

Compliance Assessment Report

Report ID:
CAR_NRW0035638

This form will report compliance with your permit as determined by an NRW officer

Site	Pwllfawtkin Landfill Site EPR/BU8819IV	Permit Ref	BU8819IV			
Operator/Permit holder	FCC Waste Services (UK) Limited					
Regime	Installations					
Date of assessment	31/07/2019	Time in	N/A	Out	N/A	
Assessment type	Check Monitoring/Sampling					
Parts of the permit assessed	3.6.1 Ground water emission monitoring - Bh11B and Bh5B ammonical Nitrogen					
Lead officer's name	Thomas, Ffion					
Accompanied by						
Recipient's name/position	Richard Thomas/ Site Manager	Date issued	09/09/2019			

Section 1 – Compliance Assessment Summary

This is based on the requirements of the permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations or the licence under the Water Resources Act 1991 as amended by the Water Act 2003. A detailed explanation is captured in "Compliance Assessment Report Detail" (Section 2) and any actions you may need to take are given in the "Action(s)" (section 4). This summary details where we believe any non-compliance with the permit has occurred, the relevant condition and how the non-compliance has been categorised using our Compliance Classification Scheme (CCS). CCS Scores can be consolidated or suspended where appropriate, to reflect the impact of some non-compliances more accurately. For more details of our CCS scheme, contact your local office.

Permit conditions and compliance summary	CCS Category	Condition(s) breached
E2 - Emissions - Land and groundwater	C3	3.6.1 table S4.4 BH11B

KEY: See Section 5 for breach categories, suspended scores will be indicated as such.

A = Assessed or assessed in part (no evidence of non-compliance), **X** = Action only,

O = Ongoing non-compliance, not scored.

Number of breaches recorded	1	Total compliance score (see section 5 for scoring scheme)	4
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If the Number of breaches recorded is greater than zero, please see Section 3 for our proposed enforcement response

Section 2 – Compliance Assessment Report Detail

This section contains a report of our findings and will usually include information on:

- The part(s) of the permit that were assessed (eg. Maintenance, training, combustion plant, etc)
- Where the type of assessment was 'Data Review' details of the report/results triggering the assessment
- Any non-compliances identified
- Any non-compliances with directly applicable legislation
- Details of any multiple non-compliances
- Information on the compliance score accrued inc.
- Details of advice given
- Any other areas of concern
- Any actions requested
- Any examples of good practice
- A reference to photos taken

Amended to consolidate score to 1 CCS3.

This Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) form has been completed following receipt of schedule 6 notifications for Ground Water monitoring limit breaches during Q2 2019 (April - June)

Compliance Assessment:

Schedule 6 notification were received via email on 9/5/19 and 4/6/19 as per condition 4.3.1 and 4.3.2,

The 2 notifications detailing ammonical nitrogen emission breaches for BH11B and BH5B sampled on the 24/4/19 and 23/5/19

Background:

Bore hole 11B has recorded breaches for Ammonical Nitrogen monthly since March 2018. Breaches have been assessed and scored under CAR_NRW033658 and CAR_NRW0033659, CAR_NRW00034202, CAR_NRW0035093

FCC are wishing to apply to vary this limit but to date no application has been forwarded. Reference to a known mine audit has been included in the annual report and additional information supplied as part of the HRA review work. The information submitted was limited and was discussed further at a site meeting on the 20th May 2019. FCC have been actioned to:

1. Review the current data trends of this BH11B and update the proposed revised limits, apply for variation if they wish to change the limit, providing justification for changes and supporting information to demonstrate environmental protection remains

An update was received on 3rd July 2019 stating that once the future of the site was confirmed that the variation for BH11B would be confirmed.

Permit limit exceedance at borehole BH11B and BH5B:

In the period April to June 2019 exceedance at BH 11B for Ammonical nitrogen emission limit level was recorded with results of 2.4 mg/l April and 3.1 mg/l May against a permit limit of 1.0mg/l.

In the period April to June 2019 exceedance at BH5B for ammonical nitrogen emission limit levels was recorded with results of 1.9mg/l in April and 1.8mg/l in May against a permit limit of 1mg/l. No notifications were received for June.

