

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0049347

Permit being assessed: AN0317001

For: THE RECYCLING CENTRE, held by Biffa Waste Services Limited

At: DYFFRYN BUSINESS PARK, YSTRAD MYNACH, CAERPHILLY, CF82 7RJ.

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

On 10/09/2025, between 09:20 and 10:15.

Parts of permit assessed: All Permit

NRW Lead Officer: Gavin Summerhill.

Report sent to: Kathryn Evans, Site Manager, on 10/09/2025.

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	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?

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

Site Report

On Wednesday 10th September 2025 I visited Biffa Waste, Dyffryn Business Park, Ystrad Mynach CF82 7TR to carry out a permit inspection on their trade effluent discharge. Permit Number AN0317001. I arrived on site at 9.20am. The weather conditions were warm with heavy rain. My Site inspection commenced at 9.30am.

I met site manager K. Evans and site supervisor A. Pitman who agreed to escort myself

around the site.

Observations

Overview of site. Please see Fig 1 below.

Fig 1. (overview of site)



I proceeded to check the surface water drains on site. I can confirm there surface water drains were satisfactory with no blockages visible.

I continued to check the interceptor which was located just outside the site boundary in the Biffa Waste carpark. Please see Fig 2 below.

Interceptor Location (Fig 2)



I carried out a visual inspection of the first interceptor chamber. The waste water within this chamber showed signs of oil and solids. There was a slight odour present. Please see Fig 3 below.

First Interceptor Chamber (Fig 3)



I carried out a visual inspection on the final interceptor chamber. The waste water within this chamber showed no signs of oil and greatly reduced solids. There were no odours present. Please see Fig 4 below.

Final Interceptor chamber (Fig 4)



I located the sample point chamber at National Grid Reference ST 15197 92832. I can confirm this is accurate as stipulated by the permit. Please see Fig 5 below.

Sample Point Chamber National Grid Reference (Fig 5)



I carried out a visual inspection of the sample point chamber. The waste water appeared clear with no odours present. Please see Fig 6 below.

Sample Point Chamber (Fig 6)



I proceeded to identify the discharge point at National Grid Reference ST 15298 92723. I can confirm this is accurate as stipulated by the permit. Please see Fig 7 below.

Discharge Point National Grid Reference (Fig 7)

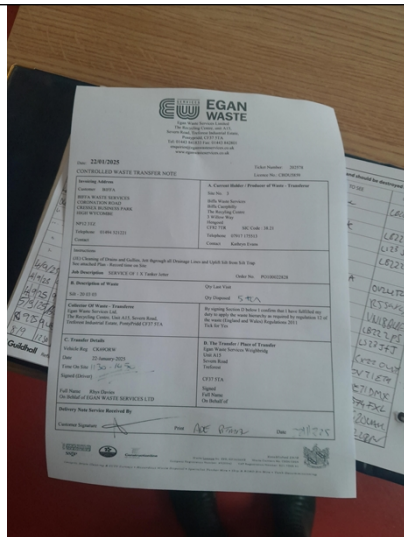


The discharge was clear with no odours present. Please see Fig 8 below.

Discharge (Fig 8)



At this point I had a discussion with the site manager K. Evans regarding maintenance of the drainage system. K. Evans advised that GPT Environmental service the interceptor and Egan Waste desludge the interceptor. K. Evans provided a copy of the latest waste transfer note. Please see Fig 9 below.



This concluded my site inspection. I left site at 10.15am

Breaches of permit condition:

- No breaches observed.

Action required by date specified:

- No actions required.

Contact details:

If you have any queries regarding this CAR form or to provide an update on any actions above, please contact me using the following details:

Gavin Summerhill (Environment Officer)

gavin.summerhill@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

If we do not receive the information requested within specified deadline and have not been informed as to why there is a delay then we may serve a Regulation 60 Notice requiring the information under Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

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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:

- 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.

We may also pass it on to our agents or representatives to do these things on our behalf.

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If you think this report contains commercially confidential information that should not be placed on our public register, you must contact your local Natural Resources Wales office within **fifteen working days** of receiving this report, using the contact details in the accompanying email or letter. You must give a full explanation of why it should not be

added to our public register, including specifying which information is commercially confidential. We will assess your request and respond to you within 20 working days to let you know if we agree to your request.

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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