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## Permit with introductory note

Pollution Prevention and Control (England & Wales) Regulations 2000

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Silent Valley Landfill Site  
Leachate Treatment and Disposal Facility  
Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council  
Cwm  
Ebbw Vale  
County Borough of Blaenau Gwent  
NP23 6PZ

Permit number

UP3335SN

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## Introductory note

### ***This introductory note does not form a part of the Permit***

The following Permit is issued under Regulation 10 of the Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (S.I.2000 No.1973), as amended, ("the PPC Regulations") to operate part of an installation carrying out activities covered by the description in Section 5.2 A(1)(a) in Part 1 to Schedule 1 of the PPC Regulations, to the extent authorised by the Permit: i.e.

- (a) The disposal of waste in a landfill receiving more than 10 tonnes of waste in any day or with a total capacity of more than 25,000 tonnes, excluding disposals in landfills taking only inert waste.

Aspects of the operation of the installation which are not regulated by conditions of the Permit are subject to the condition implied by Regulation 12(10) of the PPC Regulations, i.e. the Operator shall use the best available techniques for preventing or, where that is not practicable, reducing emissions from the installation.

Techniques include both the technology used and the way in which the installation is designed, built, maintained, operated and decommissioned.

In some sections of the Permit conditions require the Operator to use Best Available Techniques (BAT), in each of the aspects of the management of the installation, to prevent and where that is not practicable to reduce emissions. The conditions do not explain what is BAT. In determining BAT, the Operator should pay particular attention to relevant sections of the IPPC Sector guidance, appropriate Horizontal guidance and other relevant guidance.

A non-technical description of the installation is given in the Application, but the main features of the installation are as follows.

Disposal of non-hazardous waste continues on this site (by a separate operator) following on from historic disposal of industrial wastes (predominantly blast furnace slag, vegetable based oils) dating back to the 1930s. The site has been used for disposal of municipal and industrial wastes since the early 1980s, following activities involving excavation and recovery of materials within the tip which occurred from the 1960s. The current waste disposal activities cover approximately 14 Hectares of previous deposits of waste. The landfill is situated in the Merddog valley above the village of Waunlwyd. The Nant Merddog stream has previously been piped around the site, along the landfill's Eastern boundary. Cwm Merddog beechwood is adjacent to the landfill on its Southern and Western boundaries, and is designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The landfill, located at the head of a steep-sided valley, has no artificial lining system, but is underlain by a discontinuous layer of natural boulder clay which overlies the weathered bedrock horizon (alternating bands of mudstone and sandstone).

A system is in place for active extraction of landfill gas generated within the landfill. Landfill gas is utilised for energy production (separate operator – see below), and a landfill gas flare is also operational on site. There is existing leachate drainage infrastructure present which is used to collect leachate at the Southern extent, or 'toe' of the landfill into a collection sump via gravity. Leachate is then pumped into a storage/settlement lagoon prior to discharge to foul sewer (this permit regulates these activities once the leachate has been collected – see below for information relating to operators at this installation).

Note that the Permit requires the submission of certain information to the Agency (see Sections 4 and 5). In addition, the Agency has the power to seek further information at any time under regulation 28 to the PPC Regulations provided that it acts reasonably.

**Other PPC Permits relating to this installation**

Permit holder	Permit Number	Date of Issue
Silent Valley Waste Services Limited	MP3835SV	08/11/2005
Novera Energy Generation No. 2 Limited	ZP3535SQ	03/05/2005

**Superseded Licences/Authorisations/Consents relating to this installation**

Holder	Reference Number	Date of Issue
Silent Valley Waste Services Limited	CPA22	22/02/1994

Other activities may take place on the site of this installation which are not regulated under this Permit or any other PPC Permit referred to in the Table above. These activities include

**Other existing Licences/Authorisations/Registrations relating to this site**

Holder	Reference Number	Date of issue
Silent Valley Waste Services Limited	SEW/224 (relating to waste transfer station and treatment plant)	10/09/1998
Silent Valley Waste Services Limited	CPA27 (Alternative Ref 30142) (relating to civic amenity site)	05/08/1994

## Public Registers

Considerable information relating to Permits including the Application is available on public registers in accordance with the requirements of the PPC Regulations. Certain information may be withheld from public registers where it is commercially confidential or contrary to national security.

