

Compliance Assessment Report

Report ID:
CAR_NRW0035481

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

Site	Waste Management Ltd	Permit Ref	NB3833AE		
Operator/Permit holder	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd				
Regime	Waste Operations				
Date of assessment	18/07/2019	Time in	13:00	Out	14:00
Assessment type	Site Inspection				
Parts of the permit assessed	5.4 control of scavenging birds				
Lead officer's name	Hughes, Julie				
Accompanied by					
Recipient's name/position	Jayne Sutcliffe/ TCM	Date issued	29/07/2019		

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
F4 - Amenity - Pests/birds and scavengers	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

Following an incident report regarding scavenging seagulls on site a visit took place on the 18th July 2019 by Natural resources Wales Regulating Officer Julie Hughes.

Before going onto site, the Officer took time to observe and make note of seagulls around the site. Only two were observed and these were located on the roof of the Council Depot nearby.

A Veolia wagon was within the transfer building loading up waste ready for transportation off site. There were no birds present.

Discussions with Jayne Sutcliffe TCM indicated that the site was already liaising with their pest controller and had sourced the services of a Faulkner to attend the site. Evidence in the form of copy emails were provided to show that the site was in correspondence with a pest controller regarding the birds.

The infestation of seagulls happens mainly from around 4:30 onwards when the site is closed. The birds can access the waste within the building as the building always remains open. The building does benefit from having netting (curtains) which could be closed on the building, However, these do not reach the ground, nor do they close along the whole length of the transfer building.

The site will investigate the cost of repairing/replacing the curtains to enable the site procedures to be amended and allow for the building to be closed when the site is not operational.

Following the visit Jayne has provided a plan of action in relation to complying with permit condition 5.4

The action plan for the bird issue is as follows:-

1, Intermittent sounding of hand held bird scarer - SCARECROW BIO-ACOUSTIC SYSTEMS, between 16.00 and 18.00, has commenced and is ongoing

2. Twice weekly falconry visit -has commenced and is ongoing

3. New netting screen ordered for waste transfer station, which will be installed upon delivery.

4. Continued monitoring and communication with NBC (pest control experts) and Veolia environmental team.

Further correspondence with Jayne indicated that netting (point 3) will be delivered on Friday 2nd August 2019.

Please provide a weekly update until the situation has been resolved.

No compliance score has been allocated for this visit, although there is an issue it is clear that the site is already dealing with the matter.

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

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.