

Compliance Audit Plan

Argoed Anaerobic Digestion Site

Permit ref: EPR/ AB3090CC

Operator: Derwent Renewable Power Ltd

Date: 12 November 2026

Time: 10.30

Audit team

- Malcolm Dines (Waste Regulation Officer)
- Luke Taylor (Senior Waste Regulation Officer)

Site personnel required

- Technically Competent Manager

Objective of the inspection

- Ensure that the site is managed effectively
- Ensure site drainage and infrastructure is effective

Legislation

- Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016
- Environmental Protection Act 1990
- Control of Agricultural Pollution Regulations 2021

Site areas, process and procedures to be audited

- Site Maintenance
- Fire Prevention and Mitigation
- Site Infrastructure
- Site Drainage System
- Emissions
- Contingency Plans

Permit conditions to be audited

- 1.1 General Management
- 2.1.2 Permitted activities – Process Plant and Equipment
- 2.3 Operating Techniques
- 2.4 Technical Requirements
- 3.1 Emissions to air, water or land
- 3.2 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- 3.3 Odour
- 3.5 Monitoring
- 3.7 Fire Prevention
- 4.1 Records
- 4.2 Reporting

CAR Criteria to be audited

- W1A - General management
- W2A - Permitted activities
- W2C – Operating Techniques
- W2F - Technical requirements
- W2G – Improvement Programme
- W3A(1) – Emissions to Water
- W3A(2) – Emissions to Air
- W3B - Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- W3C – Odour
- W3E - Monitoring
- W3G - Fire
- W4A – Records
- W4B - Reporting

Documents required

- Site Records
- Environmental Management System, including annexes
- Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan
- Site Drainage Plan

Duration of Audit

- 2-3 hours

Expectations of the site operator

- Must ensure the health and safety of Natural Resources Wales staff and make reasonable provision for their welfare and working arrangements where practical.
- Provide the lead officer with details of the organisation's representative who will act as first point of contact
- Provide site guides where appropriate or requested. The guides should not influence or interfere with the inspection but should assist the officers. Guides can:
 - Arrange visits to specific parts of the site or organisation
 - Check that the officers know about and follow site safety and security roles
 - Witness the inspection on behalf of the organisation, provide clarification or assist in collecting information

Areas of Inspection

Site Maintenance

Review the Environmental Management System to ensure that it adequately reflects site activities and infrastructure and prevents, or minimises, pollution of the environment in terms of site maintenance procedures and records.

Fire Prevention and Mitigation

Ensure that the site is being operated in accordance with a Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan that is written in accordance with the latest guidance.

Site Infrastructure

Ensure that site infrastructure complies with the requirement of CIRIC C736, or another similar standard as required by Improvement Condition IC1

Site Drainage

Ensure that site drainage prevents emissions to water and that site containment is adequate and that there are no point source emissions to water

Emissions

Ensure that environmental monitoring is being undertaken and is compliant with the site permit.