Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0053173

Permit being assessed: DB3090CE.

For: Ffynnoncyff Lagoon, **held by:** Daniel Aneurin Rhodri James, Carys Ellen James, Gareth Rhodri James and Sian James

At: Ffynnoncyff Farm, Ferwig, Ceredigion, SA43 1QD.

Type of assessment: Site Inspection,

Reason: Routine.

On: 03/09/2026 between 11:15 and 14:20.

Parts of permit assessed: See criteria, listed below.

NRW Lead Officer: Alder Tye, accompanied by Malcolm Dines.

Report sent to: Daniel James, Director, on 07/10/2026.

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	Action only (X)	
W2A - Waste - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
W2C - Waste - Operations - Operating techniques	Assessed (A)	
W2E - Waste - Operations - Waste acceptance	Assessed (A)	
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
0	0

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	Update all Environmental Management System appendix	30/10/2026

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
	documents to reflect their current review status and version control. Submit the updated documents to NRW.	

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.

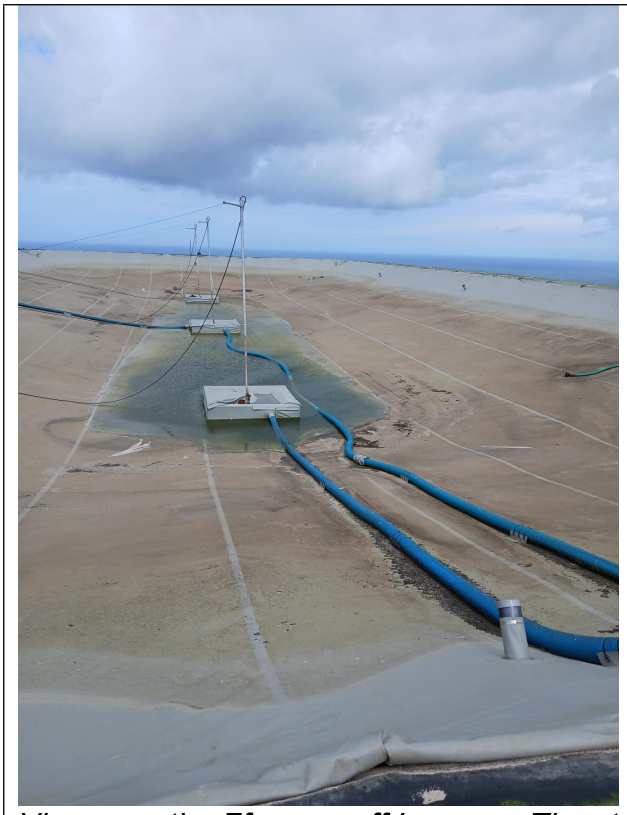
This statement does not stop us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.

4. Details of our assessment

This was a routine announced compliance visit carried out by Alder Tye and Malcom Dines, NRW Waste Regulation Officers. Officers were met by Daniel James, one of the permit holders- also Technically Competent Manager, and Director of Stepside Agri. Officers were accompanied throughout. The weather was dry and bright, a little cloudy, with good visibility.

The compliance visit initially reviewed the requirements of permit compliance in an opening meeting at head office. This was then followed by a visit to the site and subsequent document review.

The lagoon is operated under Standard Rules Permit SR2010 No.17 for the storage of waste to be used in land treatment (storage of waste prior to use). The facility comprises a large enclosed storage bag. The lagoon was empty on the day we visited.



View over the Ffynnoncyff Lagoon. The storage bag was empty at the time of the visit.

W1A – General Management – Permit Condition 1.1.2 – Action only

Your permit states that records demonstrating compliance with condition 1.1.1 shall be maintained.

The Environmental Management System (EMS) was updated to Issue 2 (September 2026), with the amendment log on page 2 stating that the "EMS and all Appendix Documents" had been reviewed. However, the appendix documents provided continue to record Issue 1 (September 2025).

Action: Update the appendix document filenames and/or version control information to reflect that they have been reviewed and are the current approved versions, ensuring consistency with the EMS amendment log. Provide evidence of this to NRW by 30th October 2026.

W2A Permitted Activities 2.1.1

The location of the lagoon is secure with a locked gate. It was established that only one type of waste EWC Code 02 05 02 from one customer is stored in the bag at any one time, and does not exceed the permitted storage quantities and storage conditions.

W2C Operating Techniques 2.4.1

Liquid wastes are being stored within a secure container which has been designed and constructed in accordance with an appropriate specification in CIRIA Report C759 Livestock manure and silage storage infrastructure for agriculture

W2E Waste Acceptance 2.3.2

Wastes transfer notes and site delivery records were reviewed. Waste descriptions, types and quantities are in compliance with the permit requirements.

W4B Reporting - Permit Condition 4.1.1
The waste returns for the site have been submitted up to the last quarter, as required. A review of the waste returns including waste codes for waste accepted at the site was conducted.

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

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