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|  | EPR Compliance Assessment Report | Report ID: PAN-005139_090321 | | | |
| This form will report compliance with your permit as determined by an NRW officer | | | | | |
| Site | North West Biomass Ltd, Unit B&C, Tir Llwyd Enterprise Park, Kinnel Bay, Conway LL18 5JH | | Permit Ref | PAN-005139 | |
| Operator/ Permit holder | North West Biomass Ltd | | | | |
| Date | 9/3/21 | Time in | 10:55 | Out | 11:55 |
| What parts of the permit were assessed | Permitted activities, Emissions | | | | |
| Assessment | | EPR Activity: | Installation | X | Waste Op |
| Recipient's name/position | Phillip McGrath, Health & Safety manager | | | | |
| Officer's name | David Wilby | Date issued | 9 th April 2021 | | |

| Section 1 - Compliance Assessment Summary | | | | | |
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| <p>This is based on the requirements of the permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations. A detailed explanation and any action you may need to take are given in the "Detailed Assessment of Compliance" (section 3). 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.</p> | | | | | |
| Permit Conditions and Compliance Summary | | | | Condition(s) breached | |
| a) Permitted activities | 1. Specified by permit | A | | | |
| b) Infrastructure | 1. Engineering for prevention & control of pollution | | | | |
| | 2. Closure & decommissioning | | | | |
| | 3. Site drainage engineering (clean & foul) | | | | |
| | 4. Containment of stored materials | | | | |
| | 5. Plant and equipment | | | | |
| c) General management | 1. Staff competency/ training | | | | |
| | 2. Management system & operating procedures | | | | |
| | 3. Materials acceptance | | | | |
| | 4. Storage handling, labelling, segregation | | | | |
| d) Incident management | 1. Site security | | | | |
| | 2. Accident, emergency & incident planning | | | | |
| e) Emissions | 1. Air | A | | | |
| | 2. Land & Groundwater | | | | |
| | 3. Surface water | | | | |
| | 4. Sewer | | | | |
| | 5. Waste | | | | |
| f) Amenity | 1. Odour | | | | |
| | 2. Noise | | | | |
| | 3. Dust/fibres/particulates | | | | |
| | 4. Pests, birds & scavengers | | | | |
| | 5. Deposits on road | | | | |
| g) Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting | 1. Monitoring of emissions & environment | | | | |
| | 2. Records of activity, site diary, journal & events | | | | |
| | 3. Maintenance records | | | | |
| | 4. Reporting & notification | | | | |
| h) Resource efficiency | 1. Efficient use of raw materials | | | | |
| | 2. Energy | | | | |
| KEY: C1, C2, C3, C4 = CCS breach category (*suspended scores are marked with an asterisk), A = Assessed (no evidence of non-compliance), N = Not assessed, NA = Not Applicable | | | | | |

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| CCS record number | N/A | Number of breaches recorded | 0 | Total compliance score (see section 5 for scoring scheme) | 0 |
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If the Total No Breaches is greater than zero, then please see Section 3 for details of 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 (e.g. 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 suspended or consolidated scores.
- details of advice given
- any other areas of concern
- all actions requested
- any examples of good practice.
- a reference to photos taken

This report should be clear, comprehensive, unambiguous and completed within 5 days of an assessment.

Inspection of Part B Installation Small Waste Incineration Plant and Specified Generator

A site inspection was undertaken on the 9th March 2021.

This was the first visit to the Kinmel bay NW Biomass Ltd combined heat and power plant (CHP) following commissioning and start-up of operations on site.

At the time of inspection emissions from the power plant were clear. There was no visible plume from the exhaust stack.

A site tour was conducted with the Health & Safety manager and technical staff.

Site staff were made aware that Natural Resources Wales (NRW) had received two complaints of dark smoke from members of the public and this was part of the reason for the site inspection. The reports made to NRW refer to smoke from the exhaust stack on Friday 5th March into Saturday 6th March.

H&S manager Phil McGrath stated that monitoring is not required during start up and that some smoke would be visible in initial start-up from cold.

