
- IR2F – Pre-operational conditions
- IR2G – Landfill engineering (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2H – Waste acceptance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2I – Leachate levels (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2J – Closure and aftercare (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2K – Landfill gas management (only applicable to Landfill)

3. Emission and Monitoring

- IR3A – Emissions to water, air or land
- IR3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- IR3C – Odour
- IR3D – Noise and vibration
- IR3E – Monitoring
- IR3F – Pests
- IR3G – Air quality management plans
- IR3H – Monitoring for the purposes of the Industrial Emissions Directive (this heading includes Large Combustion Plants)
- IR3I – Fire

4. Information

- IR4A – Records
- IR4B – Reporting
- IR4C – Notification

Enforcement response

Any non-compliance with a permit condition 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:

- offering or providing you with our literature or services relating to environmental matters
- 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.

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Welsh Language Standards

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