

Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions

SRCL Limited Bridgend Clinical Waste Treatment Plant and Transfer Station

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NRW initiated variation

The application number/the permit/variation number is: PAN-009745

The applicant /operator is: SRCL Limited

The Installation is located at: Bridgend Clinical Waste Treatment Plant and Transfer Station

We have decided to issue an Natural Resources Wales initiated variation for Bridgend Clinical Waste Treatment Plant and Transfer Station operated by SRCL Limited.

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental protection is provided.

This variation adds a new waste code (15 02 02*) to the permit. This will enable the site to store and treat wastes under European Waste Code 15 02 02*. This variation is required to complement the contingency work Public Health Wales are undertaking in relation to waste produced during the deep cleansing of people and properties in a non-healthcare setting where possible cases of COVID 19 have been present. Wastes from the deep cleansing of people and properties in a non-healthcare setting contaminated or potentially contaminated with COVID 19 that has not been stored for at least 72 hours, will be categorised under the European Waste Catalogue as 15 02 02* (absorbents, filter materials (including oil filters not otherwise specified), wiping cloths, protective clothing contaminated by hazardous substances).

Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account
- justifies the specific conditions in the permit other than those in our generic permit template.

Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

Key issues of the decision

Receipt of application

Confidential information

No claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has been made.

Identifying confidential information

We have not identified information provided as part of the application that we consider to be confidential. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on commercial confidentiality.

Consultation

There was no requirement to carry out a consultation as part of this variation.

Operator

There is no change to the operator as part of this variation.

The facility

There is no change to the extent or activities of the facility as part of this variation.

Legislation

NRW is satisfied that this decision is compatible with its general purpose of pursuing the sustainable management of natural resources in relation to Wales and applying the principles of sustainable management of natural resources

All applicable European directives have been considered in the determination of the application.

The site

There is no change to the site as part of this variation.

Site condition report

There is not a requirement for the operator to submit a site condition report as part of this variation.

Biodiversity, Heritage, Landscape and Nature Conservation

There was no requirement to carry out an assessment on conservation sites as part of this variation.

Environmental Risk Assessment

Air

There are no changes to air emissions as part of this variation.

Emission limits

There are no changes to emission limits as part of this variation.

Water

There are no changes to water emissions as part of this variation.

Emission limits

There are no changes to emission limits as part of this variation.

Soil

There is no requirement to assess the soil condition of the site as part of this variation.

Odour

There are no changes to odour emissions as part of this variation.

Noise

There are no changes to noise emissions as part of this variation.

Fugitive emissions

There are no changes to fugitive emissions as part of this variation.

Monitoring

There are no changes to monitoring requirements as part of this variation.

Reporting

There are no changes to reporting requirements as part of this variation.

Operating techniques

There are no changes to the operating techniques as part of this variation. The current techniques in place for storing and or treatment of European Waste Code 18 01 03* will be used to store and or treat European Waste Code 15 02 02*. Therefore no additional operating techniques are required as part of this variation.

The permit conditions

Updating permit conditions during consolidation

A consolidation was not carried out as part of this variation.

Raw materials

There are no changes to raw materials as part of this variation.

Waste types

We have specified the permitted waste types, descriptions and quantities, which can be accepted at the regulated facility. As part of this variation the following European Waste Code (EWC) has been added into the appropriate table(s):

15 02 02* - absorbents, filter materials (including oil filters not otherwise specified), wiping cloths, protective clothing contaminated by hazardous substances (infectious only)

This EWC will be managed the same as 18 01 03* which is already present within the permit.

Pre-operational conditions

Not applicable.

Improvement conditions

Not applicable.

Incorporating the application

We have specified that the applicant must operate the permit in accordance with descriptions in the application, including all additional information received as part of the determination process.

These descriptions are specified in the Operating Techniques table in the permit.

Operator Competence

There is no requirement to assess operator competence as part of this variation.

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