

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0049113

**Permit being assessed:** CG0109801

For: CRAIG DINAS STW, held by DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

At: CRAIG DINAS STW, UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN, UNKNOWN.

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

On 01/07/2025, between 12:00 and 13:00.

Parts of permit assessed: Whole permit

**NRW Lead Officer:** Nathan Owen, accompanied by: Cathrine Kiely.

**Report sent to:** CARS Mailbox , CARS Mailbox , on 09/09/2025.

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

| Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)            | Assessment result | Permit condition |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| WQ-B1 - Water Quality - Operations - Permitted activities | C3 Minor          | 1                |
| WQ-B1 - Water Quality - Operations - Permitted activities | C3 Minor          | 3                |

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

### 2. What action is required?

| Criteria | Action needed                          | Complete by |
|----------|----------------------------------------|-------------|
| WQ-B1    | inlet pipe to be repaired              | 31/10/2025  |
| WQ-B1    | Ensure leaks on inlet and are repaired | 31/10/2025  |

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

Site Inspection Record – Craig Dinas Wastewater Treatment Works

On 30 June 2025, Environment Officers Nathan Owen and Cathrine Kiely attended the Craig Dinas Wastewater Treatment Works to carry out a routine inspection.

The weather conditions on the day were warm and dry, with minimal rainfall having

occurred across the catchment area for several weeks prior to the visit.

Image 1 – Inlet leaking untreated effluent.



Image 2 – Primary tank in poor disrepair and leaking to ground.



### Permit Compliance Inspection Summary

During the inspection, it was noted that Condition 1 of the issued permit, which states that the discharge activity must occur from the permitted discharge point, was not being adhered to. Discharges were observed from locations not authorised within the permit, specifically from the inlet and the primary tank. This constitutes a Category 3 Compliance Classification Scheme (CCS3) breach of the permit.

You are required to undertake repairs to the infrastructure to prevent further unauthorised discharges.

Condition 3 of the permit specifies that the discharge shall consist solely of treated effluent. However, on the day of inspection, the inlet was discharging to ground, attributed to poor maintenance of the structure. This has also been categorised as a CCS3 breach of the permit.

**Required Actions**

- Repair the inlet to prevent the discharge of untreated effluent.

Due date: 31/10/2025

- Repair infrastructure on the primary tank to prevent unauthorised discharge.

Due date: 31/10/2025

Due to the presence of a wasp nest, a health and safety concern prevented inspection of the final outfall. Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water confirmed that removal of the nest would be carried out in the following days. DCWW has since confirmed that the nest has been removed and a sample of the final effluent was taken on 04/07/2025, which was found to be within permitted levels for Ammonia and Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD).

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.

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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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