## Variations to the Permit

This Permit may be varied in the future (by the Agency serving a Variation Notice on the Operator). If the Operator itself wants any of the Conditions of the Permit to be changed, it must submit a formal Application. The Status Log within the Introductory Note to any such Variation Notice will include summary details of this Permit, variations issued up to that point in time and state whether a consolidated version of the Permit has been issued.

## Surrender of the Permit

Before this Permit can be wholly or partially surrendered, an Application to surrender the Permit has to be made by the Operator. For the application to be successful, the Operator must be able to demonstrate to the Agency that there is no pollution risk and that no further steps are required to return the site to a satisfactory state.

### **Transfer of the Permit or part of the Permit**

Before the Permit can be wholly or partially transferred to another person, an Application to transfer the Permit has to be made jointly by the existing and proposed holders. A transfer will be allowed unless the Agency considers that the proposed holder will not be the person who will have control over the operation of the installation or will not comply with the conditions of the transferred Permit. If, however, the Permit authorises the carrying out of a specified waste management activity, the transfer will only be allowed if the proposed holder is also considered to be "a fit and proper person" as required by the PPC Regulations.

### **Talking to us**

Please quote the Permit Number if you contact the Agency about this Permit.

To give a Notification under Condition 5.1.1, the Operator should use the Incident Hotline telephone number (0800 80 70 60) or any other number notified in writing to the Operator by the Agency for that purpose.

### **Status Log**

<b>Detail</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Response Date</b>
Application UP3335SN	Received 09/11/2004	
Permit determined	Issued 08/11/2005	

**End of Introductory Note.**

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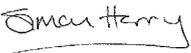
The Environment Agency (the Agency) in exercise of its powers under Regulation 10 of the Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations (SI 2000 No 1973), hereby authorises **Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council** ("the Operator"),

Of/ whose Registered Office (or principal place of business) is  
**Barleyfield Industrial Estate**  
**Brynmawr**  
**County Borough of Blaenau Gwent**  
**NP23 4YF**

**Company registration number:** Not Applicable

to operate part of an Installation at  
**Silent Valley Landfill Site**  
**Beechwood House**  
**Cwm**  
**Ebbw Vale**  
**County Borough of Blaenau Gwent**  
**NP23 6PZ**

to the extent authorised by and subject to the conditions of this Permit.

Signed	Date
	8 November 2005

Simon Harry, Team Leader, Strategic Permitting Group - Aust

Authorised to sign on behalf of the Agency

# Conditions

## 1 General

### 1.1 Permitted Activities

1.1.1 The Operator is authorised to carry out the activities and the associated activities specified in Table 1.1.1.

<b>Table 1.1.1</b>		
<b>Activity listed in Schedule 1 of the PPC Regulations</b>	<b>Description of specified activity</b>	<b>Limits of specified activity</b>
None authorised	None authorised	None authorised
<b>Associated Activity</b>	<b>Description of specified activity</b>	<b>Limits of specified activity</b>
Leachate treatment and disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pumping landfill leachate from reception sump to treatment and disposal facility</li><li>• Receipt of leachate via gravity drain to treatment and disposal facility</li><li>• Receipt of other effluent arising from groundwater pumping activity at the adjacent landfill</li><li>• Settlement of suspended solids from the effluent/leachate within a settlement tank with discharge of treated (settled) leachate/effluent over a weir into a holding tank</li><li>• Discharge of treated leachate from the holding tank to the foul sewer</li><li>• Periodic removal of settled solids from the settlement tank for offsite disposal</li></ul>	<p>The facility shall only be used for the treatment and disposal of leachate and other effluent arising at the Permitted landfill at the Installation</p> <p>No treatment activity shall take place other than settlement of suspended solids by gravity</p> <p>This Permit does not authorise any discharge of leachate/effluent to the Nant Merddog watercourse.</p>

### 1.2 Site

1.2.1 The activities authorised under condition 1.1.1 shall not extend beyond the Site, being the land indicated as 'Lagoon compound and 10 Yd Easement Width of Leachate Discharge Pipe to Public Sewer' on the Site Plan at Schedule 5 to this Permit.

### **1.3 Overarching Management Condition**

- 1.3.1 Without prejudice to the other conditions of this Permit, the Operator shall implement and maintain a management system, organisational structure and allocate resources that are sufficient to achieve compliance with the limits and conditions of this Permit.

