

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0050627

Permit being assessed: SP3936TL.

For: The Research Centre, **held by:** Cenin Limited

At: Unit 1 Former Stormydown Aerodrome , Pyle, BRIDGEND, Mid Glamorgan, CF33 4RS.

Type of assessment: Report/Data Review,

Reason: Routine.

On: 31/12/2025.

Parts of permit assessed: Annual Returns.

NRW Lead Officer: Lewis Evans.

Report sent to: Business Manager, Business Manager, on 23/02/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR3A(2) - Installations - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to air	Assessed (A)	
IR4B - Installations - Information - Reporting	C4 No impact	4.2.2

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
1	0.1

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
IR4B	Action: Update procedures to submit the annual returns to NRW by the 31st January each year.	Already completed

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.

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**Cenin Limited****Permit Reference: EPR/SP3936TL****Annual Returns**

The purpose of this Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) is to record Natural Resources Wales' (hereafter NRW) assessment against Cenin Limited (hereafter Cenin) Air and Water monitoring returns and their annual reporting of 2024 to NRW.

Air Emissions

Cenin are required under the conditions of their environmental permit to report annual monitoring results for Emission Point A1, specifically for the Particulate Matter (PM) parameter. The monitoring data submitted for the 2025 reporting year recorded a maximum measured concentration of 0.2293 mg/m³. This value is significantly below the permitted emission limit of 5 mg/m³, as set out in the site's emission limit requirements.

The reported concentration represents less than 5% of the allowable limit, indicating that particulate releases from A1 are being effectively controlled and that the abatement and process systems in place are performing as intended.

Overall, the 2024 monitoring demonstrates full compliance with the particulate matter emission limits for Emission Point A1, with a comfortable compliance margin and no further action required beyond continued routine monitoring in line with the permit.

Performance 1 Form

Cenin submitted the performance form which relates to Table S4.3 in their permit.

Parameter	Units
Hazardous waste produced per tonne of cement produced	0 tonnes/tonne of cement produced
Blast furnace slag produced per tonne of cement produced	0 tonnes/tonne of cement produced
Total raw materials used	21491.90 tonnes
Generation of residues	0 tonnes
Generation of waste water	0m
Cement produced	0 tonnes

Cenin submitted the required Performance 1 form in accordance with Table S4.3 of their permit, providing the annual performance metrics for the 2024 reporting year.

The total quantity of raw materials used during the year amounted to 21,491.90 tonnes, representing the overall material input into the cement production process..

All submitted performance data was reviewed and found to be complete and compliant with the requirements of the permit. No discrepancies or issues were identified, and no further action is required

beyond continued routine reporting.

Waste Returns

The operator submitted the required quarterly and annual waste return information in accordance with Permit Condition 4.2.5, which requires sites to report the quantities and types of waste accepted and removed during the reporting period. The submitted data was complete and consistent with the permitted waste codes and throughput limits set out in Schedule 2, Table S2.2.

All figures were reviewed and found to align with the operational activity expected for the facility, with no discrepancies, omissions, or compliance concerns identified. The returns confirm that waste movements remained within authorised limits and were managed in accordance with permit requirements.

Overall, the waste returns for the period have been submitted, verified, and accepted as compliant, with no further action required beyond routine future reporting.

Water Usage

There is currently no water meter installed on site, which means direct measurement of total water consumption cannot be provided. However, the operator has confirmed that the installation does not use process water as part of its permitted activities. Any water present on site is restricted solely to domestic and staff welfare purposes, such as hand-washing, toilets, and basic amenities.

These welfare-related water uses fall outside the scope of the permit's reporting requirements, as Schedule 4, Table S4.3 only requires reporting of water usage where it relates to the operation of the regulated facility or contributes to the treatment, digestion, or handling of waste. Since no industrial or process-related water is consumed at the installation, there is no requirement under the permit to report water usage data.

On this basis, the operator's submission is considered acceptable and compliant, and the absence of a metered reading does not represent a breach of any permit condition. Routine confirmation of this position in future reporting years will remain sufficient unless site operations change.

Energy Usage

The site operates entirely on 100% renewable electricity, supplied directly by its parent company, *Cenin Renewables*. As such, the installation's energy demand is met exclusively through renewable generation, ensuring that no fossil-fuel-derived energy is used in carrying out the permitted activities.

For the 2025 reporting year, the facility recorded a total energy usage of 183,113 kWh, of which 132,387 kWh was classified as *primary energy*, reflecting the upstream energy input required to deliver renewable power to the site. Based on the reported production levels for the period, this equates to a specific energy usage of 6.16 MWh per tonne of sellable products.

While the permit does not impose numerical limits on overall energy consumption, Permit Condition 1.2 requires the operator to take appropriate measures to ensure efficient use of energy and to periodically review opportunities for optimisation. The use of 100% renewable energy represents a positive aspect of site performance and supports the operator's broader sustainability objectives. The reported figures for 2025 meet the permit's reporting obligations under Schedule 4, Table S4.3, and are considered complete and compliant for the reporting period.

No-Compliance

Permit condition 4.4.2 states:

A report or reports on the performance of the activities over the previous year shall be submitted to

Natural Resources Wales by 31 January (or other date agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales) each year. The report(s) shall include as a minimum:

(a) a review of the results of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the permit including an interpretive review of that data;

(b) the annual production / treatment data set out in schedule 4 table S4.2; and

(c) the performance parameters set out in schedule 4 table S4.3 using the forms specified in table S4.4 of that schedule.

The operator submitted the annual returns late on the 3rd of February 2026. This is a breach of the permit condition above and will result in a **Category 4** non-compliance.

Action: Update procedures to submit the annual returns to NRW by the 31st January each year.

END

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

- IR1A – General management
- IR1B – Finance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR1C – Energy efficiency
- IR1D - Efficient use of raw materials
- IR1E - Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities
- IR1F - Multiple operator installations

2. Operations

- IR2A – Permitted activities
- IR2B – The site
- IR2C – Operating techniques
- IR2D – Technical requirements
- IR2E – Improvement programme
- IR2F – Pre-operational conditions
- IR2G – Landfill engineering (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2H – Waste acceptance (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2I – Leachate levels (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2J – Closure and aftercare (only applicable to Landfill)
- IR2K – Landfill gas management (only applicable to Landfill)

3. Emission and Monitoring

- IR3A(1) – Emissions to water
- IR3A(2) – Emissions to air
- IR3A(3) – Emissions to land
- IR3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- IR3C – Odour
- IR3D – Noise and vibration
- IR3E – Monitoring
- IR3F – Pests
- IR3G – Air quality management plans
- IR3H – Monitoring for the purposes of the Industrial Emissions Directive (this heading includes Large Combustion Plants)
- IR3I – Fire

4. Information

- IR4A – Records
- IR4B – Reporting
- IR4C – 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.

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

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

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.