

Permit with introductory note

The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016

Essity UK Limited

Scour valve discharge from
Oakenholt Mill
Chester Road
Flint
Flintshire
CH6 5PU

Permit number

EPR/BB3696ZC

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Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the permit

The main features of the permit are as follows.

The permit regulates a new discharge of raw water from the scour valve of a reservoir, a maximum of 266 cubic metres per day (at a maximum rate of 222 l/s) is discharged into the Lead Brook, which leads to the Dee Estuary.

The purpose of this discharge is that in 2016 the reservoir was designated 'high risk' by Natural Resources Wales. Therefore, under the Reservoir Safety Act 1974, Oakenholt Mill is required to ensure that every 3 months, the scour valve is operated over its full range until the flow runs clear. It is necessary to test the valve as it is utilised in events of structural failure to reduce physical stress by lowering the water level to prevent catastrophic dam collapse.

The status log of the permit sets out the permitting history, including any changes to the permit reference number.

| Status log of the permit | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Description | Date | Comments |
| Application PAN-009318 | Duly made 21/02/2020 | Application for discharge of raw water |
| Permit determined | 27/05/2020 | Permit issued to Essity UK Limited |

End of introductory note

Permit

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The Natural Resources Body for Wales (“Natural Resources Wales”) hereby authorises, under regulation 13 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

Essity UK Limited (“the operator”),
whose registered office is

Southfields Road

Dunstable

Bedfordshire

LU6 3EJ

company registration number 03226403
to operate a water discharge activity at

Oakenholt Mill

Chester Road

Flint

Flintshire

CH6 5PU

to the extent authorised by and subject to the conditions of this permit.

| Name | Date |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Melissa Broad | 27/05/2020 |

Authorised on behalf of Natural Resources Wales

Conditions

1 Management

1.1 General management

- 1.1.1 The operator shall manage and operate the activities:
- (a) in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints; and
 - (b) using sufficient competent persons and resources.
- 1.1.2 Records demonstrating compliance with condition 1.1.1 shall be maintained.
- 1.1.3 Any person having duties that are or may be affected by the matters set out in this permit shall have convenient access to a copy of it kept at or near the place where those duties are carried out.

2 Operations

2.1 Permitted activities

- 2.1.1 The operator is only authorised to carry out the activities specified in schedule 1 table S1.1 (the “activities”).

2.2 The site

- 2.2.1 The activities shall not extend beyond the site, being the land shown edged in green and the discharge shall be made at the point marked on the site plan at schedule 7 to this permit and as listed in table S3.2 (discharge points).

3 Emissions and monitoring

3.1 Emissions to water

- 3.1.1 There shall be no point source emissions to water except from the sources and emission points listed in schedule 3.
- 3.1.2 The limits given in schedule 3 shall not be exceeded.

3.2 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits

- 3.2.1 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits (excluding odour) shall not cause pollution. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved emissions management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, those emissions.
- 3.2.2 The operator shall:
- (a) if notified by Natural Resources Wales that the activities are giving rise to pollution, submit to Natural Resources Wales for approval within the period specified, an emissions management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits;
 - (b) implement the approved emissions management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

3.3 Monitoring

- 3.3.1 Permanent means of access shall be provided to enable sampling/monitoring to be carried out in relation to the emission points specified in schedule 3 tables S3.1, S3.2 and S3.3 unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

4 Information

4.1 Records

- 4.1.1 All records required to be made by this permit shall:
- (a) be legible;
 - (b) be made as soon as reasonably practicable;
 - (c) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original and any subsequent amendments remain legible, or are capable of retrieval; and
 - (d) be retained, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales, for at least 6 years from the date when the records were made.
- 4.1.2 The operator shall keep on site all records, plans and the management system required to be maintained by this permit, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

4.2 Reporting

- 4.2.1 The operator shall send all reports and notifications required by the permit to Natural Resources Wales using the contact details supplied in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