### **1.4 Improvement Programme**

- 1.4.1 The Operator shall complete the improvements specified in Table 1.4.1 by the date specified in that table, and shall send written notification of the date of completion of each requirement to the Agency within 14 days of the completion of each such requirement.

**Table 1.4.1: Improvement programme**

Reference	Requirement	Date
1	The Operator shall seal off the overflow from the leachate reception sump (as shown on Figure 3, at Appendix A3 to the Site Report submitted with the Application), to prevent effluent received in the sump overflowing directly to the Nant Merddog immediately following any pump failure.	30 November 2005
2	The Operator shall submit to the Agency the detailed times scales for the improvements proposed in section 1.2.2 of the Arup report titled "Site Report for PPC Application", dated November 2004.	30 November 2005
3	A standby pump shall be provided to ensure that if the primary pump which pumps leachate from the reception sump to the main lagoon fails then equipment is available to prevent occurrence of unauthorised discharge of effluent to the Nant Merddog. A temporary diesel powered standby pump may be provided until such a time as the planned improvement measures identified under Ref 2 above are implemented.	31 January 2006
4	<p>A management procedure shall be established, submitted to the Environment Agency, and incorporated into the normal operational procedures for the current facility, and implemented, by the Operator, that ensures that the reserve pump becomes operational immediately if the main pump fails.</p> <p>The management procedure shall have considered the time to change from the primary to standby pump when the primary pump fails. It will have determined whether there is sufficient storage capacity in the sump to accommodate the change over time. If there is not a sufficient storage capacity assuming a reasonable factor of safety then proposals for providing additional banded containment around the area of the sump shall be provided to ensure that there is no unauthorised discharge of effluent to the Nant Merddog. The design of any banded containment shall consider the possible effects of leachate backing up in the leachate drainage system of the landfill.</p>	31 January 2006
5	<p>The Operator shall carry out an assessment of the impact on the water environment from current emissions of effluent to sewer, in the form of a report.</p> <p>The operator shall use the methodology prescribed in the Agency's guidance 'Environmental Assessment and Appraisal of BAT' (Ref. IPPC H1) in making this assessment.</p> <p>Notwithstanding further improvements which may be necessitated under requirement Ref 7a/b in this Table below, the Operator shall identify key substances present in the effluent, and submit proposed emission limit values for those substances, where appropriate, for approval by the Environment Agency, in the report of the assessment.</p>	31 March 2006

**Table 1.4.1: Improvement programme**

Reference	Requirement	Date
6a	<p>The Operator shall review inspection and planned maintenance procedures for all activities authorised under condition 1.1.1 of this Permit, and submit revised procedures to the Environment Agency.</p> <p>The revised inspection and planned maintenance procedures shall incorporate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>the physical condition of all containment infrastructure at the Site (including an initial review of all available information relating to construction details, including construction quality assurance documentation, for the containment infrastructure), including the pipe conveying effluent to the point (as described in the application) where discharge to the public sewer takes place; and</li><li>regular closed circuit television surveys of the leachate drainage pipes beneath the landfill (the BSC/Armco pipes); and</li><li>the serviceability of the pumps (both the main pump, and the reserve pump provided under improvement programme Ref 3 above) which pump leachate from the reception sump to the main lagoon, in order to prevent pump failure and the consequent occurrence of unauthorised discharge of effluent to the Nant Merddog.</li></ul> <p>This exercise shall be undertaken in accordance with relevant standards specified in forthcoming Environment Agency guidance note 'Technical Guidance for the Treatment of Hazardous and Non Hazardous Landfill Leachate', if available within the timescale specified in this Table.</p>	31 March 2006
6b	<p>The revised inspection and maintenance procedures, if approved in writing by the Environment Agency, shall be implemented by the operator, and shall form part of the normal operating procedures for the authorised activity (Application Ref B2.3)</p>	Immediately, on receipt of written approval from the Environment Agency
7a	<p>The Operator shall undertake a review of all activities undertaken at the Site to investigate whether current procedures and those planned changes in section 1.2.2 of the Arup report titled "Site Report for PPC Application", dated November 2004 represent the Best Available Techniques to manage effluent arising at this installation.</p> <p>The operator shall use the methodology prescribed in the Agency's guidance 'Environmental Assessment and Appraisal of BAT' (Ref. IPPC H1) in making this assessment.</p> <p>This exercise shall also be undertaken in accordance with relevant standards specified in forthcoming Environment Agency guidance note 'Technical Guidance for the Treatment of Hazardous and Non Hazardous Landfill Leachate', if available within the timescale specified in this Table.</p> <p>The operator shall appraise alternative options for</p>	30 June 2006

