

Compliance Assessment Report

Report ID:
CAR_NRW0036327

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

Site	Five Fords WWTW Gas to Grid Facility	Permit Ref	AP3139FT		
Operator/Permit holder	Dwr Cymru Cyfyngedig (Welsh Water)				
Regime	Installations				
Date of assessment	31/10/2019	Time in	N/A	Out	N/A
Assessment type	Report/Data Review				
Parts of the permit assessed	See comment box below				
Lead officer's name	Pierce, Emma				
Accompanied by	Ellis, Rhys				
Recipient's name/position	Andrew Dixon/ Energy Operations Manager	Date issued	14/02/2020		

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	C3	2.4.1
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	1	Total compliance score (see section 5 for scoring scheme)	4
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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

This CAR form relates to the annual returns received for 2019 via email on the 31st January 2020 and also with regards to the Improvements Conditions as set out under Permit V4 Condition 2.4.1

MONITORING RETURNS:

Reporting and Notification

Air 1

This form was received on the 31st January 2019. All parameters were within the limits set within the permit.

Performance 1

Natural Resources Wales received the parameter limits for the other performance indicators on the 31st January 2019. Some information was unavailable due to plant been commissioned but will be provided once the boiler operation is handed over to DCWW.

IMPROVEMENT CONDITIONS:

IC7: The operator shall submit a report detailing how they will construct impermeable bunding and surface work around storage and process tanks on site. The report should include a site plan showing the extent of the work, information on the anticipated capacity of the "bunded/kerbed" area, justification for the height of any kerb/bund. Justification is required in the report for any areas the operator believe bunding and surface work is not required. The operator shall submit the report to Natural Resources Wales for approval.

On the 31st October 2019 NRW received a copy of a site plan showing the extent of the work, however this did not include a report detailing how the bunding and surface work would be constructed or any justification for the level of bunding.

NRW requested further information via email on the 6th November 2019 advising that there was not sufficient information provided to satisfy the requirements of IC7 and gave comments on what further was needed.

This was followed up by another email on the 26th November advising of the overdue information required to comply with IC7.

On the 11th December 2019 NRW received a report from DCWW including a construction method and a justification for the bunding proposed in the site plan sent in on the 31st October.

The information provided on the 31st October did not satisfy the requirements of the improvement condition IC7 and is a breach of condition 2.4.1 which states: the operator shall complete the improvements specified in Schedule 1 Table S1.3 by the date specified in that table unless otherwise agreed in writing by NRW. This is a C3 non compliance which could result in a minor environmental effect.

Discussions are ongoing between NRW and DCWW with regards to IC7.

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			
A1	C3	See comments below	20/03/2020

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

The information on this form will be processed by the Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to fulfil its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s). The NRW may also use and/or disclose it in connection with:

- 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

The NRW may pass it on to its agents/representatives to do these things on its behalf. You should ensure that any persons named on this form are informed of the contents of this data protection notice.

Disclosure of information

The NRW will provide a copy of this report to the public register(s). However, if you consider that any information contained in this report should not be released to the public register(s) on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, you must write to your local area office within fifteen working days of receipt of this form indicating which information it concerns and why it should not be released, giving your reasons in full.

Customer charter

What can I do if I disagree with this compliance assessment report?

If you are unable to resolve the issue with your site officer, you should firstly discuss the matter with officer's line managers using the informal appeals procedure. If you wish to raise your dispute further through our official Complaints and Commendations procedure, phone our general enquiry number 0300 065 3000 (Mon to Fri 08.00 – 18.00) and ask for the Customer Contact team or send an email to enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk. If you are still dissatisfied you can make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. For advice on how to complain to the Ombudsman phone their helpline on 0845 607 0987.

Welsh Language

If you would like this form in Welsh please contact your Regulatory Officer.