

Compliance Assessment Report

Report ID:
CAR_NRW0036548

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

Site	GOWERTON WwTW	Permit Ref	BC0003001
Operator/Permit holder	DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG		
Regime	WaterQuality		
Date of assessment	07/04/2020	Time in	N/A
Assessment type	Report/Data Review	Out	N/A
Parts of the permit assessed	Monitoring		
Lead officer's name	Bennett, Sarah		
Accompanied by			
Recipient's name/position	Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water/ CARS inbox	Date issued	15/04/2020

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
G4 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales	C4	Condition 3.3.8

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)	0.1
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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

Subject

Rescheduled UWWTR sample taken on the 15 February 2019.

Compliance Assessment, Actions and Recommendations

NRW has carried out an assessment of compliance with condition 3.3.8 of the environmental permit in place for the final effluent discharge from Gowerton WWTW.

Condition 3.3.8, which is part of the monitoring section of the permit, states that:

Unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Natural Resources Wales, after becoming aware, or following notification that a sample has not been taken on the schedule 3C Monitoring Programme pre-scheduled date, or is lost, or a result for that sample cannot be reported, the operator shall notify Natural Resources Wales of the missed event and the reschedule date as soon as reasonably practicable.

We have concluded that you are not compliant with condition 3.3.8 because DCWW did not notify NRW of a change that was made to the monitoring programme. The programme was changed in so much as an UWWTR sample due to be taken on the 14/02/2019 was rescheduled to the 15/02/2019.

My understanding is that the sample was rescheduled because the samplers were all in a team meeting on the 14/02/2019. I can see from our sample database that the sampler has recorded they were taking a rescheduled sample, however, we have no records that NRW was notified of the change. I believe that DCWW has confirmed that they also cannot find a record of any notification.

I have recorded this breach as a Category 4 non-compliance. A Category 4 non-compliance at a regulated site is a non-compliance that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment.

ACTION: PLEASE CHECK THAT NRW HAS BEEN NOTIFIED OF ALL CHANGES ALREADY MADE TO THE 3C (UWWTR) MONITORING PROGRAMME FOR 2020.

Enforcement

Under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016, Section 38 (2), it is an offence for a person to fail to comply with or to contravene an environmental permit condition. My enforcement response to this non-compliance is to provide the advice and guidance given in this Compliance Assessment Report with the aim of assisting you to come back into compliance.

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			
G4	C4	Please check that NRW has been notified of all changes already made to the 3C (UWWTR) Monitoring Programme for 2020.	01/05/2020

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.