**Table 1.4.1: Improvement programme**

Reference	Requirement	Date
	<p>management of leachate arising at the Installation in accordance with the above H1 guidance, and identify, where appropriate, alternative means of operation for leachate management at the Site in accordance with Best Available Techniques.</p> <p>Alternative options for management of leachate shall include but not be restricted to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment at this Site, or alternative treatment elsewhere; and</li> <li>• Discharge to controlled water on Site or elsewhere (following treatment); and</li> <li>• Separation of individual effluent streams with consideration of separate management options depending on the degree to which each of those streams is contaminated</li> </ul> <p>The Operator shall provide a written report to the Environment Agency for approval, incorporating the results of the options appraisal, and proposing a programme of actions with a timetable for achieving defined outcomes to ensure that leachate management activities at the Site are consistent with Best Available Techniques.</p>	
7b	Once the Environment Agency has given written approval to the report submitted under 7a above, the Operator shall implement the programme of actions accordingly.	As notified in writing by the Environment Agency

1.4.2 Where the Operator fails to comply with any requirement by the date specified in Table 1.4.1 the Operator shall send written notification of such failure to the Agency within 14 days of such date.

## 1.5 Minor Operational Changes

- 1.5.1 The Operator shall seek the Agency's written agreement to any minor operational changes under condition 2.1.1 of this Permit by sending to the Agency: written notice of the details of the proposed change including an assessment of its possible effects (including waste production) on risks to the environment from the Permitted Installation; any relevant supporting assessments and drawings; and the proposed implementation date.
- 1.5.2 Any such change shall not be implemented until agreed in writing by the Agency. As from the agreed implementation date, the Operator shall operate the Permitted Installation in accordance with that change, and relevant provisions in the Application shall be deemed to be amended.
- 1.5.3 When the qualification "unless otherwise agreed in writing" is used elsewhere in this Permit, the Operator shall seek such agreement by sending to the Agency written notice of the details of the proposed method(s) or techniques.

1.5.4 Any such method(s) or techniques shall not be implemented until agreed in writing by the Agency. As from the agreed implementation date, the Operator shall operate the Permitted Installation using that method or technique, and relevant provisions in the Application and the Site Protection and Monitoring Programme, as the case may be shall be deemed to be amended.

## **1.6 Pre-Operational Conditions**

1.6.1 There are no pre-operational conditions

## **1.7 Off-site Conditions**

1.7.1 There are no off-site conditions

## 2 Operating conditions

### 2.1 In-Process Controls

- 2.1.1 The Permitted Installation shall, subject to the conditions of this Permit, be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in the documentation specified in Table 2.1.1, or as otherwise agreed in writing by the Agency in accordance with conditions 1.5.1 and 1.5.2 of this Permit.

Table 2.1.1: Operating techniques		
Description	Parts	Date Received
Application	The responses given to the following questions in the Application: B2.1 B2.2 B2.3 B2.4 B2.5 B2.6 B2.7.1 B2.7.2 B2.8 B2.9 B2.10 B2.11 B2.12	09/11/2005

- 2.1.2 The Permitted Installation shall, subject to the other conditions of this Permit, be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in the Site Protection and Monitoring Programme submitted under condition 4.1.7 of this Permit (as amended from time to time under condition 4.1.8), or as otherwise agreed in writing by the Agency.

## 2.2 Emissions

### 2.2.1 Emissions to Air, (including heat, but excluding Odour, Noise or Vibration) from Specified Points

- 2.2.1.1 This Part 2.2.1 of this Permit shall not apply to releases of odour, noise or vibration.
- 2.2.1.2 There are no specific controls imposed upon emissions to air in Part 2.2.1 of this Permit.

