

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0049419

Permit being assessed: VP3899FS.

For: Croescarneinon Farm Landfill, **held by:** Davies Gethin & Son

At: Rhiwderin, Newport, Gwent, NP10 8RR.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 10/09/2025 between 10:30 and 11:30.

Parts of permit assessed: Restoration Plan.

NRW Lead Officer: Sally Wakeford.

Report sent to: Mr Edward Davies, Operator and Land Owner, on 18/09/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	Assessed (A)	
W2E - Waste - Operations - Waste acceptance	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

On 10 September 2025 NRW Officer Sally Wakeford, accompanied by Lyn Richards, attended at Croescarneinon Farm for an unannounced site inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to assess compliance with the approved Restoration Plan (HAR/CF/1/19).

Background.

The site started receiving restoration materials in summer of 2024, and continued in the summer of 2025. To date approximately 8000 tonnes of restoration materials have been imported to the site.

The materials originated from washplant filter cake, and have been tested to ensure the suitability of use. NRW is currently corresponding with the supplier to ensure ongoing suitability of use and ensure the correct volume of these materials will be utilised.

The Restoration Plan allows for 15,167m³ of restoration materials to be used to restore the landfill.

Observations during site inspection.

Officers arrived on site at 10:30 and met with the Operator and landowner, Mr Edward Davies. Mr Davies accompanied officers whilst a walkover inspection of the landfill was undertaken. At the time of the inspection it was cloudy and breezy, however heavy rain had preceded the inspection.

No breaches of permit were identified during the inspection.

Machinery was on site, however it was in the process of being repaired.

During the site inspection it was noted that material had been placed on the South Western corner of the site, and operations were continuing up the western flank. This material appeared consistent with the material allowed under the agreements made with NRW previously. There was no obvious contaminations, and the material appeared consistent in texture and colour. There was no odour.

Additionally, a stockpile of the material was located at the southern end of the site, and this also appeared to be consistent with the requirements, was homogenous, and did not contain obvious contamination. It was not odorous.

The material already used for the restoration has been covered with a layer of topsoil which was stored for this purpose on the edge of the landfill at Croescarneinon Farm.

There was one drainage ditch to the western side, however as the landform is completed in this area, there was no evidence that any silt or material would be entering this stream from the landfill itself.

There was however some mud on the road near the southern entrance to the site, this mud risks entering the surface water system. Officers were informed that the contractor/supplier

undertaking the works routinely cleaned the roads.

Permit condition 23 states: “*site roads and public highway to be kept clear of deposits of mud soil*”.

ACTION: Please ensure that during the restoration of the landfill the roads are routinely cleaned to prevent any silt entering the local water courses.

Ongoing Actions/requirements.

NRW will undertake further inspections whilst material is being imported for the restoration purposes to ensure that the materials remain consistent and to check on progress.

On completion of the landform for the Restoration Plan **a topographical survey will be required to confirm the landform has been completed in line with the Restoration Plan requirements.**

Any over tipping of materials will need to be removed from the site.

Photographs of Site Inspection:

Area of restored landfill:



Stockpile of imported material:



Central haul road looking South, restored landfill to right of photograph:



Thank you for taking the time to accompany officers on the site.

END

Any compliance criteria not highlighted in the above summary should be considered as not assessed.

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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 Waste compliance criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

1. Management

- W1A – General management
- W1B – Energy Efficiency (MCP/SG facilities only)
- W1C – Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities

2. Operations

- W2A – Permitted activities
- W2B – Waste recovery plan
- W2C – Operating techniques
- W2D – The site
- W2E – Waste acceptance
- W2F – Technical requirements
- W2G – Improvement programme
- W2H – Pre-operational conditions

3. Emission and Monitoring

- W3A – Emissions to water, air or land
- W3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- W3C – Odour
- W3D – Noise and vibration
- W3E – Monitoring
- W3F – Pests
- W3G – Fire

4. Information

- W4A – Records
- W4B – Reporting
- W4C – 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.

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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
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