Staff we made aware of the permit requirements the need to engage in environmental monitoring

Condition 3.2.2 of the permit states 'There must be no persistent emission of dark smoke as defined in section 3(1) of the Clean Air Act 1993.'

The methodology for monitoring dark smoke at the site is detailed in the report (R2298E-SGP Reports-RO3-V1- dated 28/01/20) submitted as part of a pre-operational measure (PO1).

Visual inspections of the CHP plant exhaust need to be undertaken by staff to determine the presence of any visible emissions, other than condensed water vapour.

A Ringelmann's chart is used to determine the presence of dark smoke.

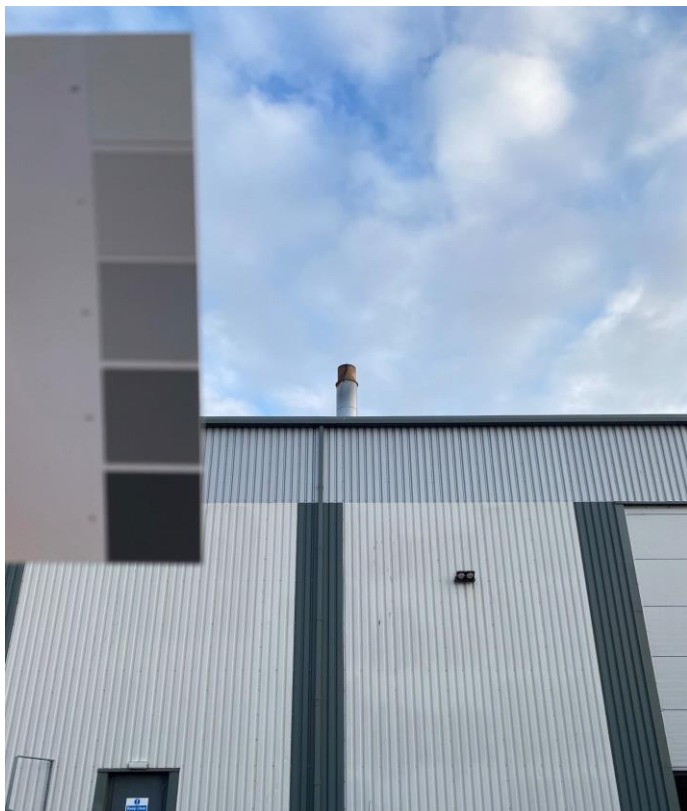
PO1 states; The monitoring will not be carried out during start up or shut down.

PO1 States: the monitoring should be daily when the plant is in operation. The monitoring standard is a Ringelmann's chart of 1.

The start-up of the plant was commenced on Friday 5th March 2021.

Data submitted on the 17th March showed the combined heat and power plant producing power at 18:30 on the 6th March.

Monitoring photograph(taken by NW Biomass) on Sunday 7th March shows clear emissions from the exhaust stack with Ringelmann's chart for comparison.




The site visit was concluded at 11:55.

There are no entries in Section 3 or 4 in this report.

If you have any queries regarding this report, please contact David Wilby.

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| Section 3- Enforcement Response | | Only one of the boxes below should be ticked | |
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| 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. | | | |
| In respect of the above non-compliance you have been issued with a warning. At present we do not intend to take further enforcement action. This does not preclude us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue. | | | |
| We will now consider what enforcement action is appropriate and notify you, referencing this form. | | | |

| Section 4- Action(s) | | | |
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| Where non-compliance has been detected and an enforcement response has been selected above, this section summarises the steps you need to take to return to compliance and provides timescales for this to be done. | | | |
| Criteria Ref. | CCS Category | Action Required/Advised | Due Date |
| See Section 1 above | | | |
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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 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 which 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

Section 6 – General Information

Data protection notice

The information on this form will be processed by the Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to fulfill 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 (e.g. 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 and taking any resulting action
- preventing breaches of environmental law
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving its service
- Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information 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 twenty 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 the

assessment findings may affect your Opra score and/or your charges. This score influences the resource we use to assess permit compliance.

officer's line managers. 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.