

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0050019

Permit being assessed: BP0287801

For: Storm and Emergency Overflow at Baglan Sewage Pumping Station, **held by:** DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

At: Road through Baglan Energy Park, Off Brunel Way, Briton Ferry, Neath, SA11 2GA.

Type of assessment carried out: Audit,

Reason: Incident Response (Incident number: 2505668).

On 16/06/2025.

Parts of permit assessed: All

NRW Lead Officer: Rhys Griffiths.

Report sent to: CARS Mailbox, CARS@dwrwymru.com, on 15/04/2026.

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 | 2.3.2 (a) (i) |

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 | Ensure evidence of any 3rd party cause is submitted to NRW (National Grid) | Already completed |

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

This report is issued in response to an incident reported to NRW via WATPOL on the 16th June 2025 - WIRS ref: 2505668

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A spill had occurred via the inlet connecting chamber at Baglan SPS from the 12th-15th June as a result of the storm transfer pumps being inhibited due to a control panel fault.

Correspondence with Dwr Cymru stated that full foul flow to Afan SPS was achieved throughout this period via the foul pumps and the storm storage was utilised although didn't reach the spill point for the Long Sea Outfall as designed.

No evidence was supplied by Dwr Cymru that this was due to a third party (national grid) or any telemetry informing NRW that the transfer pumps were back online.

The discharge is not compliant with condition 2.3.2 (a) (i)

The discharge shall only occur when and only for as long as either:

the flow passed forward is equal to or greater than the overflow setting indicated due to rainfall and/or snow melt.

The incident has been classified as Low level/Cat 3.

Action

Dwr Cymru must ensure that any claim involving power outage must be supported by evidence from a third party (National Grid)

ENDS

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

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

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