

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0049946

Permit being assessed: DB3399FA

For: Hochtief UK Construction Ltd, **held by:** Hochtief UK Construction Ltd,

At: Site Office, Minffordd, Gwynedd, LL48 6HP.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Other.

On: 05/11/2025 between 10:00 and 12:30.

Parts of permit assessed: 1. General Management and Infrastructure, 3, Emissions and Monitoring.

NRW Lead Officer: Anthony Roberts.

Report sent to: David Grantham, Environment Manager, on 18/11/2025.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
MCP1A - MCP - Management - General management	Assessed (A)	
MCP2A - MCP - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
MCP3A - MCP - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water, air or land	Assessed (A)	

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

Total non-compliances recorded
0

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

HOCHTIEF SVIP PROJECT MCPD - MINFORDD COMPOUND

OPERATIONAL SITE INSPECTION

05/11/25 @10.00hrs

Introduction

David Grantham, Environment and Sustainability Manager for Hochtief UK. Gave An operational summary during a pre-site inspection meeting at the main site office. He also introduced Steve Ellison, the National Grid Project Manager and Chris Clement, National Grid Environmental Advisor. SMNR aims and possibilities were discussed in terms of project offsets and the existing dewatering infrastructure on the site, where this has the possibility of a permanent environmental legacy for the locality with potential cost savings for Hochtief/National Grid at the end of the project.

Ralf Schaefer (RS) of Hochtief, then gave an update on the status of the MCP array and a tour and explanation of the water driven extraction system for the TBM

Operational Infrastructure and Management:

RS lead a detailed tour and description of the MCP and summarised its performance. Site is now fully operational and is running with less load than originally anticipated. An inspection of the engines and housing took place along with the new emission stacks for the generators and batteries.

Power infrastructure is now completed and the TBM is operating as planned. Works are running close to schedule.

Permit conditions regarding monitoring of engine emissions requires that:

3.2.3 The first monitoring measurements shall be carried out (a) For new MCP within four months of the issue date of the permit or the date when the MCP is first put into operation, whichever is later.

3.2.4 The operator shall maintain records of all monitoring including records of the taking and analysis of samples, instrument measurements (periodic and continual), calibrations, examinations, test and surveys and any assessment or evaluation made on the basis of such data.

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 compliance criteria
(used in section 1 and 2):**1. Management**

- MCP1A – General management
- MCP1B – Energy efficiency
- MCP1C - Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities

2. Operations

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

3. Emission 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
- MCP3F – Fire

4. Information

- MCP4A – Records
- MCP4B – Reporting
- MCP4C – 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.

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