### 2.2.2 Emissions to water (other than groundwater), including heat, from specified points

- 2.2.2.1 This Part 2.2.2 of this Permit shall not apply to releases of odour, noise or vibration or to releases to groundwater.
- 2.2.2.2 Conditions 2.2.2.3 - 2.2.2.6 shall not apply to emissions to sewer.
- 2.2.2.3 No emission from the Permitted Installation shall be made to water.

#### Emissions to sewer

- 2.2.2.7 Emissions to sewer from the specified emission points in Table 2.2.7 shall only arise from the source(s) specified in that Table.

**Table 2.2.7 Emission points to sewer**

Emission point reference or description	Source	Sewer
Discharge to main sewer at Cendle Terrace, Cwm, as described in the Application.	No liquid shall be discharged to sewer other than liquid received at the Permitted leachate treatment and disposal facility, and arising from the Permitted landfill at the Installation.	Dwr Cymru - Welsh Water

- 2.2.2.8 The limits for the emissions to sewer for the parameter(s) and emission point(s) set out in Table 2.2.8 shall not be exceeded. Once the substances/parameters and emission limit values established under improvement condition 1.4.1, Table 1.4.1 Ref 5 of this Permit have been agreed in writing with the Environment Agency, Table 2.2.8 shall be read as if it contained those agreed limit values.

**Table 2.2.8 : Emission limits and monitoring frequency to sewer**

Emission point reference	Substance / parameter	Limit (including Reference Period)	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring method
Discharge to main sewer at Cendle Terrace, Cwm, as described in the Application.	Volume rate of discharge	No greater than 3000 m3 per day in any one 24 hour period; and	Continuous monitoring	Unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Environment Agency, monitoring methods used shall be in accordance with Environment Agency document 'Guidance on monitoring of landfill leachate, groundwater and surface water' (LFTGN02).
		No greater than 350,000 m3 per year; or		
		As established under improvement condition 1.4.1 Ref 5		
	pH	To be established under improvement condition 1.4.1 Ref 5	Every 3 months, unless otherwise agreed with the Environment Agency	
	Suspended solids	To be established under improvement condition 1.4.1 Ref 5	Every 3 months, unless otherwise agreed with the Environment Agency	
	Other substances/parameters to be established under improvement condition 1.4.1 Ref 5	Other emission limit values to be established under improvement condition 1.4.1 Ref 5	Every 3 months, unless otherwise agreed with the Environment Agency	

## 2.2.3 Emissions to groundwater

2.2.3.1 No emission from the Permitted Installation shall give rise to the introduction into groundwater of any substance in List I (as defined in the Groundwater Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998 No. 2746)).

2.2.3.2 No emission from within the Permitted Installation shall give rise to the introduction into groundwater of any substance in List II (as defined in the Groundwater Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998 No. 2746)) so as to cause pollution (as defined in the Groundwater Regulations 1998 (S.I. 1998 No. 2746)).

2.2.3.3 For substances other than those in List I or II (as defined in the Groundwater Regulations 1998 (SI 1998 No.2746)), the Operator shall use BAT to prevent or where that is not practicable to reduce emissions to groundwater from the Permitted Installation provided always that the techniques used by the Operator shall be no less effective than those described in the Application, .

## 2.2.4 Fugitive emissions of substances to air

2.2.4.1 The Operator shall use BAT so as to prevent or where that is not practicable to reduce fugitive emissions of substances to air from the Permitted Installation in particular from:

- storage areas
- buildings
- pipes, valves and other transfer systems
- open surfaces

provided always that the techniques used by the Operator shall be no less effective than those described in the Application, where relevant.

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## 2.2.5 Fugitive emissions of substances to water and sewer

2.2.5.1 Subject to condition 2.2.5.2 below, the Operator shall use BAT so as to prevent or where that is not practicable to reduce fugitive emissions of substances to water (other than Groundwater) and sewer from the Permitted Installation in particular from:

- all structures under or over ground
- surfacing
- bunding
- storage areas

provided always that the techniques used by the Operator shall be no less effective than those described in the Application, where relevant.

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2.2.5.2 There shall be no release to water that would cause a breach of an EQS established by the UK Government to implement the Dangerous Substances Directive 76/464/EEC.

