

Natural Resources Wales permitting decisions

Bespoke permit/Variation

We have decided to issue the variation for **Pentreucha Farm** operated by **Mills Poultry Limited**.

The variation number is **EPR/AP3230UK/V003**.

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

- Key issues
- Annex 1 the decision checklist

Key issues of the decision

Extent of the site of the facility

Two new site plans have been included in the permit to reflect changes in emission points from the previous version of the permit. The first is a site location plan which shows the location of the site in the surrounding area. The second is a more detailed site plan showing emission points and location of new biomass boilers.

Environmental risk

With regards to NRW's position statement on biomass boilers on EPR intensive farms, a quantitative assessment of air emissions is not required because:

- the fuel is derived from virgin timber and;
- the biomass boiler appliance and its installation meets the technical criteria to be eligible for the Renewable Heat Incentive and;

- the aggregate boiler net rated thermal input is less than 1MWth where the stack height is greater than 1 metre above the roof level of any buildings within 25 metres, and there are no Special Areas of Conservation, Special Protection Areas, Ramsar sites or Sites of Special Scientific Interest within 500 metres of the emission points.

Emission limits

Tables S3.1, S3.2 and S3.3 in the permit have been updated to reflect new emission sources on site. However, no emission limits have been set for these.

The operator has confirmed that LPG gas flares will be retained as back-up.

Pre-operational conditions

A pre-operational condition has been included in the permit to ensure that the operator complies with NRW's position statement on biomass boilers on EPR intensive farms

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
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	<p>The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility. A plan is included in the permit and the operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary.</p> <p>See Key Issues</p>
Site condition report	<p>The operator has provided a description of the condition of the site.</p> <p>We consider this description is satisfactory. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on site condition reports – guidance and templates (H5).</p>
Biodiversity, Heritage, Landscape and Nature Conservation	<p>The application is within the relevant distance criteria of a site of heritage, landscape or nature conservation, and/or protected species or habitat.</p> <p>However, a HRA is not required because there is no conceivable impact pathway to any Natura 2000/Ramsar site.</p>
Environmental Risk Assessment and operating techniques	
Environmental risk	<p>We have reviewed the operator's assessment of the environmental risk from the facility.</p> <p>The operator's risk assessment is satisfactory.</p>

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail
	See Key Issues
The permit conditions	
Updating permit conditions during consolidation.	<p>We have updated previous permit conditions to those in the new generic permit template as part of permit consolidation. The new conditions have the same meaning as those in the previous permit(s).</p> <p>The operator has agreed that the new conditions are acceptable.</p>
Pre-operational conditions	<p>Based on the information in the application, we consider that we need to impose pre-operational conditions.</p> <p>See Key Issues</p>
Improvement conditions	The Improvement conditions table has been amended to delete improvement requirements which have already been completed.
Incorporating the application	<p>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.</p> <p>These descriptions are specified in the Operating Techniques table in the permit.</p>
Emission limits	<p>The permit does not specify any emission limits.</p> <p>See Key Issues</p>
Monitoring	The permit does not require any monitoring to be carried out.
Reporting	The permit does not require any reporting to be carried out.
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

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail
	accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.
Relevant convictions	<p>Our Enforcement Database has been checked to ensure that all relevant convictions have been declared. No relevant convictions were found.</p> <p>The operator satisfies the criteria in RGN 5 on Operator Competence.</p>