

## Compliance Assessment Report CAR\_NRW0038447

**Permit being assessed:** AN0238501

For: PENDERYN QUARRY PENDERYN NEAR ABER, held by HANSON AGGREGATES  
At: PENDERYN QUARRY PENDERYN NEAR A, PENDERYN NEAR ABERDARE ,, NEAR ABERDARE ,, NEAR ABERDARE ,, ,,

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

On 08/06/2021, between 10:00 and 11:00.

Parts of permit assessed: All

**NRW Lead Officer:** Emma Tucny, accompanied by: Natalie Wrangham.

**Report sent to:** Luke Owen, Quarry Manager, on 09/07/2021.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-D1 - Information - Records	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-D1	Improve labelling of sample points on records sheet	09/07/2021

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

On 08.06.2021 Officers Emma Tucny, Natalie Wrangham and Michael Launder attended Hanson Quarry in Penderyn to carry out an inspection of Permit no AN0238501. Luke Owen, Quarry Manager, accompanied officers around the site.

The catch pit has a permitted storm discharge permit in the case of excessive rain. The catch pits were not discharging into the Nant Cadlan at the time of the visit as it was a dry day.

All water from the catch pits, the wheel wash and any other run off enters the polishing

ponds. Suspended sediments in the polishing ponds settle out and then the water overtops the bunds and discharges into the Nant Cadlan. The polishing ponds are cleaned every 12 months, last time it was cleaned was February 2021. Sediment build up is then deposited in the Quarry tip. There is no storm discharge from polishing ponds.

The polishing ponds were not overtopping at the time of the visit. However, they appeared to be discharging into a small ditch and flowing over ground before entering the Nant Cadlan. There was only a small amount of water in the ditch at the time of the visit.

On 09.06.2021 Luke Owen sent officer Emma Tucny a spreadsheet with records of the samples. There were 3 breaches in September 2018, however there have been no breaches since. It is unclear as to where some of the samples were taken as they are not labelled as A or A1, for example some are labelled 'middle', 'discharge point', 'no2 pond' instead. It would be more useful if they were all labelled either A or A1 as per the permit or specified if the sample was not taken from either of these points.

**Action**

- Ensure that going forward, all samples taken from the permitted sample points are either labelled Outfall A or Outfall A1 or specify that the sample was taken from elsewhere.

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**

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

If you are unable to resolve the issue with the lead officer or their line manager you should contact our Customer Contact team on 0300 065 3000 (Monday to Friday 08:00 – 18:00), or email [enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk) for details of how to raise your dispute further through our Complaints and Commendations procedure.

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