

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0050965

**Permit being assessed:** AN0128701

**For:** CYNRIG FISH HATCHERY ABERCYNRIG, **held by:** Natural Resources Wales

**At:** CYNRIG FISH HATCHERY, ABERCYNRIG, LLANFRYNACH, POWYS, LD3 7AQ.

**Type of assessment carried out:** Report/Data Review,

**Reason:** Routine.

**On** 13/01/2026.

**Parts of permit assessed:** condition 4

**NRW Lead Officer:** Natalie Wrangham.

**Report sent to:** John Taylor, Senior Officer, Aquaculture, on 30/03/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Non-compliant permit condition
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C3 Minor	4 (b)

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

### 2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-C1	Investigation into the root cause of the suspended solid exceedance	31/03/2026

Action 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

### Sample Exceedance Report

This CAR form is a review of regulatory monitoring results carried out by NRW (Natural Resources Wales) on 28/01/26.

### Breaches of Permit Condition

At 09:37 on 28/01/2026, NRW Data Collection Officers took a water quality sample from the permitted influent (sample point A) and effluent discharge location (Sample Point B) for comparison in accordance with permit number AN0128701 for Cynrig fish hatchery. This sample was part of NRW's routine monitoring program.

The water quality samples were tested and compared and showed 47mg/L of suspended solids difference between the influent and effluent. The maximum increase between the points stated in your permit is 20mg/L, when dried at 105°C. The sample contained over twice your permitted limit of suspended solids and is classified as a Compliance Classification Scheme (CCS) category 3 non-compliance. This result is a non-compliance of the following permit condition:

Condition 4: Composition -

*The composition of the Discharge as sampled at Sample Point B shall not be increased relative to the influent as sampled at Sample Point A by more than:*

*(b) 20 milligrams per litre of suspended solids (measured after drying at 105°C)*

Please note - the sample result for ammonia was comfortably within the limit detailed by the permit at 0.0569mg/l.

### Action required by dates specified:

- Carry out an investigation into the root cause of the suspended solid exceedance - **by 31/03/2026**

### 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 addresses:

[natalie.wrangham@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:natalie.wrangham@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk)

[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)

**Welsh Language Standards**

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