

Compliance Assessment Report

Report ID:
CAR_NRW0031898

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

Site	Silent Valley Landfill Leachate Treatment and Disposal Facility	Permit Ref	UP3335SN			
Operator/Permit holder	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council					
Regime	Installations					
Date of assessment	24/01/2018	Time in	13:00	Out	13:30	
Assessment type	Report/Data Review					
Parts of the permit assessed	See below					
Lead officer's name	Ward, Tyrone					
Accompanied by						
Recipient's name/position	Matthew Perry/ Service Manager	Date issued	05/03/2018			

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
A1 - Specified by permit	A	
B1 - Infrastructure - Engineering for prevention and control of emissions	A	
B3 - Infrastructure - Site drainage engineering (clean and foul)	X	
B4 - Infrastructure - Containment of stored materials	A	
B5 - Infrastructure - Plant and equipment	A	
C2 - General Management - Management system and operating procedures	C3	1.1.1
C3 - General Management - Materials acceptance	A	
D1 - Incident Management - Site security	A	
E4 - Emissions - Sewer	A	
F1 - Amenity - Odour	A	
F2 - Amenity - Noise	A	
F3 - Amenity - Dust/fibres/particulates and litter	A	
F4 - Amenity - Pests/birds and scavengers	A	
F5 - Amenity - Deposits on road	A	
G4 - Monitoring and Records, Maintenance and Reporting - Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales	C4	2.4.1

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	2	Total compliance score (see section 5 for scoring scheme)	4.1
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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

Sewer data

Monitoring data received and reviewed for periods Q1 to Q4.

Annual Report

2017 Annual report including Biological Monitoring survey received and reviewed.

IC2

Update provided from BGCBC from on 14th July 17 to work on two viable options, which are:

1. Electric Pump system
2. Gravity Fed system.

An up-to-date camera survey of the pipe network going through the SSSI site was provided on 23rd Jan 18. Comparison to the previous survey with an interpretation to follow from Arup. **Action** please forward by **30th March**.

BGCBC also confirmed on 31st July 17 that the IC2 detailed report will include a long-term option for the sewer line (e.g. above or below ground, upgrade or replace) This must also have regard to the camera survey.

Addendum to report received on 4th Feb with conclusion 'Based on current monitoring data it will be challenging to reliably design new leachate management infrastructure to convey or treat the leachate. It is recommended to continue monitoring the flow and rainfall. Additional monitoring should also be carried out for the various flow input sources to effectively inform the chosen design to manage the leachate'

IC2 condition therefore remains incomplete.

Late submission also considered a non compliance - no impact in first instance.

Separately, on 9th Jan NRW received a HEP feasibility study which is likely to include power generation for pumping leachate. **Action** to liaise further with BGCBC.

Site inspection 24th Jan 18

Diesel pumps (duty and standby) appear in good order and regularly serviced / maintained.

Collection sump clean, lagoon levels noted, no issues during inspection.

Away from the leachate lagoon there is some general litter on site. There is also windblown litter which has been caught in ditches, particularly the Nant Merddog screen. **Action** BGCBC - areas of loose /contaminated litter should be retrieved from surface water drainage as soon as

practicable. Non compliance considered a potential minor impact.

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.

Other than the provision of advice and guidance, at present we do not intend to take further enforcement action in respect of the non-compliance identified above. This does not preclude us from taking enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or advice isn't followed.

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			
B3	X	Retrieve loose / windblown litter from surface water pipes / ditches	28/02/2018
C2	C3	Retrieve loose waste and debris as soon as practicable	28/02/2018
G4	C4	Provide updated report as soon as practicable	23/03/2018

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

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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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