

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0038505

Permit being assessed: AB3591ZQ.

For: Maelor Foods Limited, held by Maelor Foods Limited

At: Maelor Foods Limited, Pickhill Lane, Cross Lanes, Wrexham, Wrexham, LL13 0UE.

Type of assessment carried out: Unknown, Reason: Incident Response (Incident number 2103880).

On 30/06/2021.

Parts of permit assessed: SEE NOTES

NRW Lead Officer: Emma Pierce.

Report sent to: HS&E Manager, HS&E Manager on 15/07/2021.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
E1 - Emissions - Air	C3 Minor	3.3.1
E3 - Emissions - Surface water	C3 Minor	3.1.2

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

Total number of non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
2	8

How we use the non-compliance score to calculate your annual fee is explained in the 'Important Information' section below.

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
E1	Please ensure staff are trained adequately in terms of notification of issues which arise that could result in odour from the site.	Already completed
E3	review procedures regarding Maintenance, Staff Cover, and Notifications to Management.	12/08/2021

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

This CAR form relates to incident reports regarding odour and Part A&B Notifications for monitoring of W1:

Incident Report 2103880:

On the 1st May a report was received by NRW of a foul smell coming from the Maelor site. NRW received an investigation report from yourselves on the 5th May 2021 which stated:

A waste trailer was overfilled and therefore was not collected on the 30th April, this was not reported to Management team as required. The trailer load was stored inside overnight, reduced and collected on the evening of the 1st May 2021. The odour reported was due to the intermittent opening of the doors in the morning and the air scrubber extraction fans been reduced to 20% on the weekend.

Measure to prevent a reoccurrence include:

- Security staff notification training reinforced
- New HS&E Manager added to notification list
- Additional checks on weight of trailers prior to collection
- Increase scrubber extraction fans if required

This incident has resulted in a C3 score, which is a non-compliance which could have a minor environmental impact.

In line with permit conditions 4.3 (1,2,3) NRW should have received notification of this breach should have been reported to NRW via the Schedule 5 notification procedure. Please ensure in future that any potential issues on site which could or do give rise to pollution is reported in the correct manner.

Part A and B Notification:

On the 29th June 2021 NRW received a completed Part A&B Notification with regards a breach of permit limit for Suspended Solids.

The Part A advised that a sample was taken on the 23rd June 2021 which gave a result of 39.5mg/l, the permit limit is 30mg/l for S/S. The employee taking the sample had noticed that the final filter mesh had torn whilst the sample was been collected - this was replaced immediately. The results after this replacement were compliant.

The Part B highlighted that due to annual leave the visual checks had not been completed on the Monday and Tuesday prior to this breach. Measures have now been put in place to ensure there is suitable cover when employees are on leave to ensure maintenance checks are not missed. it has also been reiterated as the importance of reporting breaches to Management.

Permit condition 3.1.2 states: the limits given in Schedule 3 shall not be exceeded. This incident has resulted in a C3 score, which is a non compliance which could have a minor environmental impact.

ACTION: Can you review your procedures with regards:

1. Notifications to Management and NRW in the event of operational issues or incidents which could result in pollution.
2. Maintenance schedules and visual checks for critical equipment to prevent pollution
3. Adequate Cover in the event of leave/sickness and ensure the relevant staff are aware of the additional responsibilities in such an event.

If you can complete the above by the 12th August 2021.

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 of 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	Score
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	60
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	31
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	4
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property	0.1

How we use assessment scores

The number and severity of non-compliances recorded in a year will affect your annual subsistence fee the following year. A non-compliance factor is added to your site's Operator

Performance Risk Appraisal (OPRA) score when we calculate your fee to reflect the additional resource we use to assess permit compliance.

What are suspended scores?

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

Full list of Industry and Waste action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**A: Permitted activities**

- A1 Specified by permit

B: Infrastructure

- B1 Infrastructure – Engineering for prevention and control of emissions
- B2 Infrastructure – Closure and decommissioning
- B3 Infrastructure – Site drainage engineering (clean and foul)
- B4 Infrastructure – Containment of stored materials
- B5 Infrastructure – Plant and equipment

C: General management

- C1 General management – Staff competency/training
- C2 General management – Management system and operating procedures
- C3 General management – Materials acceptance
- C4 General management – Storage, handling, labelling and segregation

D: Incident management

- D1 Incident management – Site security
- D2 Incident management – Accidents, emergency and incident planning

E: Emissions

- E1 Emissions – Air
- E2 Emissions – Land and groundwater
- E3 Emissions – Surface water
- E4 Emissions – Sewer
- E5 Emissions – Waste

F: Amenity

- F1 Amenity – Odour
- F2 Amenity – Noise
- F3 Amenity – Dust/fibres/particulates and litter
- F4 Amenity – Pests/birds and scavengers
- F5 Amenity – Deposits on road

G: Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting

- G1 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Monitoring of emissions and environment
- G2 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Records of activity, site diary/journal/events
- G3 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Maintenance records
- G4 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales

H: Resources efficiency

- H1 Resource efficiency – Efficient use of raw materials
- H2 Resource efficiency – Energy efficiency

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:

- offering or providing you with our literature or 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
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving our service
- Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations requests.

We may also pass it on to our agents or representatives to do these things on our behalf.

Disclosure of information – this report will be available to view on-line

If you think this report contains commercially confidential information that should not be placed on our public register, you must contact your local Natural Resources Wales office within **fifteen working days** of receiving this report, using the contact details in the accompanying email or letter. You must give a full explanation of why it should not be added to our public register, including specifying which information is commercially confidential. We will assess your request and respond to you within 20 working days to let you know if we agree to your request.

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.

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 for details of how to raise your dispute further through our Complaints and Commendations procedure.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you can contact the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales by phone on 0300 7900203 or by email at ask@ombudsman.wales

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