4.3 Notifications

- 4.3.1 Natural Resources Wales shall be notified without delay following the detection of:
- (a) any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution;
 - (b) the breach of a limit specified in the permit; or
 - (c) any significant adverse environmental effects.
- 4.3.2 Any information provided under condition 4.3.1 shall be confirmed by sending the information listed in schedule 5 to this permit within the time period specified in that schedule.
- 4.3.3 Where Natural Resources Wales has requested in writing that it shall be notified when the operator is to undertake monitoring and/or spot sampling, the operator shall inform Natural Resources Wales when the relevant monitoring and/or spot sampling is to take place. The operator shall provide this information to Natural Resources Wales at least 14 days before the date the monitoring is to be undertaken.
- 4.3.4 Natural Resources Wales shall be notified within 14 days of the occurrence of the following matters, except where such disclosure is prohibited by Stock Exchange rules:
- Where the operator is a registered company:
- (a) any change in the operator's trading name, registered name or registered office address; and
 - (b) any steps taken with a view to the operator going into administration, entering into a company voluntary arrangement or being wound up.
- Where the operator is a corporate body other than a registered company:
- (a) any change in the operator's name or address; and
 - (b) any steps taken with a view to the dissolution of the operator.
- 4.3.5 Where the operator proposes to make a change in the nature or functioning, or an extension of the activities, which may have consequences for the environment and the change is not otherwise the subject of an application for approval under the Regulations or this permit:
- (a) Natural Resources Wales shall be notified at least 14 days before making the change; and
 - (b) the notification shall contain a description of the proposed change in operation.

4.4 Interpretation

- 4.4.1 In this permit the expressions listed in schedule 6 shall have the meaning given in that schedule.
- 4.4.2 In this permit references to reports and notifications mean written reports and notifications, except where reference is made to notification being made “without delay”, in which case it may be provided by telephone.

Schedule 1 - Operations

| Table S1.1 Activities | |
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| Description of activity | Limits of specified activity |
| Discharge of raw water via Outlet 1 | The discharge shall take place once every 3 months. |

Schedule 2 - Waste types, raw materials and fuels

Wastes are not accepted as part of the permitted activities and there are no restrictions on raw materials or fuels under this schedule.

Schedule 3 – Emissions and monitoring

Table S3.1 Point Source emissions to water (other than sewer) – emission limits and monitoring requirements

| Discharge source and discharge point ref. & location | Parameter | Limit (including unit) | Reference Period | Limit of effective range | Monitoring frequency | Compliance Statistic |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Raw water via Outlet 1 | Maximum daily discharge volume | 267 m ³ /day | Total daily volume | N/A | N/A | Maximum |
| | Maximum rate of discharge | 222 litres per second | Instantaneous (spot sample) | N/A | N/A | Maximum |
| | Visible oil or grease | No significant trace present | Instantaneous (spot sample) | N/A | N/A | No significant trace |

Table S3.2 Discharge points

| Effluent Name | Discharge Point | Discharge point NGR | Receiving water |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Raw water | Outlet 1 | SJ 26303 71203 | Lead Brook |

Table S3.3 Monitoring points

| Effluent and discharge point | Monitoring type | Monitoring point NGR | Monitoring point reference |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Raw water via Outlet 1 | Effluent sample point | SJ 26303 71203 | Outlet 1 |

Schedule 4 – Reporting

“There is no reporting under this schedule”.

Schedule 5 - Notification

These pages outline the information that the operator must provide.

Units of measurement used in information supplied under Part A and B requirements shall be appropriate to the circumstances of the emission. Where appropriate, a comparison should be made of actual emissions and authorised emission limits.

If any information is considered commercially confidential, it should be separated from non-confidential information, supplied on a separate sheet and accompanied by an application for commercial confidentiality under the provisions of the EP Regulations.

Part A

| | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| Permit Number | EPR/BB3696ZC |
| Name of operator | |
| Location of Facility | Oakenholt Mill, Chester Road, Flint, Flintshire, CH6 5PU |
| Time and date of the detection | |

(a) Notification requirements for any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution

| To be notified within 24 hours of detection | |
|--|--|
| Date and time of the event | |
| Reference or description of the location of the event | |
| Description of where any release into the environment took place | |
| Substances(s) potentially released | |
| Best estimate of the quantity or rate of release of substances | |
| Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop any emission | |
| Description of the failure or accident. | |

(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit

| To be notified within 24 hours of detection unless otherwise specified below | |
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| Emission point reference/ source | |
| Parameter(s) | |
| Limit | |
| Measured value and uncertainty | |
| Date and time of monitoring | |
| Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop the emission | |

| Time periods for notification following detection of a breach of a limit | |
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| Parameter | Notification period |
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| (c) Notification requirements for the detection of any significant adverse environmental effect | |
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| To be notified within 24 hours of detection | |
| Description of where the effect on the environment was detected | |
| Substances(s) detected | |
| Concentrations of substances detected | |
| Date of monitoring/sampling | |

Part B - to be submitted as soon as practicable

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| Any more accurate information on the matters for notification under Part A. | |
| Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to prevent a recurrence of the incident | |
| Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to rectify, limit or prevent any pollution of the environment which has been or may be caused by the emission | |
| The dates of any unauthorised emissions from the facility in the preceding 24 months. | |

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| Name* | |
| Post | |
| Signature | |
| Date | |

* authorised to sign on behalf of the operator

Schedule 6 - Interpretation

"accident" means an accident that may result in pollution.

