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8 January 2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

## Pollution of the unnamed tributary of the Afon Trannon

The enclosed Warning Letter has been issued as, on 4 December 2025, I saw that silage effluent was discharging from the surface water discharge point into the unnamed tributary of the Afon Trannon. This is an offence under Regulation 38(1)(a) of the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016 because the company has contravened Regulation 12(1)(b) by causing or knowingly permitting a water discharge activity.

Effluent could be seen discharging from the pipe into the watercourse and sewage fungus was also visible in the watercourse around the discharge point.



The cause of the pollution was the failure to adequately maintain the drains across the front of the silage clamp. The sheet covering the silage, along with leaves and other debris were blocking the channel and it could be seen that silage effluent had escaped the containment of the clamp and entered surface water drains on the yard, as shown in the photographs below.



Following previous compliance visits over several years, where effluent from the site had caused pollution of the same watercourse, it had been highlighted to the company how important it was to ensure that the site was properly managed with regards to preventing polluting matter entering the surface water drains on the site.

I carried out a subsequent site visit on 23 December 2025 and can confirm that, at the time, there was no on-going pollution of the watercourse and that silage effluent was being fully contained by the silage clamp.

Also enclosed with this letter are two Notices of Powers and Rights for the site visits on 4 and 23 December 2025. These forms set out Natural Resources Wales' powers and the company's rights. If you have any queries about the content of this letter, or the Warning Letter, please contact me using the details below.

Yours faithfully,



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Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.