

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0050667

Permit being assessed: VP3235HS.

For: Farmers Boy (Deeside) Ltd, **held by:** Farmers Boy (Deeside) Ltd

At: Unit 105/106 Tenth Avenue , Deeside Industrial Park, DEESIDE, Clwyd, CH5 2UA.

Type of assessment: Report/Data Review,

Reason: Routine.

On: 31/12/2025.

Parts of permit assessed: See below.

NRW Lead Officer: Libby Hughes.

Report sent to: Facilities Manager, Facilities Manager, on 02/03/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
IR1C - Installations - Management - Energy Efficiency	Assessed (A)	
IR3A(2) - Installations - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to air	Assessed (A)	
IR3B - Installations - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits	Assessed (A)	
IR3E - Installations - Emissions and monitoring - Monitoring	Assessed (A)	
IR4B - Installations - Information - Reporting	C4 No impact	3.1

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	See Action below	01/03/2026

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

Annual Monitoring returns for 2025

Requirements

Permit Condition 4.2.2 requires that a report on the performance of activities over the previous year shall be submitted to NRW monitored by 31st January each year. This CAR Form covers the annual monitoring returns submitted to NRW for 2025.

Annual Performance Reporting

Reporting forms for water, energy usage, and raw materials were received on 30th January 2026 in accordance with permit requirements.

- The production volume of 14,876 tonnes for 2025 was lower compared to 2024 production (15,036 tonnes)
- Raw material usage for 2025 was 18,348 tonnes, slightly higher than in 2024 (18,147 tonnes)
- Water usage of 8.83 m³/unit output in 2025 shows a continued reduction in usage when compared to 9.069m³/unit output in 2024; 9.35 m³/unit output in 2023, and 9.5 m³/unit output in 2022, demonstrating a trend of increasing resource efficiency.
- Energy usage for 2025 is 2.84 MWh/t which is higher when compared with 2.28 MWh/t in 2024

Emissions to Air

Condition 3.1 and Schedule 4(b) of the permit require Emissions to Air parameters to be reported on an annual basis from December 2023. The operator provided the monitoring data on 30th January 2026. The Total Volatile Organic Compounds (TVOC) emission load was reported to be below 500g/h

On Form Air1 the following comment concerning the use of Smoker A11a has been included:

"Smoker A11a is a combined smoker/roaster and has not been used in smoke mode for a number of years and there are no plans to do so.....In compliance with...the Permit, where the load is below 500g/h the emission limit value and monitoring requirements do not apply. To demonstrate the load for smoker A11a remains below 500g/hr repeat monitoring was undertaken on 30th January.....The repeat monitoring has demonstrated again that the emissions load remains below the applicability limit of 500g/hr

This is the third set of monitoring results which have demonstrated that the emission loads comply with Note 5 [The TVOC emission limit does not apply when the TVOC emission is below 500g/hr] Moving forwards it is recommended that repeat monitoring is undertaken every 3 years... to demonstrate continued compliance with the permit

This will be discussed during the next site visit. For clarity, monitoring of emissions to air does not apply when the TVOC emission load is below 500 g/hr.

Emissions to Sewer

The operator provided one set of results for the period 01/01/2025 - 31/12/2025 on 30th January 2026. No limits are set by the permit. However, failure to report in line with the data requirements is a breach of condition 3.1 and has been scored a C4.

Action 1: Condition 3.1 and Schedule 4(b) of the permit require Emissions to Sewer parameters to be reported every six months, effective from 4th December 2023. Ensure that this is reported correctly moving forward.

Outstanding Actions

Action 1 included in the most recent CAR (**CAR_NRW0046126**) required relevant procedure(s) to be ensure NRW are informed of any incidents on site. The Communication and Complaints Procedure (ref EM-02-004, Issue 4, 14/04/2025), was provided to NRW on 6 June 2025. NRW have no further comment.

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.