## 2.2.6 Odour

2.2.6.1 The Operator shall use BAT so as to prevent or where that is not practicable to reduce odorous emissions from the Permitted Installation, in particular by:

- limiting the use of odorous materials
- restricting odorous activities
- controlling the storage conditions of odorous materials
- controlling processing parameters to minimise the generation of odour
- optimising the performance of abatement systems
- timely monitoring, inspection and maintenance
- employing, where appropriate, an approved odour management plan

provided always that the techniques used by the Operator shall be no less effective than those described in the Application, where relevant.

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## 2.2.7 Emissions to Land

2.2.7.1 This Part 2.2.7 of this Permit shall not apply to emissions to groundwater.

2.2.7.2 No emission from the Permitted installation shall be made to land.

## 2.3 Management

2.3.1 A copy of this Permit and those parts of the application referred to in this Permit shall be available, at all times, for reference by all staff carrying out work subject to the requirements of the Permit.

### **Training**

2.3.2 The Permitted Installation shall be supervised by staff who are suitably trained and fully conversant with the requirements of this Permit.

2.3.3 All staff shall be fully conversant with those aspects of the Permit conditions which are relevant to their duties and shall be provided with adequate professional technical development and training and written operating instructions to enable them to carry out their duties.

2.3.4 The Operator shall maintain a record of the skills and training requirements for all staff whose tasks in relation to the Permitted Installation may have an impact on the environment and shall keep records of all relevant training.

### **Maintenance**

2.3.5 All plant and equipment used in operating the Permitted Installation, the failure of which could lead to an adverse impact on the environment, shall be maintained in good operating condition.

2.3.6 The Operator shall maintain a record of relevant plant and equipment covered by condition 2.3.5 and for such plant and equipment:

2.3.6.1 a written or electronic maintenance programme; and

2.3.6.2 records of its maintenance.

### **Incidents and Complaints**

2.3.7 The Operator shall maintain and implement written procedures for:

2.3.7.1 taking prompt remedial action, investigating and reporting actual or potential non-compliance with operating procedures or emission limits and if such event occur;

2.3.7.2 investigating incidents, (including any malfunction, breakdown or failure of plant, equipment or techniques, down time, any short term and long term remedial measures and near misses) and prompt implementation of appropriate actions; and

2.3.7.3 ensuring that detailed records are made of all such actions and investigations.

2.3.8 The Operator shall record and investigate complaints concerning the Permitted Installation's effects or alleged effects on the environment. The record shall give the date and nature of complaint, time of complaint, name of complainant (if given), a summary of any investigation and the results of such investigation and any actions taken.

## 2.4 Efficient use of raw materials

2.4.1 The Operator shall -

- 2.4.1.1 maintain the raw materials table or description submitted in response to Section 2.4 of the Application and in particular consider on a periodic basis whether there are suitable alternative materials to reduce environmental impact;
- 2.4.1.2 carry out periodic waste minimisation audits and water use efficiency audits. If such an audit has not been carried out in the 2 years prior to the issue of this Permit, then the first such audit shall take place within 2 years of its issue. The methodology used and an action plan for increasing the efficiency of the use of raw materials or water shall be submitted to the Agency within 2 months of completion of each such audit and a review of the audit and a description of progress made against the action plan shall be submitted to the Agency at least every 4 years thereafter; and
- 2.4.1.3 ensure that incoming water use is directly measured and recorded.

## 2.5 Waste Storage and Handling

- 2.5.1 The Operator shall design, maintain and operate all facilities for the storage and handling of waste on the Permitted installation such that there are no releases to water or land during normal operation and that emissions to air and the risk of accidental release to water or land are minimised.
- 2.5.2 The Operator shall use BAT so as to prevent or where that is not practicable to reduce emissions of litter from the Permitted Installation provided always that the techniques used by the Operator shall be no less effective than those described in the Application, where relevant.

## 2.6 Waste recovery or disposal

2.6.1 Waste produced at the Permitted Installation shall be:

- 2.6.1.1 recovered to no lesser extent than described in the Application; and
  - 2.6.1.2 where not recovered, disposed of while avoiding or reducing any impacts on the environment provided always that this is not done in any way that would have a greater effect on the environment than that described in the Application.
- 2.6.2 The Operator shall maintain the waste recovery or disposal table or description submitted in response to Section 2.6 of the Application and in particular review the available options for waste recovery and disposal for the purposes of complying with condition 2.6.1 above.
- 2.6.3 The Operator shall maintain and implement a system which ensures that a record is made of the quantity, composition, origin, destination (including whether this is a recovery or disposal operation) and where relevant removal date of any waste that is produced at the Permitted Installation.

