

Compliance Assessment Report

Report ID:
CAR_NRW0036189

This form will report compliance with your permit as determined by an NRW officer

Site	Bedwas Plant	Permit Ref	BX94551F		
Operator/Permit holder	Hydro Extrusion UK Ltd				
Regime	Installations				
Date of assessment	15/01/2020	Time in	N/A	Out	N/A
Assessment type	Report/Data Review				
Parts of the permit assessed	Borehole Monitoring Round 31 - 20th August 2019				
Lead officer's name	Griffiths, David				
Accompanied by					
Recipient's name/position	Richard Eaton/ Manager	Date issued	16/01/2020		

Section 1 – Compliance Assessment Summary

This is based on the requirements of the permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations or the licence under the Water Resources Act 1991 as amended by the Water Act 2003. A detailed explanation is captured in "Compliance Assessment Report Detail" (Section 2) and any actions you may need to take are given in the "Action(s)" (section 4). This summary details where we believe any non-compliance with the permit has occurred, the relevant condition and how the non-compliance has been categorised using our Compliance Classification Scheme (CCS). CCS Scores can be consolidated or suspended where appropriate, to reflect the impact of some non-compliances more accurately. For more details of our CCS scheme, contact your local office.

Permit conditions and compliance summary	CCS Category	Condition(s) breached
A1 - Specified by permit	A	
C2 - General Management - Management system and operating procedures	A	
E2 - Emissions - Land and groundwater	A	
G1 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Monitoring of emissions and environment	A	
G4 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales	A	

KEY: See Section 5 for breach categories, suspended scores will be indicated as such.

A = Assessed or assessed in part (no evidence of non-compliance), **X** = Action only,

O = Ongoing non-compliance, not scored.

Number of breaches recorded	0	Total compliance score (see section 5 for scoring scheme)	0
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If the Number of breaches recorded is greater than zero, please see Section 3 for our proposed enforcement response

Section 2 – Compliance Assessment Report Detail

This section contains a report of our findings and will usually include information on:

- The part(s) of the permit that were assessed (eg. Maintenance, training, combustion plant, etc)
- Where the type of assessment was 'Data Review' details of the report/results triggering the assessment
- Any non-compliances identified
- Any non-compliances with directly applicable legislation
- Details of any multiple non-compliances
- Information on the compliance score accrued inc.
- Details of advice given
- Any other areas of concern
- Any actions requested
- Any examples of good practice
- A reference to photos taken

NRW Geoscience Team have reviewed Round 31 for the Hydro Components UK Limited site at Bedwas Industrial Estate. We have the following comments, notes and observations.

Round 30 was completed in September 2018 and this round was undertaken in August 2019 – NRW have not agreed to yearly monitoring from the original 6 monthly frequency. NRW CAR Form CAR_NRW003507 dated 9th April 2019 stated that SAPA must provide reasoning and a data review with proposals for us to consider a reduced monitoring frequency. Until this has been received or reviewed you must continue with the 6 monthly monitoring programmes.

1. Groundwater level data – this is still reported as mbgl, I may have requested that this is also reported as mAOD to allow comparison between monitoring locations. The groundwater level data has not been present – hydrographs would be useful for sites of interest (see comment below).
2. BH12 – 20 mm of free phase product was found in this borehole during the monitoring round. This did have the passive skimmer located within it to collect any free phase product but was removed. Given the lower than normal groundwater level the borehole is potentially acting like a sump and allowing free phase product to collect – an hydrograph would be helpful to explain this especially if annotated with historical records of when free phase product occurred and what thickness. The dissolved concentration of TPH has started to rise again from the last recorded high concentrations in August 2017 when it was at 121 mg/l and then dropped in 34 mg/l in the next sampling round – any reason for this potentially trend?
3. BH1 – a significant increase has been observed similar to BH12 – upgradient of BH12 – is there a link?
4. BHS4 (not an SPMP monitoring borehole) – the typing of hydrocarbon for BHS4 shows the contamination to be lighter end hydrocarbon compared to the other three locations where typing was completed on – is this site located near to any fuel/oil storage? Note it is located close to P16 Press Pit – is this in used and could it be leaking?
5. MW2 – this site was not sampled during this round due to the borehole being reported to have silted up – this need further investigation. Has the casing broken which is allowing the surrounding formation to enter the borehole or is the sediment entering from the surface? If casing is broken the borehole will need replacing.
6. BHS6 – this is now below the trigger level following exceedances in the last two sampling rounds. An action plan to review data and undertake mitigation should the trigger level be exceeded again – outstanding action from previous comments(?).

NRW looks forward to receiving your comments

*****end of report*****

EPR Compliance Assessment Report

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Section 3 – Enforcement Response

You must take immediate action to rectify any non-compliance and prevent repetition. Non-compliance with your permit conditions constitutes an offence and can result in criminal prosecutions and/or suspension or revocation of a permit. Please read the detailed assessment in Section 2 and the steps you need to take in Section 4 below.

Other than the provision of advice and guidance, at present we do not intend to take further enforcement action in respect of the non-compliance identified above. This does not preclude us from taking enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or advice isn't followed.

Section 4 – Action(s)

This section summarises the actions identified during the assessment along with the timescales for when they will need to be completed.

Criteria Ref.	CCS Category	Action required/advised	Due Date
See Section 1 above			

Section 5 – Compliance notes for the Operator

To ensure you correct actual or potential non-compliance we may

- Advise on corrective actions verbally or in writing
- Require you to take specific actions verbally or in writing
- Issue a notice
- Require you to review your procedures or management system
- Change some of the conditions of your permit
- Decide to undertake a full review of your permit

Any breach of a permit condition is an offence and we may take legal action against you

- We will normally provide advice and guidance to assist you to come back into compliance either after an offence is committed or where we consider that an offence is likely to be committed. This is without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.
- Enforcement action can include the issue of a formal caution, prosecution, the service of a notice and/or suspension or revocation of the permit.

See our Enforcement and Civil Sanctions guidance for further information

This report does not relieve the site operator of the responsibility to

- Ensure you comply with the conditions of the permit at all times and prevent pollution of the environment
- Ensure you comply with other legislative provisions which may apply

Non-compliance scores and categories

CCS category	Description	Score
C1	A non-compliance that could have a major environmental effect	60
C2	A non-compliance which could have a significant environmental effect	31
C3	A non-compliance which could have a minor environmental effect	4
C4	A non-compliance which has no potential environmental effect	0.1

Operational Risk Appraisal (Opra) - Compliance assessment findings may affect your Opra score and/or your charges. This score influences the resource we use to assess permit compliance.

Section 6 – General information

Data protection notice

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- Offering/providing you with its literature/services relating to environmental matters
- Consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (eg. 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 its service
- Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Regulations request

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Customer charter

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