

Compliance Assessment Report for:

STANDALONE MEDIUM COMBUSTION PLANT AND SPECIFIED GENERATORS

Permit number	PAN005141	Operator name	Newbridge Energy Ltd
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Site name	Newbridge Energy Ltd
Site address	Brickfield Lane, Denbigh Road, Ruthin, Denbighshire, LL15 2TN
Type of assessment	Site inspection

Date of assessment	15.09.21	Time in	22:36	Time out	23:27
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Parts of permit assessed	Site inspection
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NRW Lead officer	Jamie Blythin	Accompanied by	Rebecca Harwood
Report sent to – Name and position	Peter Mills	Date	05.11.21

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (use action criteria below)	Assessment result	Permit condition
C2 General management – Management system and operating procedures	C3 Minor	1.1.1
C4 General management – Storage, handling, labelling and segregation	C3 Minor	2.3.1
F1 Amenity – Odour	A - Assessed, no evidence of non-compliance	3.3.1
Choose an item.	Choose an item.	
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Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

Total number of non-compliances recorded
2

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
C2	Action1: Operator is required to take steps set out in schedule 1 Regulation 36 enforcement notice served on Newbridge Energy Ltd 24.09.21.	See schedule 1 Regulation 36 enforcement notice served on Newbridge Energy Ltd 24.09.21.
C4	Action 2: Ensure skips containing ash wastes are covered and provide NRW with an update on what control measures have been put in place to ensure the skips containing ash wastes remain covered.	10.11.21

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 prosecutions and/or suspension or revocation of your permit.

You are non-compliant with your permit. We are currently considering taking enforcement action against you for the non-compliance recorded above. We will contact you in due course.

4. Details of our assessment

Officers were accompanied on this inspection by a representative from Denbighshire County Council.

No odours or smoke were detected during an offsite assessment carried out by officers at the entrance to the Glasdir housing estate immediately before the site inspection.

The Combined Heat and Power (CHP) unit was operational at the time of the inspection. The plume appeared grey in colour and was dispersing in the opposite direction to the Glasdir housing estate. There were no odours detected on site.

The fuel for the CHP unit was stored uncovered in bays outside. The fuel consisted of woodchips, biomass and plant matter. The fuel appeared visually compliant and there was no evidence of contamination. The fuel felt dry to the touch.

The fuel mix observed on the walking floor of the CHP unit was consistent with the fuel stockpiled outside. This fuel was visually compliant and felt dry to the touch.

At the time of the inspection, fuel for the CHP was being mixed and stored outside. With reference to the site Environmental Management System (EMS), specifically Site Operating Procedure (SOP) for fuel blending (BFLSP-SW-010-001SOP006 April 2021 Issue 1) which was in use at the time, the fuel mix should have been stored undercover in the bunker of NB4. There was no space in the bunker of NB4 as this area contained pallets of wrapped product. **NRW considers this a breach of permit condition 1.1.1 – C2 Management Systems- CCS3.**

Action1: Operator is required to take steps set out in schedule 1 Regulation 36 enforcement notice served on Newbridge Energy Ltd 24.09.21.

Following this site inspection, an Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 Regulation 36 enforcement notice was served on the operator requiring them to take specified steps in relation to the above.

Two skips containing ash wastes were uncovered at the time of the site inspection. Environmental Permitting Technical Note 5/1(18), Final Draft dated 15/08/18 S4.10.3 states

“Bottom ash should be stored and disposed of in a manner to prevent the escape of dusty waste, i.e. in covered containers, purpose-built silos or undercover.”

NRW considers this a breach of permit condition 2.3.1-Table S2.1(a) Environmental Permitting Technical Note 5/1(18), Final Draft dated 15/08/18-S4 10.3 (C4-Storage,Handling,Labelling and Segregation-CCS3).

Action 2: Ensure skips containing ash wastes are covered and provide NRW with an update on what control measures have been put in place to ensure the skips containing ash wastes remain covered.

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
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

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.

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- 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.

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