

Compliance Assessment Report

Report ID:
CAR_NRW0036809

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

Site	Withyhedge Landfill	Permit Ref	MP3330WP		
Operator/Permit holder	Resources Management U.K Limited				
Regime	Installations				
Date of assessment	22/07/2020	Time in	N/A	Out	N/A
Assessment type	Report/Data Review				
Parts of the permit assessed	CQA Validation Report Cell 4S and 5S				
Lead officer's name	Baskerville, Guy				
Accompanied by	Nicholas Rogers				
Recipient's name/position	Bryan Cameron/ Site Manager	Date issued	23/07/2020		

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
B1 - Infrastructure - Engineering for prevention and control of emissions	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

CQA Validation Report Cell 5S and 4S

The permit (condition 2.6.4) requires the operator to submit a CQA Validation report, following construction of any new landfill cell. No disposal of waste can take place in any new cell or sub-cell until Natural Resources Wales (NRW) has confirmed that it is satisfied with the CQA Validation Report.

Following the completion of Cell 5S and 4S the following document was submitted, by the operator's consultants, in order to discharge condition 2.6.4:

- Terraconsult report "Withyhedge Landfill Site Cell 5S & 4S Construction Works Validation Report" Dated July 2020 - Report 4603-R4-2

NRW can confirm that it is satisfied¹ with the CQA Validation Report for the construction of cell 5S and 4S, subject to the following caveats:

- the first layers of waste in the new cell must be free from any wastes that could cause damage to the underlying cell drainage and lining systems e.g. fine soils or large bulky or rigid items etc (see site's waste acceptance procedures);
- you must ensure that the machinery used in placing the first lift does not cause damage to the newly built cell drainage and lining systems;
- an appropriate standoff (e.g. a ditch) must be maintained from the edge of the waste slope and the northern, western and southern containment bund/s, in order to prevent leachate breakouts overtopping the containment bund and to prevent wastes falling outside the containment area;
- ensure your monitoring management plan is updated to reflect the new leachate monitoring points (including the basal elevations of leachate wells to ensure compliance limit assessment);
- ensure that the waste phasing plan is reviewed to ensure landfill gas extraction is installed promptly and at the earliest opportunity to maximise gas collection and reduce odour emissions.

Comment on current operational area

The operator must now ensure that as waste operations move into the new area that adequate sealing layers (i.e. thick intermediate covers or ideally temporary capping) is installed on the current operational areas you will be leaving. Gas extraction wells should be installed in these areas as soon as practicable.

¹ Please note that the acceptance of this CQA Validation report for this cell by NRW, does not mean that the assumptions, designs specifications, testing regimes used for the construction of this cell will be suitable for future cell development at the site.

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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.

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

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.