"annually" means once every year.

"application" means the application for this permit, together with any additional information supplied by the operator as part of the application and any response to a notice served under Schedule 5 to the EP Regulations.

"EP Regulations" means The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2016 No.1154 and words and expressions used in this permit which are also used in the Regulations have the same meanings as in those Regulations.

"emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits" means emissions of substances to air, water or land from the activities, either from the emission points specified in schedule 3 or from other localised or diffuse sources, which are not controlled by an emission limit.

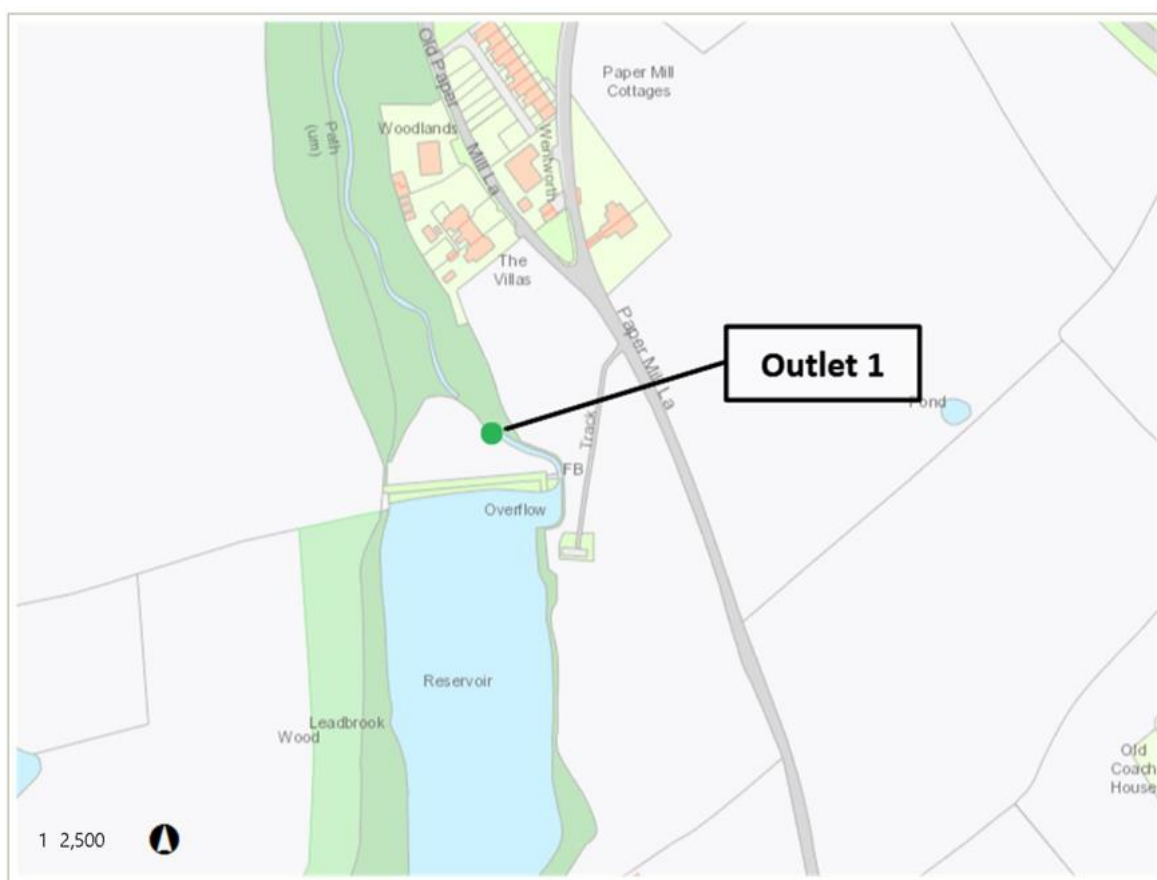
"groundwater" means all water, which is below the surface of the ground in the saturation zone and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil.

"Natural Resources Wales" means the Natural Resources Body for Wales established by article 3 of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012. The Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order 2013 transferred the relevant functions of the Countryside Council for Wales, and functions of the Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission in Wales to the Natural Resources Body for Wales

"quarter" means a calendar year quarter commencing on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 October.

"year" means calendar year ending 31 December.

Schedule 7 - Site plan



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