

Environment Agency Permitting decisions

We have decided to vary the permit for the Dolwen abattoir by issuing the variation notice number EA/EPR/GP3235GH/V002.

EPR/GP3235GH

The permit number is

Randall ParkerFoods Limited

The operator is

Dolwen, Oakley Park, Llanidloes,
Powys SY18 6LX.

The facility is located at

25/09/09

The decision was effective from

Summary of the decision

We have decided to issue the variation request submitted by Randall Parker Foods on 31 March 2009 subject to the conditions in the permit and the additional conditions set out in the above variation notice .

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 environment protection is provided.

This simple standard variation permits the daily effluent flow rate to water to increase from 99m³ per day to 300m³ per day. This is required in order to facilitate an increase in the number of lambs slaughtered. The environmental impact of this increase in volume of effluent discharge into the River Severn has been assessed by the Agency's water quality modelling team (see email dated 13/03/2009) and is considered to be insignificant

Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the applicant's 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.

Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

Structure of this document

- Key issues of the decision;
- Annex 1 the decision check list;

Key Issues of the decision

Environmental risk

This simple standard variation permits the daily effluent flow rate to water to increase from 99m^3 per day to 300m^3 per day. This is required in order to facilitate an increase in the number of lambs slaughtered. The environmental impact of this increase in volume of effluent discharge into the River Severn has been assessed by the Agency's water quality modelling team (see email dated 13/03/2009) and is considered to be insignificant. This is due to a low discharge volume of 0.3Ml/d compared to the massive dilution with 160Ml/d from the River Severn.

The operator advised that the Effluent Treatment Plant (ETP) has been able to process well above the 99m^3 per day limit for some time but that figure was used in the PPC permit as that was what was originally allowed under the water quality consent permit. The operator has submitted paperwork to show that the ETP can treat up to 300m^3 of effluent per day and produce effluent of the quality demanded by table 2.2.5.

Other Changes

None

Commercial and industrial confidentiality

There are no issues associated with confidentiality

Annex 1 : decision checklist

variation checklist

Activity	Justification / Detail	Determination criteria met
Receipt of submission		No
Application fee	The application fee is correct Charge table reference –OPRA score x charge multiplier in table in schedule 2 of Charging Scheme for standard variation	✓
Commercial confidentiality	The operator has not made a claim for commercial confidentiality. We have not received any information in relation to this application that appears to be confidential in relation to any party.	✓
Consultation	Scope of consultation No consultation required	✓
Operator	Control of the facility We are satisfied that the 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	✓
Environmental Risk Assessment and operating techniques	Environmental risk We have reviewed the operator's assessment of the environmental risk from the facility. The assessment shows that, applying the conservative criteria in our guidance on Environmental Risk Assessment, all emissions may be categorised as environmentally insignificant	✓
Operating techniques	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 permit conditions	Incorporating the application We have specified that the applicant must operate his installation in accordance with table 2.2.5 in the variation.	✓
OPRA		
Optra Score	The Optra score has not changed from that set out in the variation application.	