

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0037703

Licence being assessed: 23/66/8/0014.

For: , held by Dwr Cymru Cyfyngedig.

At: .

Type of assessment: Report/Data Review, Reason: Routine.

On 10/04/2020.

Parts of licence assessed: Condition 4 Compensation flow

NRW Lead Officer: Ifan Hywel.

Report sent to: Jo Cullen, North Area Water Resources Manager, on 04/03/2021.

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

Part of licenced activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Licence condition
WR-C1 - Surface/groundwater level and protected flow - Minimum hands-off flow/level requirements	C3 Minor	Condition 4 - 1 megagallon per day compensation flow

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

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WR-C1	DCWW to give explanation of what can be done in future to prevent bursts or meet compensation criteria. This action has been satisfactorily carried out.	Already completed

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 or civil sanctions being imposed depending on the circumstances of the offence.

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

Sector: Water Resources

Site: Ffynnon Llugwy

DCWW had to carry out an emergency repair on a leak on the Ffynnon Llugwy raw water main on the 7th of April. As a result, the compensation flow did not meet the daily mean compensation requirement of 4.546MI/d on the 7th and 8th of April. As is shown in the table below, compensation flow on the 7th and 8th of April were 3.52 MI/d and 3.60MI/d respectively which corresponds to a 22.6% and 20.8% reduction in water flow on those days.

	Llugwy Compensation Total Mld	
01/04/2020	5.64	Yes
02/04/2020	5.27	Yes
03/04/2020	4.94	Yes
04/04/2020	4.94	Yes
05/04/2020	4.92	Yes
06/04/2020	5.23	Yes
07/04/2020	3.52	No
08/04/2020	3.60	No
09/04/2020	4.67	Yes
10/04/2020	4.65	Yes
11/04/2020	4.60	Yes
12/04/2020	4.62	Yes
13/04/2020	4.61	Yes
14/04/2020	4.60	Yes
15/04/2020	4.61	Yes

There is no reason to think that the lower compensation flow on both days would have had a significant environmental impact due to the reduction quantity (22.6%) and the relatively small span of river effected (from the dam to the Ffynnon Llugwy leat). Therefore, the compliance breach is categorised as a C3 as a minor environmental impact cannot be ruled out.

DCWW did notify NRW at the time, and it was acknowledged that Ffynnon Llugwy is a critical source in this zone and they needed to progress work without delay. This was also during the first national COVID-19 lockdown, and operations were made more complicated by the restrictions.

Upon being requested for info on what actions have been taken to reduce the risk of future non-compliance, DCWW outlined that they have installed a new satellite system so that the releases can be viewed remotely and alarms have been set up to alert them if the compensation drops off.

Ifan Hywel

Swyddog yr Amgylchedd 1 / Environment Officer 1

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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 licence is issued to you under the Water Resources Act 1991 as amended by the Water Act 2003. You have a responsibility to comply with the conditions of your licence 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.

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 resource action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**WR A: Abstraction specified by Licence**

- WR-A1 Source of supply
- WR-A2 Points of abstraction
- WR-A3 Means of abstraction
- WR-A4 Purposes of abstraction
- WR-A5 Period of abstraction
- WR-A6 Quantities
- WR-A7 Land
- WR-A8 Other specified on licence

WR B: Abstraction measurement and records

- WR-B1 Means of measurement
- WR-B2 Recording
- WR-B3 Reporting

WR C: Surface / Groundwater level and protected flow

- WR-C1 Minimum hands-off flow/level requirements
- WR-C2 Flow/level measurement devices
- WR-C3 Recording
- WR-C4 Reporting

WR D: Environmental monitoring and information

- WR-D1 Recording
- WR-D2 Reporting
- WR-D3 Notifications

WR E: Fish and eel passage

- WR-E1 Infrastructure specified by licence
- WR-E2 Maintenance and records

WR F: Discharge

- WR-F1 Point of discharge
- WR-F2 Infrastructure
- WR-F3 Measurement
- WR-F4 Recording
- WR-F5 Reporting

WR G: Impoundment specified by licence

- WR-G1 Inland water to be impounded
- WR-G2 Manner and extent of impoundment
- WR-G3 Point(s) of impoundment
- WR-G4 Construction and removal requirements
- WR-G5 Other specified on licence

WR H: Borehole infrastructure

- WR-H1 Infrastructure and accessibility
- WR-H2 Maintenance and calibration

Enforcement response

Any licence condition non-compliance is an offence and we may take legal action against you. Action we take can include prosecution or civil sanctions. See our Enforcement and Sanctions Guidance for further information.

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- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving our service
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