

Compliance Assessment Report

Report ID:
CAR_NRW0034384

This form will report compliance with your permit as determined by an NRW officer

Site	Flint Paper Mill EPR/BJ9703IM	Permit Ref	BJ9703IM		
Operator/Permit holder	Kimberly-Clark Limited				
Regime	Installations				
Date of assessment	11/12/2018	Time in	N/A	Out	N/A
Assessment type	Report/Data Review				
Parts of the permit assessed	Emissions monitoring for Q3 2018 (01/07 to 30/09/2018)				
Lead officer's name	McGregor-Andrew, Sian				
Accompanied by					
Recipient's name/position	Jan Partridge/ Site Process Engineer Environment and Quality	Date issued	20/12/2018		

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
E3 - Emissions - Surface water	C3	3.1.2
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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)	12
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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

Monitoring of emissions to water for Quarter 3 - 1st July to 30th September 2018.

Requirement - Condition 3.3.1 requires the operator to undertake monitoring as specified in tables S3.1, S3.2 and S3.3 of Schedule 3 of the permit. The results of that monitoring are required to be reported to Natural Resources Wales in accordance with Schedule 4 and table S4.1.

Q3 returns for emission point W2 were received on 22/10/2018.

Biological Oxygen Demand - a maximum value of 65.6mg/l BOD was recorded against the emission limit value of 35mg/l on 07/07/2018 following a 16-day shut down to replace the EP clarifier bridge infrastructure. **CCS 3 score against criteria E3 emissions to surface water**

Total Suspended Solids - a maximum value of 93.6mg/l TSS was recorded against the emission limit value of 80mg/l on 05/07/2018, also as a result of the 16-day shut-down for works on the clarifier bridge. **CCS 3 score against criteria E3 emissions to surface water**

Part A and Part B notifications were received for both BOD and TSS emission limit breaches during the period of 1st to 7th July. Additional bacteria were added to the aeration basin to restore the treatment efficiency and final effluent was recirculated as much as possible during this period. An additional interlock was added to the ETP to prevent hydraulic overloading of the clarifier.

Ammonia - a maximum value of 9.02mg/l ammonia was recorded against the emission limit value of 4mg/l on 25/08/2018 following a 4-day plant shut-down. **CCS score 3 against criteria E3 emissions to surface water.**

Part A and B notifications were received for the ammonia emissions limit breach. De-nitrifying bacteria were added to the aeration basin and nutrient dosing turned off. The standard work procedures have been updated for shut-downs in excess of 3 days.

All other parameters were monitored as required by the permit and were within the permitted emission limit values.

EPR Compliance Assessment Report

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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			
E3	C3	Review shut-down procedures to ensure all appropriate actions are planned at every shut down to detect effluent quality deterioration prior to discharge and contingency measures are put in place during shut-down to minimise any impact on final effluent discharge.	25/01/2019
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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

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Customer charter

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

If you are unable to resolve the issue with your site officer, you should firstly discuss the matter with officer's line managers using the informal appeals procedure. If you wish to raise your dispute further through our official Complaints and Commendations procedure, phone our general enquiry number 0300 065 3000 (Mon to Fri 08.00 – 18.00) and ask for the Customer Contact team or send an email to enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk. If you are still dissatisfied you can make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales. For advice on how to complain to the Ombudsman phone their helpline on 0845 607 0987.

Welsh Language

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