

Compliance Assessment Report

Report ID:
CAR_NRW0031644

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Site	Bryn Posteg Landfill	Permit Ref	BU77661C		
Operator/Permit holder	Sundorne Products (Ilanidloes) Ltd				
Regime	Installations				
Date of assessment	27/03/2017	Time in	10:00	Out	13:30
Assessment type	Site Inspection				
Parts of the permit assessed	Site Infrastructure, Emissions, Odour				
Lead officer's name	Zachary, Aled				
Accompanied by					
Recipient's name/position	David Williams / Technical Manager	Date issued	02/06/2017		

Section 1 – Compliance Assessment Summary

This is based on the requirements of the permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations or the licence under the Water Resources Act 1991 as amended by the Water Act 2003. A detailed explanation is captured in "Compliance Assessment Report Detail" (Section 2) and any actions you may need to take are given in the "Action(s)" (section 4). This summary details where we believe any non-compliance with the permit has occurred, the relevant condition and how the non-compliance has been categorised using our Compliance Classification Scheme (CCS). CCS Scores can be consolidated or suspended where appropriate, to reflect the impact of some non-compliances more accurately. For more details of our CCS scheme, contact your local office.

Permit conditions and compliance summary	CCS Category	Condition(s) breached
B1 - Infrastructure - Engineering for prevention and control of emissions	C2	3.3.1;2.9.1
E3 - Emissions - Surface water	C2	3.1.1
F1 - Amenity - Odour	C2	3.4.1

KEY: See Section 5 for breach categories, suspended scores will be indicated as such.

A = Assessed or assessed in part (no evidence of non-compliance), **X** = Action only,

O = Ongoing non-compliance, not scored.

Number of breaches recorded	3	Total compliance score (see section 5 for scoring scheme)	93
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If the Number of breaches recorded is greater than zero, please see Section 3 for our proposed enforcement response

Section 2 – Compliance Assessment Report Detail

This section contains a report of our findings and will usually include information on:

- The part(s) of the permit that were assessed (eg. Maintenance, training, combustion plant, etc)
- Where the type of assessment was 'Data Review' details of the report/results triggering the assessment
- Any non-compliances identified
- Any non-compliances with directly applicable legislation
- Details of any multiple non-compliances
- Information on the compliance score accrued inc.
- Details of advice given
- Any other areas of concern
- Any actions requested
- Any examples of good practice
- A reference to photos taken

27 March 2017.

Site inspection accompanied by NRW Chief Exec - Emyr Roberts, Operations Manager Mid Wales - Martin Cox and Industry Regulation (North and Mid) Team Leader - Paul Wright to familiarise with the site and issues.

Progress with improvements on site also assessed.

1. Offsite Odour:

Permit Condition 3.4.1 states emissions from the activities shall be free from odour at levels likely to cause annoyance outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise those emissions.

Findings:

F1 - Amenity Odour.

Very strong landfill gas odours were detected around Cells 9D(ii) and 9D(i) and on the western and southern boundaries of these cells. Landfill gas extraction infrastructure is still not to the required standards to reduce and minimise these odours due to gas emissions

No works have been carried out to abate or reduce the release of Hydrogen Sulphide (H₂S) from the leachate stored in the intermediate storage lagoon. The use of a "media cover" or pre treatment of leachate to reduce and prevent de-gassing of the lagoon or treatment prior to storage has been discussed at length but no such improvement works have been completed.

These issues as a whole are deemed a breach of condition 3.4.1

Due to the ongoing impact of odour from the site on local residents these issues have been scored a Category 2 breach of the permit requirements.

2. Gas and Leachate Control Infrastructure.

Permit Condition 2.9.1 states that the limits for leachate listed in Schedule 4 table S4.1 shall not be exceeded.

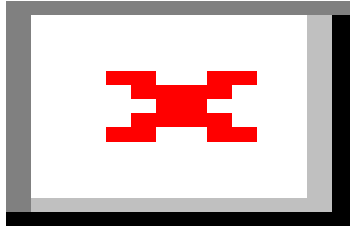
Permit Condition 3.3.1 states that fugitive emissions of substances (excluding odour, noise and vibration) shall not cause pollution. The operator shall be taken to have breached this condition where appropriate measures have been taken to prevent, or where that is not practicable, minimise, those emissions.

