

Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions

Bespoke permit/Variation

We have decided to grant the permit for Ty Coch Depot operated by Western Power Distribution (South Wales) Plc.

The permit number is EPR/AB3091FW.

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
		Yes
Consultation		
Scope of consultation	The consultation requirements were identified and implemented. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 6 High Profile Sites, our Public Participation Statement and our Working Together Agreements.	✓
Operator		
Control of the facility	We are satisfied that the applicant (now the operator) is the person who will have control over the operation of the facility after the grant of the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with EPR RGN 1 Understanding the meaning of operator.	✓
European Directives		
Applicable directives	All applicable European directives have been considered in the determination of the application.	✓
The site		
Extent of the site of the facility	The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility including the location of the part of the installation to which this permit applies on that site. A plan is included in the permit and the operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary.	✓
Site condition report	The operator has provided a description of the condition of the site. We consider this description is satisfactory. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on site condition reports – guidance and templates (H5).	✓
Biodiversity, Heritage, Landscape and Nature Conservation	The site is not located within 2000 m of any environmentally sensitive areas including sites of heritage, landscape or nature conservation, and/or protected species or habitats.	✓

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
	The operator has produced a risk assessment which states that activities shall not be carried out within 200 m of an environmentally sensitive area, therefore no harm will come to sites for biodiversity, heritage, landscape and nature conservation.	
Environmental Risk Assessment and operating techniques		
Environmental risk	We have reviewed the operator's assessment of the environmental risk from the facility. The operator's risk assessment is satisfactory. Site specific measures have been proposed and agreed as satisfactory.	✓
Operating techniques	We have reviewed the techniques used by the operator and compared these with the relevant guidance notes. The proposed techniques/ emission levels for priorities for control are in line with the benchmark levels contained in the TGN and we consider them to represent appropriate techniques for the facility. The operator has listed suitable operating techniques as follows: - How to Comply with your environmental permit - Sector guidance note IPCC S5.06 recovery and disposal of hazardous and non-hazardous waste	✓
The permit conditions		
Waste types	We have specified the permitted waste types, descriptions and quantities, which can be accepted at the regulated facility within Table S2.2 of the permit. We are satisfied that the operator can accept these wastes. Their application demonstrates that they have the competence to do so under the regulations and waste will be handled in a manner that is unlikely to cause environmental harm.	✓
Incorporating the application	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.	✓

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		Yes
	These descriptions are specified in the Operating Techniques table in the permit.	
Emission limits	The activities on site will be completely contained, therefore there will be no emissions from these activities.	✓
Reporting	We have specified reporting in the permit.	✓
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.	✓
Technical competence	Technical competency is required for activities permitted. The operator is a member of an agreed scheme (WAMITAB – 4MTSH WAMITAB VQ).	✓
Relevant convictions	The operator has been checked to ensure that all relevant convictions have been declared. No relevant convictions were found on the COLINS system used by our legal department.	✓
Financial provision	There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not be financially able to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.	✓