

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0051881

Permit being assessed: BH0074101

For: Cardigan Wastewater Treatment Works, **held by:** DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

At: Netpool Road, Cardigan, Ceredigion, SA43 1PA.

Type of assessment carried out: Check Monitoring/Sampling,

Reason: Routine.

On 31/12/2025.

Parts of permit assessed: See criteria listed below

NRW Lead Officer: Ffion Quan.

Report sent to: CARS mailbox, CARS mailbox, on 18/05/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Non-compliant permit condition
WQ-D2 - Water Quality - Information - Reporting	C4 No impact	4.2.2
WQ-C1 - Water Quality - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	C3 Minor	OSM 1 & 3.3.1
WQ-D2 - Water Quality - Information - Reporting	C4 No impact	Table S4.1
WQ-D2 - Water Quality - Information - Reporting	C4 No impact	Table S1.2

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-D2	Please review and improve reporting	01/07/2026
WQ-C1	Please review and improve monitoring programme.	01/07/2026
WQ-D2	Please review and improve reporting	01/07/2026
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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

The non-compliances listed above were identified during our annual 2025 data audit. This audit assessed Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water's compliance at all their sewage treatment works and water treatment works with Operator Self-Monitoring (OSM) conditions, UV conditions (only applicable at some sewage treatment works) and Urban Waste Water conditions .

Please note: this CAR is dated 31 December 2025 as these non-compliances relate to annual 2025 data, however for clarity I carried out the compliance assessment on 18 May 2026.

Non Compliance 1 - Issue identified:

The information recorded on the Change to Sample Frequency tab is incorrect. The Permit effective date was reported incorrectly as 28/04/2025, the correct date is 08/04/2025.

Action:

Please review and improve reporting.

Non Compliance 2 - Issue identified:

5 sampling shortfalls due to deviating data.

Action:

Please review and improve the monitoring programme.

Non Compliance 3 - Issue identified:

The quarter 3 fault report was originally submitted on 26/11/2025, but there were a large number of errors for multiple sites. A corrected fault report was submitted late on 23/12/2025

Action:

Please review and improve reporting.

Non Compliance 4 - Issue identified:

Incorrect reporting. The quarter 3 Fault Report submitted on 23/12/2025 did not report any of the Turbidity readings >30 NTU. There was 1 reading missing from the Fault Report in quarter 2 (04/06/2025 15:00 32.6 NTU)

Action:

Please review and improve reporting.

Due date:

Please provide feedback by 1 July 2026

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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We are committed to establishing Natural Resources Wales as a naturally bilingual organisation. We will provide compliance reports in your preferred language.