Findings:

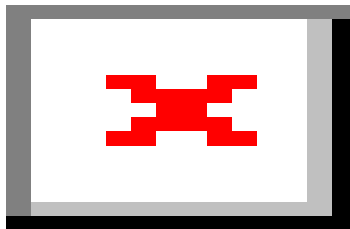
B1 - Engineering for prevention and control of emissions.

Leachate: We have yet to receive evidence or confirmation that leachate heads on site are back within permitted levels. Evident during the inspection was pooled leachate around one of the leachate towers in Cell 9D(ii), leachate could also been seen leaving the engineered containments of the landfill in the low point on the haul road opposite the MRF. This suggests that leachate levels continue to be an issue within the operational part of the landfill site.

The high levels of leachate in Cells 9D(i) and 9D(ii) are also leading to other operational issues including the efficacy of landfill gas extraction.



Leachate leaving the engineered containment of Cell 9D(ii).



Pooled Leachate in Cell 9D(ii).

Landfill Gas Emissions:

No emissions monitoring was done at the time of the inspection. However, in areas previously identified as requiring remedial works landfill gas could be heard and was visible bubbling up under pressure. Landfill gas odours were also present around these areas.

These issues are considered a breach of conditions 2.9.1 and 3.3.1 and have been scored a Category 2 breach of the permit requirements as a result.

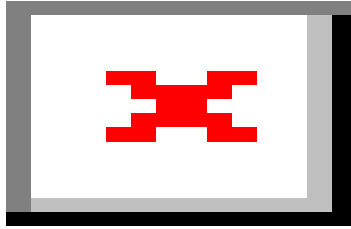
3. Leachate Treatment Plant.

Permit Condition 3.1.1 states that there shall be no point source emissions to water, air or land except from the sources and emission points listed in schedule 4, tables S4.2, S4.3 and S4.4

Findings:

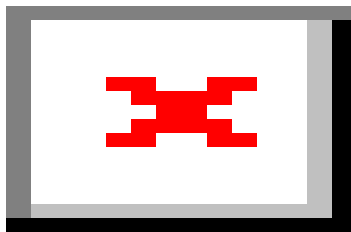
E3 - Emissions, Water

At the time of inspection the level of leachate in the main treatment lagoon was exceptionally high. A diesel pump was in operation transferring leachate from the main lagoon to the storage lagoon to try and reduce lagoon levels.

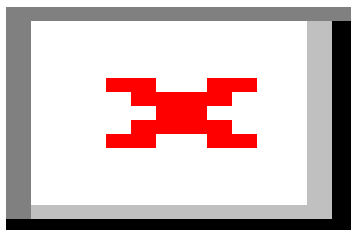


Levels of leachate in the treatment lagoon

Leachate was discharging from the pump itself and from the low area where the de-sludging valve to the lagoon is located. There was evidence that the lagoon had over topped at some point earlier that morning or over the weekend with "flow marks" visible on the grass by the lagoon. Leachate from the diesel pump and de-sludging valve was flowing down the perimeter road and into the eastern surface water drainage ditch before discharging through P1.



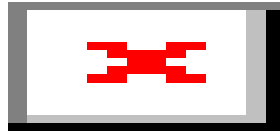
Formal Samples of discharge from leachate treatment lagoon.



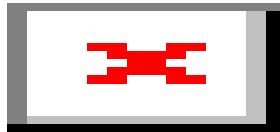
Flow marks from access gate to leachate treatment lagoon.

Analysis of discharge from the lagoon and the Eastern Surface Water Discharge:

Leachate discharge analysis:



Eastern Surface Water Ditch:



These result clearly demonstrate that the discharge was having an impact on the surface water quality being discharged from site. The permitted limit for Ammonia to Surface water is 0.25mg/l respectively.

This issue is considered a breach of condition 3.1.1 and has been scored a Category 2 breach of the permit requirements due to the potential impact on the receiving Nant-y-Bradnant.

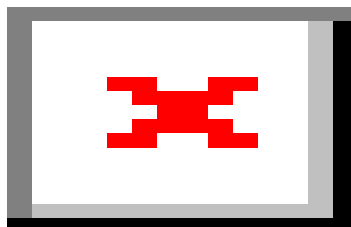
4. Landfilling activity.

Permit Condition 3.3.1 states that fugitive emissions of substances (excluding odour, noise and vibration) shall not cause pollution. The operator shall be taken to have breached this condition where appropriate measures have been taken to prevent, or where that is not practicable, minimise, those emissions.

