

Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions

Decision Document

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Merrystream Poultry Farm

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We have decided to issue the variation for Merrystream Poultry Farm operated by Mr David Williams, Mrs Edwina Williams and Mr Julian Williams.

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.

Key issues of the decision

Receipt of application

Merrystream poultry farm comprises of three poultry houses of varying sizes with an overall capacity of 93,000 birds. The operator is refurbishing house one by changing from side fans to high velocity roof fans. The other houses already have roof fans installed. No other changes are proposed to activities on site. The application for a variation to the existing permit was received on 30 November 2016 and was Duly Made on 12 December 2016.

The site

The operator has provided an updated plan for the site showing the layout and emission points, which we consider is satisfactory. There is no proposed change to the site boundary.

A plan is included in the permit and the operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary.

Environmental Risk Assessment - Air

Fans on the roof as supposed to the side walls will force waste air upwards. High velocity fans will force the air higher, therefore increasing dilution by the wind. We therefore consider that the new fans should decrease the potential impact of the facility on nearby receptors.

Operating techniques

We have reviewed the techniques proposed by the operator and compared these with the relevant guidance notes. We are satisfied that the techniques represent appropriate measures for the installation in line with BAT standards in EPR 6.09.

Environment management system

No other changes are being made to the infrastructure or activities taking place on site. There is already a management system in place.

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.