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2.6.4 The Operator shall maintain and implement a system which ensures that a record is made of the quantity, composition, origin and delivery date of any waste that is received for disposal or recovery at the Permitted Installation.

## 2.7 Energy Efficiency

2.7.1 The Operator shall produce a report on the energy consumed at the Permitted Installation over the previous calendar year, by 31 January each year, providing the information required by condition 4.1.2.

2.7.2 The Operator shall maintain and update annually an energy management system which shall include, in particular, the monitoring of energy flows and targeting of areas for improving energy efficiency.

2.7.3 The Operator shall design, maintain and operate the Permitted Installation so as to secure energy efficiency, taking into account relevant guidance including the Agency's Energy Efficiency Horizontal Guidance Note as from time to time amended. Energy efficiency shall be secured in particular by:

- ensuring that the appropriate operating and maintenance systems are in place;
- ensuring that all plant is adequately insulated to minimise energy loss or gain;
- ensuring that all appropriate containment methods, (e.g. seals and self-closing doors) are employed and maintained to minimise energy loss;
- employing appropriate basic controls, such as simple sensors and timers, to avoid unnecessary discharge of heated water or air;
- where building services constitute more than 5% of the total energy consumption of the installation, identifying and employing the appropriate energy efficiency techniques for building services, having regard in particular to the Building services part of the Agency's Energy Efficiency Horizontal Guidance Note H2; and

maintaining and implementing an energy efficiency plan which identifies energy saving techniques that are applicable to the activities and their associated environmental benefit and prioritises them, having regard to the appraisal method in the Agency's Energy Efficiency Horizontal Guidance Note H2.

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## 2.8 Accident prevention and control

2.8.1 The Operator shall maintain and implement when necessary the accident management plan submitted or described in response to Section 2.8 of the Application. The plan shall be reviewed at least every 2 years or as soon as practicable after an accident, whichever is the earlier, and the Agency notified of the results of the review within 2 months of its completion.

## 2.9 Noise and Vibration

2.9.1 The Operator shall use BAT so as to prevent or where that is not practicable to reduce emissions of noise and vibration from the Permitted Installation, in particular by:

- equipment maintenance, eg. of fans, pumps, motors, conveyors and mobile plant;
- use and maintenance of appropriate attenuation, eg. silencers, barriers, enclosures;
- timing and location of noisy activities and vehicle movements;

- periodic checking of noise emissions, either qualitatively or quantitatively; and
- maintenance of building fabric,

provided always that the techniques used by the Operator shall be no less effective than those described in the Application, where relevant.

## 2.10 On-site Monitoring

- 2.10.1 The Operator shall maintain and implement an emissions monitoring programme which ensures that emissions are monitored from the specified points, for the parameters listed in and to the frequencies and methods described in Tables 2.2.8 unless otherwise agreed in writing, and that the results of such monitoring are assessed. The programme shall ensure that monitoring is carried out under an appropriate range of operating conditions.
- 2.10.5 The Operator shall notify the Agency at least 14 days in advance of undertaking monitoring and/ or spot sampling, where such notification has been requested in writing by the Agency.
- 2.10.6 The Operator shall maintain records of all monitoring taken or carried out (this includes records of the taking and analysis of samples instrument measurements (periodic and continual), calibrations, examinations, tests and surveys) and any assessment or evaluation made on the basis of such data.
- 2.10.7 Monitoring equipment, techniques, personnel and organisations employed for the emissions monitoring programme in condition 2.10.1 of this Permit shall have either MCERTS certification or MCERTS accreditation (as appropriate) unless otherwise agreed in writing.
- 2.10.8 There shall be provided:
- 2.10.8.1 safe and permanent means of access to enable sampling/monitoring to be carried out in relation to the emission points specified in Schedule 2 to this Permit, unless otherwise specified in that Schedule; and
  - 2.10.8.2 safe means of access to other sampling/monitoring points when required by the Agency.
- 2.10.9 The Operator shall carry out the on-going monitoring identified in the Site Protection and Monitoring Programme submitted under condition 4.1.7, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Agency.
- 2.10.10 The Operator shall, within 6 months of the issue of this Permit, in accordance with and using the format given in the Land Protection Guidance:
- 2.10.10.1 collect the site reference data identified in the Site Protection and Monitoring Programme submitted under condition 4.1.7, and
  - 2.10.10.2 report that site reference data to the Agency,
    - unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Agency.

