

Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions

Variation

We have decided to issue the variation for Gelliargwellt Uchaf Transfer & Composting Station operated by Bryn Recycling Limited.

The variation number is EPR/WB3993HE/V003

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental protection is provided.

Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account
- justifies the specific conditions in the permit other than those in our generic permit template.

Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

Structure of this document

- Annex 1 the decision checklist

Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist, the application and supporting information and permit/ notice.

| Aspect considered | Justification / Detail | Criteria met |
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| | | Yes |
| Receipt of submission | | |
| Confidential information | A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made. | ✓ |
| European Directives | | |
| Applicable directives | <p>All applicable European directives have been considered in the determination of the application.</p> <p>The biological treatment of waste, pre-treatment of waste for incineration and co-incineration activities under the Industrial Emissions Directive were both considered. Therefore, daily treatment and storage capacity limits have been set in Table S1.1 of the permit to ensure that processing remains under these thresholds.</p> | ✓ |
| Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (SMNR) | | |
| Considerations of SMNR - Compliance with our General Purpose | We are satisfied that this decision is compatible with our general purpose of pursuing the sustainable management of natural resources in relation to Wales and applying the principles of sustainable management of natural resources.” | ✓ |
| The site | | |
| Extent of the site of the facility | <p>The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility</p> <p>A plan is included in the permit and the operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary.</p> | ✓ |
| Site condition report | <p>The operator has provided a description of the condition of the site.</p> <p>We consider this description is satisfactory. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on site condition reports – guidance and templates (H5).</p> | ✓ |

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| Biodiversity, Heritage, Landscape and Nature Conservation | <p>The application is within the relevant distance criteria of a site of heritage, landscape or nature conservation, and/or protected species or habitat .</p> <p>A full assessment of the application and its potential to affect the site has been carried out as part of the permitting process. We consider that the application will not affect the features of the site.</p> | ✓ |
| Environmental Risk Assessment and operating techniques | | |
| Environmental risk | <p>We have reviewed the operator's assessment of the environmental risk from the facility.</p> <p>The operator's risk assessment is satisfactory.</p> <p>The assessment shows that, applying the conservative criteria in our guidance on Environmental Risk Assessment, all emissions may be categorised as environmentally insignificant.</p> | ✓ |
| Operating techniques | <p>We have reviewed the techniques used by the operator and compared these with the relevant guidance notes.</p> <p>The operator has identified suitable measures in accordance with the relevant technical guidance note for waste activities; 'How to comply with your environmental permit'.</p> <p>The operator has provided a Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan that details the measures used to prevent or minimise of a fire at the facility. The measures, appropriate to the scope of the variation have been assessed and considered in line with 'GN16 Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan Guidance – Waste Management. The appropriate sections have also been included in permit in Table S1.2 operating techniques.</p> <p>The operator has also provided a copy of their Environmental Management Plan as part of their application. This outlines measures that ensure the the site does not cause pollution during operation, including waste acceptance, spillage, daily site inspection, and</p> | ✓ |

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| | complaints. These measures have been assessed and considered suitable to control emissions from the facility in line with 'How to comply with your environmental permit' and 'Technical Guidance Note WM3: Waste Classification'. The appropriate sections those relevant to the scope of the variation have been included in permit in Table S1.2 operating techniques. | |
| The permit conditions | | |
| Updating permit conditions during consolidation. | <p>We have updated previous permit conditions to those in the new generic permit template as part of permit consolidation. The new conditions have the same meaning as those in the previous permit(s).</p> <p>The operator has agreed that the new conditions are acceptable.</p> | ✓ |
| Waste types | <p>We have specified the permitted waste types, descriptions and quantities, which can be accepted at the regulated facility.</p> <p>We have included a number of additional waste codes proposed by the operator as part of the application.</p> <p>We are satisfied that the operator can accept these wastes because they are consistent with the waste codes the operator already accepts on site.</p> <p>We made these decisions with respect to waste types in accordance with Technical Guidance WM3: Waste Classification – Guidance on the classification and assessment of waste and How to Comply with your Environmental Permit, and .</p> | ✓ |
| Improvement conditions | Based on the information on the application, we <u>do not</u> consider that we need to impose improvement conditions. We have however <u>retained</u> the existing improvement conditions which have not yet been discharged. | ✓ |
| Pre-operational Conditions | Based on the information in the application, we consider that we need to impose pre-operational conditions for future development. | ✓ |

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| | <p>In their application the operator has outlined a proposal to store woodchip in 2no buildings, with appropriate separation distances, suppression systems and fire walls. The site does not currently have the correct infrastructure in place to store the woodchip in line with our 'GN16 Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan Guidance – Waste Management' or their own Fire Prevention and Mitigation Plan. We therefore, have imposed this pre-operational condition to ensure that woodchip is only permitted to be stored on site where the correct infrastructure is in place.</p> <p>The pre-operation condition has been included in the permit in Table S1.4</p> | |
| Incorporating the application | <p>We have specified that the applicant must operate the permit in accordance with descriptions in the application, including all additional information received as part of the determination process.</p> <p>These descriptions are specified in the Operating Techniques table in the permit.</p> | ✓ |
| Emission limits | No changes to the permitted emission limits have been authorised as part of this variation. | ✓ |
| Monitoring | No changes to the permitted monitoring requirements have been authorised as part of this variation. | ✓ |
| Reporting | No changes to the permitted reporting requirements have been authorised as part of this variation. | ✓ |
| Operator Competence | | |
| Environment management system | There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not have the management systems to enable it to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence. | ✓ |