

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0051872

Permit being assessed: JP3798FH.

For: Penrhos Depot Hazardous Waste Transfer Station, **held by:** Ceredigion County Council

At: Llandysul, Ceredigion, SA44 4SX.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 14/05/2026 between 10:50 and 11:23.

Parts of permit assessed: See criteria listed below.

NRW Lead Officer: Alder Tye.

Report sent to: Simon Edwards, Technically Competent Manager, on 22/05/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	C3 Minor	Paragraph 2 (6)(b) of Part 3 Schedule 9 of The Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	Action only (X)	
W3B - Waste - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits	Action only (X)	
W4B - Waste - Information - Reporting	Assessed (A)	

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
1	4

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
W1A	Ensure that a site TCM is attending site for the required period of time each week and record this in the site diary. Please submit records demonstrating this to NRW	19/06/2026
W1A	Ensure waste glass is not entering the drainage channel and remove the glass blocking the entrance to the interceptor	19/06/2026
W3B	Ensure that the site boundary is cleared of any litter and submit photographic evidence to NRW. Ensure a schedule of site daily checks is initiated which includes an inspection of the site boundary and regular litter picks. Please submit a sample of these site daily checks to NRW	19/06/2026

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

This compliance assessment report is being produced following a site inspection at Penrhos Depot Waste Transfer Station. The inspection was carried out on 14th May 2026 and conducted by Alder Tye (Waste Regulation Officer) .

The weather at the time of the inspection was wet and overcast with periodic heavy rainfall. The site was operational but no activity was taking place during the inspection. The officer was met on site by the Circular Economy and Local Environmental Strategy officer who accompanied throughout.

The following breaches were identified:

W1A - General Management - Paragraph 2 (6)(b) of Part 3 Schedule 9 of The Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016 - Category 3 Breach

The above legislation inserted the requirement into your permit for the need to demonstrate compliance with an approved competency scheme.

The Technically Competent Manager (TCM) for the site, has not been able to attend the

site for approximately 12 months for legitimate reasons but there is no contingency in place to meet this staffing requirement in the interim.

Without a qualified person on site to oversee operations, there is a risk that the activities may give rise to pollution.

Permit condition 1.3.4 states that attendance of the technically competent person shall be recorded on arrival and departure and the information shall be kept on site. A check of the 2026 site diary confirmed that there had been no recorded TCM attendance between the period of 01.01.26 - 13.05.26. Staff confirmed that this had been the case for approximately 12 months.

ACTION - Ensure that a site TCM is attending site for the required period of time each week and record this in the site diary. Please submit records demonstrating this to NRW by Friday 19th June 2026.

W1A- General Management - Permit Condition 2.1.1 - Action Only

Condition 2.1.1 of the permit states that the engineered site containment and drainage systems shall be designed, constructed, inspected, validated and maintained, and shall be fully documented and recorded, to be fit for purpose.

The drainage channel in front of the glass storage bay, which runs from the quarantine storage area to the interceptor, was partially blocked by glass waste. Further along the drainage channel where it enters the interceptor system, glass had also built up partially blocking the entrance to the trap.

ACTION - Ensure waste glass is not entering the drainage channel. Remove the glass blocking the entrance to the interceptor by 19th June 2026.

W3B - Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits - Permit Condition 6.1.2 -Action Only

Condition 6.1.2 of the permit states that litter arising from the activities shall not cause pollution.

An inspection of the site boundary between the Quarantine and Glass storage area evidenced litter on the ground and also caught in the tree line. The site is surrounded by a boundary fence and there was no evidence that litter had escaped beyond the site boundary.

There is currently no active schedule of regular site checks and litter picks of the site boundary to ensure these areas are clear of litter, which increases the risk of substances escaping and causing pollution beyond the site boundary. No records of site daily checks were available on site to review during the routine inspection.

Action: Ensure that the site boundary is cleared of any litter and submit photographic evidence to NRW by 19th June 2026.

Action: Ensure a schedule of site daily checks is initiated which includes an

inspection of the site boundary and regular litter picks. Please submit a sample of these site daily checks to NRW by 19th June 2026.

W4B - Reporting - Permit condition 7.2.2

A review of Waste Return data for 2025 demonstrated that waste return reports are being completed for each quarter and submitted to NRW within one month at the end of the quarter as per the permit conditions.

If you wish to discuss this Compliance Assessment Report, please contact me:

alder.tye@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

Kind regards,
Alder Tye

In this document 'Natural Resources Wales' means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by Article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) order 2012.

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

- W1A – General management
- W1B – Energy Efficiency (MCP/SG facilities only)
- W1C – Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities

2. Operations

- W2A – Permitted activities
- W2B – Waste recovery plan
- W2C – Operating techniques
- W2D – The site
- W2E – Waste acceptance
- W2F – Technical requirements
- W2G – Improvement programme
- W2H – Pre-operational conditions

3. Emission and Monitoring

- W3A(1) – Emissions to water
- W3A(2) – Emissions to air
- W3A(3) – Emissions to land
- W3B – Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- W3C – Odour
- W3D – Noise and vibration
- W3E – Monitoring
- W3F – Pests
- W3G – Fire

4. Information

- W4A – Records
- W4B – Reporting
- W4C – 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

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