

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0037448

Permit being assessed: BP0101203

For: Cenarth Wastewater Treatment Works Inlet Storm Overflow, held by DWR CYMRU CYFYNGEDIG

At: Rear of 10, Glanrafon, Cenarth, Newcastle Emlyn, SA38 9JR.

Type of assessment carried out: Audit, Reason: Routine.

On 21/08/2020, between 11:30 and 12:35.

Parts of permit assessed: See criteria below

NRW Lead Officer: Jeremy Goddard, accompanied by: Emma Sharp.

Report sent to: CARS inbox, CARS inbox, on 02/02/2021.

1. Summary of our findings (full details in section 4)

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-A1 - Management - General management	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B1 - Operations - Permitted activities	Assessed (A)	
WQ-B2 - Operations - The site	Action only (X)	
WQ-C1 - Emissions and monitoring - Emissions to water	Action only (X)	

Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-B2	Please confirm in writing the aperture size of the storm screen. If it has a greater aperture than the required 6mm x 6mm please advise when the screen will be replaced with one compliant with condition 2.3.1, Table S3.3 of the permit.	15/03/2021
WQ-C1	Please review the data provided and confirm whether it is correct or whether there has been a problem with the monitoring equipment. If the data is correct please explain in writing why the works appears to be discharging to storm when the required overflow setting of 9.46l/s has not been exceeded.	15/03/2021

Action criteria codes are listed in the 'Important information' section below.

3. What will happen next?

Any non-compliance we have identified and recorded on this form is an offence. It can result in criminal prosecution and/or suspension or revocation of your permit.

At this time, we do not intend to take any further action.

This statement does not stop us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.

4. Details of our assessment

To be used in conjunction with Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0037447, which is the audit of the discharge permit at Cennarth STW.

The site has an active storm discharge permit – BP0101203, which was varied on 01/05/2020 to add EDM conditions. The storm discharges at the same location as the main discharge.

Present at the audit: Jeremy Goddard, Emma Sharp (both NRW), Sarah Mowlam and Michael Jones (both DCWW).

The storm screen should have an aperture size of 6mm x 6mm. The storm screen was not visible during the site visit.

ACTION: Please confirm in writing the aperture size of the storm screen. If it has a greater aperture than the required 6mm x 6mm please advise when the screen will be replaced with one compliant with condition 2.3.1, Table S3.3 of the permit.

Only flows exceeding 9.46 litres per second at the inlet should go to storm. There is no storm tank at the site, so the storm discharge goes straight to the Afon Teifi.

We have reviewed the data supplied from the inlet meter and compared these with the EDM recorded storm discharges.

Looking at the data provided in relation to the EDM meter and storm discharges we have concerns with the data provided. According to the data provided there were 37 separate spills blocks between 21/08/2019 and 20/08/2020. Within those 37 separate spill blocks there were 25 spill events made up of an initial 12-hour block or an initial 12-hour block followed by subsequent 24-hour blocks.

We have concerns relating to these spill events as on the data provided the sewage works appears to discharge before reaching the overflow setting of 9.46 l/s as specified by permit BP010203 condition 2.3.1 (a) (i) table S3.3. Most concerning is the period 23/01/2020 11:15 hours to 23/01/2020 23:15 hours when it appears that the works starts spilling to storm when the reading at the inlet flow meter is only 1.96 l/s. It appears that on all occasions where a storm discharge is made the required overflow setting of 9.46 l/s is not exceeded.

ACTION: Please review the data provided and confirm whether it is correct or whether there has been a problem with the monitoring equipment. If the data is correct please explain in writing why the works appears to be discharging to storm when the required overflow setting of 9.46 l/s has not been exceeded?

ENDS

If you have any queries about this report, or to discuss completion of any actions, please contact the NRW Officer named above.

Important information

Legal status of this report

Your permit is issued to you under the Environmental Permitting Regulations. You have a responsibility to comply with the conditions of your permit and prevent pollution/harm to the environment. You must also ensure that you comply with any other relevant legislation that may apply to your site's operations.

This report explains the findings of our assessment and any action you are required to take. We categorise non-compliance using our guidance for assessing non-compliance at regulated sites.

When we find potential non-compliance/s we will normally give you advice on how to maintain compliance.

To correct non-compliance, we may:

- require you to take specific actions
- issue a notice
- review the conditions of your permit.

Any advice and guidance we give will be without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.

Assessment results and non-compliance categories (used in section 1):

Assessment result	Description
Assessed (A)	Assessed or assessed in part, no evidence of non-compliance found
Action only (X)	Action only relating to the activity assessment
Ongoing (O)	Ongoing non-compliance, not scored

Non-compliance category	Description
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property

If your assessment result in Section 1 is suspended, what does this mean?

In line with our guidance, we may suspend non-compliance for up to six months to allow time for remedial action to be taken. These will be re-instated if the action is not completed.

Full list of water quality action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**WQ A: Management**

- WQ-A1 General management

WQ B: Operations

- WQ-B1 Permitted activities
- WQ-B2 The site
- WQ-B3 Operating techniques
- WQ-B4 Improvement programme
- WQ-B5 Pre-operational conditions

WQ C: Emissions and monitoring

- WQ-C1 Emissions to water
- WQ-C2 Emissions to land
- WQ-C3 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- WQ-C4 Installation of monitoring boreholes

WQ D: Information

- WQ-D1 Records
- WQ-D2 Reporting
- WQ-D3 Notifications

Enforcement response

Any permit condition non-compliance is an offence and we may take legal action against you. Action we take can include prosecution, serving a notice on you and/or suspension or revocation of your permit. See our Enforcement and Sanctions Guidance for further information.

Data protection notice

You should make sure that anyone named in this report knows that the information it contains will be processed by Natural Resources Wales to fulfil its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s).

We may also use and/or disclose the report in connection with:

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- 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 our service
- Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations requests.

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What do I do if I disagree with the report or have a complaint?

If you disagree with this compliance assessment report, you should contact the lead officer without delay to discuss your concerns.

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