

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0050423

**Permit being assessed:** AN0112501

**For:** CSO at Aberaman Cardiff Road No 104, **held by:** DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

**At:** Opp 104 Cardiff Road, Aberaman, Aberdare, Rhondda Cynon Taf, CF44 6UT.

**Type of assessment carried out:** Site Inspection,

**Reason:** Routine.

**On** 15/01/2026, between 13:30 and 14:00.

**Parts of permit assessed:** Conditions 2 and 3

**NRW Lead Officer:** Natalie Wrangham, accompanied by: Hywel Brown.

**Report sent to:** CARS@dwrwymru.com, mailbox, on 26/01/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Non-compliant permit condition
WQ-B1 - Water Quality - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B3 - Water Quality - Operations - Operating techniques	Assessed (A)	
WQ-C4 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Monitoring	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B4 - Water Quality - Operations - Improvement programme	Assessed (A)	

Result types are explained in more detail 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

### Site report

Environment Officers from the Cwm Taf and Bridgend Environment Team met with DCWW Pollution Technician and Network Technician for the Valleys area to carry out inspections of Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs). The weather was dry and overcast.

The report is for permit number AN0112501 for the CSO at Aberaman Cardiff Road No 104. This permit was issued 2016. The outfall of the CSO discharges into Nant Gwawr.

The permit refers to an improvement plan, as outlined under condition 2.4 of the permit, which was to be completed within 2 years of the permit's issue date. The improvements were stipulated under table S1.3. These improvement details were provided on the 24/11/2021.

The DCWW asset was situated at a crossroads on Cardiff road, Aberaman at NGR SO 01050 01672. The asset was not spilling at the time of the assessment. Upon inspection of the CSO, water levels were below the weir and not flowing into the overflow pipe, which appeared to be free from debris, RAG, or solids.



Image 1. The CSO chamber accessed at NGR SO 01050 01672.

Condition 2.3.2 - The point of discharge was not fully observable due to the culverted nature of the watercourse. NRW and DCWW accessed a section of the watercourse (Nant Gwawr) at NGR SO 01087 01725, which was the closest accessible portion of the watercourse to the CSO outfall. No signs of RAG, sewage fungus, solids, or debris were observed at this monitoring point. Litter, unrelated to the CSO was observed in the watercourse. No discharge was observed during the attendance.



Image 2. Downstream of the point of discharge of the CSO, Nant Gwawr, NGR SO 01087 01725

Event duration monitoring apparatus was installed. No reports have been submitted of issues with telemetry at this asset. The last recorded spill was on 11/01/2026 between 20:15 and 20.45. The nearest rainfall gauge in the vicinity showed heavy rainfall (11.6mm) between 19.00-20.00 on the 11/01/2026, which aligned with condition 2.3.1.

**Contact details:**

If you have any queries regarding this CAR form or to provide an update on any actions above, please contact me using the following email address:

[cwmtaf&bridgendconsultations@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:cwmtaf&bridgendconsultations@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk)

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 to 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 required for the permit condition assessed to avoid non-compliance. No non-compliance scored at this time
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 water quality action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):****WQ A: Management**

- WQ-A1 General management

**WQ B: Operations**

- WQ-B1 Permitted activities
- WQ-B2 The site
- WQ-B3 Operating techniques
- WQ-B4 Improvement programme
- WQ-B5 Pre-operational conditions

**WQ C: Emissions and monitoring**

- WQ-C1 Emissions to water
- WQ-C2 Emissions to land
- WQ-C3 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- WQ-C4 Monitoring
- WQ-C5 Installation of monitoring boreholes

**WQ D: Information**

- WQ-D1 Records
- WQ-D2 Reporting
- WQ-D3 Notifications

**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.

**Disputing the Content of this Compliance Assessment Report Form**

If you disagree with the content of this Compliance Assessment Report form, you should submit your concerns, in writing, to the regulating officer who issued it within **15 working days** of its issue. This will be treated as a **Stage 1 review**.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the stage 1 review, you may request a **Stage 2 appeal**. This request must be submitted **within 21 working days** of receiving the response from the stage 1 review.

Further details on our review and appeal process are available at: [Natural Resources Wales / Appeal a regulatory decision from Natural Resources Wales](#)

**Concerns Not Related to the Content of this Compliance Assessment Report Form**

If your concerns do not relate to the content of the Compliance Assessment Report form, you should first attempt to resolve the issue with the regulating officer or their line manager.

If the issue remains unresolved, please contact our **Customer Contact Team**:

- **Telephone:** 0300 065 3000 (Monday to Friday, 09:00–17:00)
- **Email:** [enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk)

They will provide details on how to escalate your concerns through our **Complaints and Commendations procedure**.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you may contact the **Public Services Ombudsman for Wales**:

- **Telephone:** 0300 790 0203
- **Email:** [ask@ombudsman.wales](mailto:ask@ombudsman.wales)

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