

Compliance Assessment Report for:

STANDALONE MEDIUM COMBUSTION PLANT AND SPECIFIED GENERATORS

Permit number	PAN-012754	Operator name	Photronics UK Limited
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Site name	PAN-012754 Photronics UK Limited
Site address	Photronics UK Ltd 1 Technology Drive, Bridgend, CF31 3LU, United Kingdom
Type of assessment	Reporting and Check Monitoring

Date of assessment	18/10/2024	Time in	09:15	Time out	14:00
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Parts of permit assessed	Monitoring
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NRW Lead officer	Geraint Harris	Accompanied by	--/--
Report sent to – Name and position	Facilities Manager	Date	18/10/2024

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (use action criteria below)	Assessment result	Permit condition
MCP3A Emissions to water air or land	A - Assessed, no evidence of non-compliance	3.1.1
MCP3E Monitoring	C4 No environmental impact	3.2.1
Choose an item.	Choose an item.	
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Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

Total number of non-compliances recorded
1

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
MCP3E	Action 1: In future ensure that you schedule the 3 yearly monitoring early enough with this three year period to allow for any operational issues.	14/06/2027

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 prosecutions and/or suspension or revocation of your permit.

At this time we do not intend to take any further action

4. Details of our assessment

Photronics UK Limited were issued with a standard rules permit (SR2018 No1) on the 5th May 2021. This permit needs to be read in conjunction with the Standard Rules SR2018 No1. V4, which also forms part of the permit. The permit requires monitoring (for NOx and CO) to be completed every three years, from the date of the previous monitoring. The previous monitoring was undertaken on the 14th June 2021. The most recent monitoring was undertaken on the 2nd of August 2024. According to Photronics the reason it was done in August this year and not by June, was due to the "CHP not being operational for several months due to mechanical failure which required a top end rebuild of the engine by Centrica and waiting on parts for the work to be carried out".

Although it is unfortunate that the CHP had to undergo significant maintenance, it is important that the 3 yearly monitoring isn't scheduled for the latter part of this period, and instead is scheduled early enough to allow for any operational problems. Consequently, **a category 4 noncompliance** is being issued against permit condition 3.2.1. This minor noncompliance is being issued since the late monitoring cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property.

Action 1: In future ensure that you schedule the 3 yearly monitoring early enough with this three year period to allow for any operational issues.

These monitoring returns have been reviewed. No further noncompliance's have been found. The report has been accepted.

Permit condition 3.2.1. The operator shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales, undertake monitoring for the parameters, at the locations and at no less than the frequencies specified in table 3.1 and 3.2, from the permit issue date.

End.

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
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

Full list of Medium Combustion Plant and Specified Generator criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

1: Management

- MCP1A General management

2: Operations

- MCP2A Permitted activities
- MCP2B The site
- MCP2C Operating techniques
- MCP2D Improvement programme
- MCP2E Pre-operational conditions

3: Emissions and Monitoring

- MCP3A Emissions to water, air or land
- MCP3B Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- MCP3C Odour
- MCP3D Noise and vibration
- MCP3E Monitoring
- MPC3F Fire

4: Information

- MCP4A Records
- MCP4B Reporting
- MCP4C Notification

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.

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