

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0052087

Permit being assessed: RP3395FM.

For: Aberbargoed Civic Amenity Site, **held by:** Caerphilly County Borough Council

At: Aberbargoed, Bargoed, Caerphilly, CF81 9EP.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 19/05/2026 between 12:00 and 12:20.

Parts of permit assessed: Various.

NRW Lead Officer: Nicola Rossiter, accompanied by Anna Andrews, Carla Curtis.

Report sent to: Scott Jones, TCM, on 11/06/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (compliance criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
W2A - Waste - Operations - Permitted activities	C3 Minor	4.6.1
W2A - Waste - Operations - Permitted activities	C3 Minor	4.4.2
W1A - Waste - Management - General management	Assessed (A)	
W2D - Waste - Operations - The site	Assessed (A)	
W4B - Waste - Information - Reporting	Assessed (A)	
W2F - Waste - Operations - Technical requirements	Assessed (A)	

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

Total non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
2	8

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
W2A	Ensure that drums are located on the impermeable surface	31/07/2026

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
W2A	Ensure any gas canisters are stored correctly while on site	30/06/2026

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.

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

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) Waste Regulation Officer Nicola Rossiter

PERMIT INSPECTION

On Tuesday 19th May 2026 NRW Officers Nicola ROSSITER, Carla CURTIS and Anna ANDREWS attended the Waste Transfer facility at 12:00 noon for an unannounced routine site visit to Caerphilly County Councils HWRC site in Aberbargoed RP3395FM. The weather at the time of inspection was dry and warm. The Site supervisor accompanied officers around the site.

BREACH

During the inspection, NRW officers noted that there was an area on site where an oil spill had been contained, however some oil barrels were overlapping the drainage gulley and the drainage that runs at the edge of the site, as shown in photograph 1. This could allow pollution to escape from site. To ensure that the environmental permit is being complied with, please ensure that any such containers are stored entirely on the impermeable surface.



Photograph 1. Oil spill and oil drum overlapping the drainage gulley

W2A Permitted Activities – Category 3 breach

Condition 4.6.1 of the permit states;

- 4.6.1** Notwithstanding the specification of permitted waste types under condition 1.2, wastes displaying any of the hazardous properties or forms specified in Table 4.6 shall only be handled and/or stored on the site in accordance with the standards specified in Table 4.6 below.

Table

4.6 states;

d) Wastes which are in a form which is either sludge or liquid	These wastes only permitted if: • stored in liquid-retaining, covered containers; and • stored in areas provided with impermeable pavement and sealed drainage.
e) Combustible wastes	These wastes only permitted if stored in bays provided with an impermeable pavement and sealed drainage, and with access to fire fighting equipment.

A category 3 breach has been recorded against permit condition 4.6.1 under sub criteria W2A Permitted Activities.

Action – Ensure that drums are located on the impermeable surface. Deadline: 31/07/26.

During the inspection, NRW officers also noted that gas canisters had been stored at the back of the staff cabin out of the view of members of the public, as shown in photograph 2. Staff informed NRW officers that these had been left by members of the public without authorisation to do so. To be compliant with your permit all waste on site must be stored in the appropriate containers and locations.



Photograph 2. Gas canisters on site hidden behind the staff cabin

W2A Permitted Activities – **Category 3 breach**

Condition 4.4.2 of the permit states;

Waste control procedures

- 4.4.2 All wastes accepted at the site shall be handled, kept and recorded in accordance with the standards specified in Table 4.4 below.

Table

4.4 states;

Table 4.4 Standards for waste acceptance and control procedures

Stage of Waste Handling	Specified standards
a) Waste inspection	- Wastes stored at the site shall be regularly checked during the working day to ensure they comply with the permitted waste types detailed in condition 1.2.1 and that they are stored in the appropriate container and location within the site. - All waste refrigeration equipment received at the

A category 3 breach has been recorded against permit condition 4.4.2 under sub criteria W2A Permitted Activities.

Action – Ensure any gas canisters are stored correctly while on site. Deadline: 30/06/26.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

The facility appears to be well-run with competent staff. Waste materials are clearly segregated and stored in designated, clearly labelled areas, as shown in photograph 3.



Photograph 3. Separate waste streams clearly labelled.

Housekeeping was generally to a good standard with some areas that would benefit from targeted litter picking to further improve site conditions. The security on the site was of a good standard, with the site benefitting from CCTV, lighting in addition to ongoing repairs of the perimeter fence as shown in photograph 4.



Photograph 4. Showing good housekeeping and areas of fencing that have been repaired.

No offensive noises or odours were witnessed by any Officer while on site. No other concerns or actions were raised, and Officers ROSSITER, CURTIS and ANDREWS left site at 12:20pm.

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Technically competent manager is Scott Jones who holds a current certificate at the time of the inspection.

WASTE RETURNS

Upon checking NRW systems, it has been noted that the last submitted waste return data was received for Q1 2026. Waste Returns were up to date and within waste acceptance limits, thank you, please continue to submit them in a timely manner.

ACTION

Ensure that oil drums are located on the impermeable surface. Please send NRW photographs when this has been completed. Deadline: 31/07/26

Ensure gas canisters are stored correctly while on site. Please send NRW photographs when this has been completed. Deadline: 30/06/26

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 details: Nicola ROSSITER, Waste Regulation Officer, nicola.rossiter@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.go.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 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

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