Findings:

C4 - Storage, handling, labelling and segregation.

The western edge of Cell 9D(ii) is still poorly delineated and waste has been built up to the edge and beyond the extent of the engineered containment systems. The batter visible in the picture below will potentially give rise to a pathway for leachate outbreak as the phase is filled with more waste. This also gives rise to potential pathways for loss of gas from the cell. This issue has now been raised during the last four consecutive inspections and action is required to resolve it.



This has been scored a breach of the permit requirements as a result and consolidated with the breach associated with landfill gas emissions above.

EPR Compliance Assessment Report

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Operator/Permit holder	Sundorne Products (Ilanidloes) Ltd	Date	27/03/2017

Section 3 – Enforcement Response

You must take immediate action to rectify any non-compliance and prevent repetition. Non-compliance with your permit conditions constitutes an offence and can result in criminal prosecutions and/or suspension or revocation of a permit. Please read the detailed assessment in Section 2 and the steps you need to take in Section 4 below.

We will now consider what enforcement action is appropriate and notify you, referencing this form.

Section 4 – Action(s)

This section summarises the actions identified during the assessment along with the timescales for when they will need to be completed.

Criteria Ref.	CCS Category	Action required/advised	Due Date
See Section 1 above			
F1	C2	Use appropriate measures to reduce and minimise the emission of landfill gas and other sources of odour on site, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identification and remediation of point source odour sources - Landfill gas extraction and control - Use of appropriate levels of daily cover - Use of temporary capping - Minimisation of odour from leachate treatment process 	08/08/2017
E3	C2	Investigate the source and cause(s) of the leachate treatment lagoon escape. Submit and implement a remediation plan for preventing the discharge of leachate to the surface water drainage system and make improvements to prevent a reoccurrence.	13/06/2017
B1	C2	1. Reduce leachate levels back to within the permitted compliance limit by 08/08/17. 2. Prevent escape of leachate from the low point in Cell 9D(ii) by the MRF by 13/06/17. 3. Use measures such as temporary and permanent capping (but not limited to) to reduce fugitive emissions of landfill gas 31/10/17	13/06/2017

Section 5 – Compliance notes for the Operator

To ensure you correct actual or potential non-compliance we may

- Advise on corrective actions verbally or in writing
- Require you to take specific actions verbally or in writing
- Issue a notice
- Require you to review your procedures or management system
- Change some of the conditions of your permit
- Decide to undertake a full review of your permit

Any breach of a permit condition is an offence and we may take legal action against you

- We will normally provide advice and guidance to assist you to come back into compliance either after an offence is committed or where we consider that an offence is likely to be committed. This is without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.
- Enforcement action can include the issue of a formal caution, prosecution, the service of a notice and/or suspension or revocation of the permit.

See our Enforcement and Civil Sanctions guidance for further information

This report does not relieve the site operator of the responsibility to

- Ensure you comply with the conditions of the permit at all times and prevent pollution of the environment
- Ensure you comply with other legislative provisions which may apply

Non-compliance scores and categories

CCS category	Description	Score
C1	A non-compliance that could have a major environmental effect	60
C2	A non-compliance which could have a significant environmental effect	31
C3	A non-compliance which could have a minor environmental effect	4
C4	A non-compliance which has no potential environmental effect	0.1

Operational Risk Appraisal (Opra) - Compliance assessment findings may affect your Opra score and/or your charges. This score influences the resource we use to assess permit compliance.

Section 6 – General information

Data protection notice

The information on this form will be processed by the Natural Resources Wales (NRW) to fulfil its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s). The NRW may also use and/or disclose it in connection with:

- Offering/providing you with its literature/services relating to environmental matters
- Consulting with the public, public bodies and other organisations (eg. 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 its service
- Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Regulations request

The NRW may pass it on to its agents/representatives to do these things on its behalf. You should ensure that any persons named on this form are informed of the contents of this data protection notice.

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The NRW will provide a copy of this report to the public register(s). However, if you consider that any information contained in this report should not be released to the public register(s) on the grounds of commercial confidentiality, you must write to your local area office within fifteen working days of receipt of this form indicating which information it concerns and why it should not be released, giving your reasons in full.

Customer charter

What can I do if I disagree with this compliance assessment report?

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