Permit compliance assessment Breach:

The exceedance of emission limits in accordance with the limits set in the permit are a breach of condition 3.6.1 table S4.4 of your permit.

Compliance classification scores (CCS) of Cat 3 will be allocated against the E1 compliance heading.

NOTE: In accordance with CCS scoring guidance the reported permit breaches applicable to these 2 boreholes have been consolidated into two CCS score, covering the Q2 (April to June 2019) monitoring period i.e. one CCS score of 3 will be allocated to the breaches that occurred at the groundwater boreholes BH11B and BH5B into one score of 3 allocated to the breaches that occurred at the ground water boreholes at Pwllfawatkin landfill over the Q2 reporting period.

The breach at BH5B is showing signs of a trend due to previous breaches in Q1. Re-sampling and assessment of trends required but no notifications were received for June.

The scored breach at BH11B has been previously suspended in Q3 of 2018 for 6 months.

There had been a decision to continue to suspend the score at BH11B as an investigation into the source of the ammonia at this borehole continued and was being undertaken as part of the HRA updated information.

The information submitted was lacking and as per detailed above an action is outstanding for FCC to provide confirmation and/on permit variation to change the limit.

As 12 months have now elapsed since the original suspension of score and with FCC not providing revisited limits nor variation application the suspension has been lifted and the breach of limit has been scored.

END

EPR Compliance Assessment Report

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Section 3 – Enforcement Response

You must take immediate action to rectify any non-compliance and prevent repetition. Non-compliance with your permit conditions constitutes an offence and can result in criminal prosecutions and/or suspension or revocation of a permit. Please read the detailed assessment in Section 2 and the steps you need to take in Section 4 below.

In respect of the above non-compliance you have been issued with a warning. At present we do not intend to take further enforcement action. This does not preclude us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.

Section 4 – Action(s)

This section summarises the actions identified during the assessment along with the timescales for when they will need to be completed.

Criteria Ref.	CCS Category	Action required/advised	Due Date
See Section 1 above			
E2	C3	BH11B Discussions ongoing between operator and NRW regards source of parameter and operator to apply to vary emission limits	30/09/2019

Section 5 – Compliance notes for the Operator

To ensure you correct actual or potential non-compliance we may

- Advise on corrective actions verbally or in writing
- Require you to take specific actions verbally or in writing
- Issue a notice
- Require you to review your procedures or management system
- Change some of the conditions of your permit
- Decide to undertake a full review of your permit

Any breach of a permit condition is an offence and we may take legal action against you

- We will normally provide advice and guidance to assist you to come back into compliance either after an offence is committed or where we consider that an offence is likely to be committed. This is without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.
- Enforcement action can include the issue of a formal caution, prosecution, the service of a notice and/or suspension or revocation of the permit.

See our Enforcement and Civil Sanctions guidance for further information

This report does not relieve the site operator of the responsibility to

- Ensure you comply with the conditions of the permit at all times and prevent pollution of the environment
- Ensure you comply with other legislative provisions which may apply

Non-compliance scores and categories

CCS category	Description	Score
C1	A non-compliance that could have a major environmental effect	60
C2	A non-compliance which could have a significant environmental effect	31
C3	A non-compliance which could have a minor environmental effect	4
C4	A non-compliance which has no potential environmental effect	0.1

Operational Risk Appraisal (Opra) - Compliance assessment findings may affect your Opra score and/or your charges. This score influences the resource we use to assess permit compliance.

Section 6 – General information

Data protection notice

The information on this form will be processed by the Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to fulfil its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s). The NRW may also use and/or disclose it in connection with:

- Offering/providing you with its literature/services relating to environmental matters
- Consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (eg. 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 its service
- Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Regulations request

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Customer charter

What can I do if I disagree with this compliance assessment report?

If you are unable to resolve the issue with your site officer, you should firstly discuss the matter with officer's line managers using the informal appeals procedure. If you wish to raise your dispute further through our official Complaints and Commendations procedure, phone our general enquiry number 0300 065 3000 (Mon to Fri 08.00 – 18.00) and ask for the Customer Contact team or send an email to enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk. If you are still dissatisfied you can make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. For advice on how to complain to the Ombudsman phone their helpline on 0845 607 0987.

Welsh Language

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