

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0049697

Permit being assessed: GB3131RG.

For: S R 2010 No4, **held by:** Martin Evans Limited

At: Priddbwek Mawr, Llangedwyn, Oswestry, Powys, SY10 9JZ.

Type of assessment: Report/Data Review,

Reason: Routine.

On: 03/11/2025.

Parts of permit assessed: Waste Returns; Notification.

NRW Lead Officer: Malcolm Dines.

Report sent to: Martin Evans (Holdings) Ltd., Permit Holder, on 03/11/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W4B - Waste - Information - Reporting	C3 Minor	4.2.2
W4C - Waste - Information - Notification	C4 No impact	4.3.5
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	Action only (X)	

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
2	4.1

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?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
W4B	Submit all outstanding waste returns, or at a minimum, the past six years (from, and including, Quarter 3, 2019)	31/12/2025
W4C	Confirm who the operator is	30/11/2025
W1A	Confirm whether you are currently undertaking any waste activities?	30/11/2025

Compliance 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.

At this time, we are issuing you with a warning for the non-compliance recorded above. Warnings may influence future enforcement response for continued or further non-compliance.

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

This was a routine data review of waste returns undertaken by Malcolm Dines (Waste Regulation Officer).

Permit Breaches

W4B - Reporting - Cat 3; Permit Conditions 4.2.2

You have been given this category 3 breach of the above permit condition because you have not submitted waste returns since Natural Resources Wales took over the regulation of this permit in 2014 and you were subsequently reminded of the failure to submit waste returns in a letter dated 3 July 2014. All waste returns, for waste spread, must be submitted to Natural Resources Wales using the relevant form no later than one month after the end of each quarter. If no waste is spread in a quarter a nil return is still required to be submitted to Natural Resources Wales.

Action: Submit all outstanding quarterly waste returns, or at a minimum, the past six years (from, and including, Quarter 3, 2019) **by 31 December 2025**

W4C - Notification - Cat 4; Permit Conditions 4.3.5

You have been given this category 4 breach of the above permit condition because you have failed to notify Natural Resources Wales of a change in the registered name of the operator. This permit is issued to Martin Evans Limited and a review of the Companies House website shows that the company changed the name to Martin Evans (Holdings) Ltd on 1 October 2015. Permit condition 4.3.5 requires you to notify Natural Resources Wales within 14 days of a change of registered name.

Reviewing information on Companies House indicates that there are several other companies registered to the same address. Paragraph 4.3 of our Regulatory Guidance Note 1 states that a typical holding company will sit above several operating companies and while it may be suggested that the holding company has control over operations because it owns the majority of the shares in the company which actually operates the regulated facility, that is not sufficient and you will need to show that there are contractual arrangements in place to deliver the factors above before we could regard it as the operator.

Action: confirm whether Martin Evans (Holdings) Ltd. is the operator of this permit **by 30 November 2025**.

Other Matters

Please will you confirm the following whether you are currently undertaking any waste activities? If you are not carrying out waste activities then the only obligation you have under your permit is to submit "nil" returns every quarter. If you do not intend to spread waste to land under your mobile plant again, you may want to consider surrendering your permit.

In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012

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	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.

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.

Disclosure of information – this report will be available to view on-line

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 twenty 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 to 18:00), or email enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk for details of how to raise your dispute further through our Complaints and Commendations procedure.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you can contact the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales by phone on 0300 7900203 or by email at ask@ombudsman.wales

Welsh Language Standards

We are committed to establishing Natural Resources Wales as a naturally bilingual organisation. We will provide compliance reports in your preferred language.