

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0052501

Permit being assessed: AD0000901

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

At: Trecastle, Brecon, Powys, LD3 8UG.

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On 09/07/2026, between 11:45 and 12:20.

Parts of permit assessed: Various

NRW Lead Officer: Chris Gurney, accompanied by: Frankie Farrell.

Report sent to: Regulatory Compliance Officer, Regulatory Compliance Officer, on 30/07/2026.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Non-compliant permit condition
WQ-B3 - Water Quality - Operations - Operating techniques	Action only (X)	
WQ-B2 - Water Quality - Operations - The site	C4 No impact	1.1.1
WQ-B2 - Water Quality - Operations - The site	Action only (X)	

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-B3	Ensure the storm tank is emptied fully as soon as is practicable.	11/09/2026
WQ-B2	Investigate and undertake all required repairs to provide adequate containment.	11/09/2026
WQ-B2	Investigate and assess the condition of both filter beds to ensure structural stability until a new scheme is finalised and operational.	11/09/2026

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

On 9th July 2026 myself and Frankie Farrell attended site on a pre-arranged OSM inspection, the weather was hot and sunny in a period of hot weather. We were met on site by the Area Supervisor and Senior Process Scientist, thank you both for your time during the inspections.

We started at the inlet where all flows pass through a screen with compactor. Behind this is a fixed weir storm overflow with EDM sensor. Flows pass through an open channel to the Primary Settlement Tanks where flows are split between the two. The inlet channels were showing signs of ageing/wear and may need some repairs to avoid any leak. The Storm tank is the side of the PSTs and had some sludge remains in the bottom – this is reducing capacity of the tanks (which should be 7.6m³) and should be returned to the main flow of the works as required by the permit. Given the volume remaining appeared to be minimal and there was still likely sufficient storage to be compliant, this is not a breach but scoring as Action Only.

ACTION Ensure the Storm Tank is emptied fully as soon as is practicable.

EDM was in place at the end of the tank where it weirs over and discharges to the environment.

There was a leak from the South Eastern corner of the PSTs that had discharged across the path, but hadn't left site or caused any impact. As the discharge had not left site, this is categorised as a Cat 4 breach.

ACTION Investigate and undertake all required repairs to provide adequate containment.

Flows entered a siphon chamber before discharging across two filter beds. Both sets of arms were turning freely and with even distribution. There was no sign of ponding or excess moss/plant growth. However both filter beds' brickwork were showing signs of aging and may need repair or replacement in due course. There was a conversation on site regarding a potential scheme for the site however it was uncertain how far along this was.

ACTION Investigate and assess the condition of both filter beds to ensure structural stability until a new scheme is finalised and operational.

Flows then entered the Humus tank which was split in two, providing additional retention time and settlement. Flows are pumped from the lower chamber back up to the Lamella unit near to the head of the works, and are then returned to the Humus tanks outfall chamber. Flows were modified to not return to the Humus tank as this was causing too much disturbance. Flows then passed via the sample point and MCERTS meter before discharging to the environment. The Outfall was not

inspected due to vegetation growth and access – not being DCWW property.

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.

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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](#)

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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**.

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- **Telephone:** 0300 790 0203
- **Email:** ask@ombudsman.wales

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