## 2.11 Closure and Decommissioning

- 2.11.1 The Operator shall maintain and operate the Permitted Installation so as to prevent or minimise any pollution risk, including the generation of waste, on closure and decommissioning in particular by:-
- 2.11.1.1 attention to the design of new plant or equipment;
  - 2.11.1.2 the maintenance of a record of any events which have, or might have, impacted on the condition of the site along with any further investigation or remediation work carried out; and
  - 2.11.1.3 the maintenance of a site closure plan to demonstrate that the installation can be decommissioned avoiding any pollution risk and returning the site of operation to a satisfactory state.

- 2.11.2 Notwithstanding condition 2.11.1 of this Permit, the Operator shall carry out a full review of the Site Closure Plan at least every 4 years.
- 2.11.3 The site closure plan shall be implemented on final cessation or decommissioning of the Permitted activities or part thereof.
- 2.11.4 The Operator shall give at least 30 days written notice to the Agency before implementing the site closure plan.

## **2.12 Multiple Operator installations**

- 2.12.1 The following conditions apply as a result of interactions between the Permits covering this installation : -
- 2.12.2 The operator shall at all times during the subsistence of this Permit allow the operator of the landfill at this Installation (authorised and controlled separately under PPC Permit MP3835SV) to safely discharge effluent arising at the landfill to the Leachate Treatment and Disposal Facility authorised and controlled under this Permit.

## **2.13 Transfer to effluent treatment plant**

- 2.13.1 No transfers to effluent treatment plant are controlled under this part of this Permit.

### 3 Records

- 3.1 The Operator shall ensure that all records required to be made by this Permit and any other records made by it in relation to the operation of the Permitted Installation shall:-
- 3.1.1 be made available for inspection by the Agency at any reasonable time;
  - 3.1.2 be supplied to the Agency on demand and without charge;
  - 3.1.3 be legible;
  - 3.1.4 be made as soon as reasonably practicable;
  - 3.1.5 indicate any amendments which have been made and shall include the original record wherever possible;
  - 3.1.6 be retained at the Permitted Installation, or other location agreed by the Agency in writing, for a minimum period of 4 years from the date when the records were made, unless otherwise agreed in writing; and
  - 3.1.7 where they concern the condition of the site of the Installation or are related to the implementation of the Site Protection and Monitoring Programme, be kept at the Permitted Installation, or other location agreed by the Agency in writing, until all parts of the Permit have been surrendered.

## 4 Reporting

- 4.1.1 All reports and written and or oral notifications required by this Permit and notifications required by Regulation 16 of the PPC Regulations shall be made or sent to the Agency using the contact details notified in writing to the Operator by the Agency.
- 4.1.2 The Operator shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing, submit reports of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the conditions of this permit, as follows:-
- 4.1.2.1 in respect of the parameters and emission points specified in Table S2 to Schedule 2;
  - 4.1.2.2 for the reporting periods specified in Table S2 to Schedule 2 and using the forms specified in Table S3 to Schedule 3;
  - 4.1.2.3 giving the information from such results and assessments as may be required by the forms specified in those Tables; and
  - 4.1.2.4 to the Agency within 28 days of the end of the reporting period.
- 4.1.3 The Operator shall submit to the Agency a report on the performance of the Permitted Installation over the previous year, by 31 January each year, providing the information listed in Tables S4.1 and S4.2 of Schedule 4, assessed at any frequency specified therein, and using the form specified in Table S3 to Schedule 3.
- 4.1.4 The Operator shall review fugitive emissions, having regard to the application of Best Available Techniques, on an annual basis, or such other period as shall be agreed in writing by the Agency, and a summary report on this review shall be sent to the Agency detailing such releases and the measures taken to reduce them within 3 months of the end of such period.
- 4.1.5 Where the Operator has a formal environmental management system applying to the Permitted Installation which encompasses annual improvement targets the Operator shall, not later than 31 January in each year, provide a summary report of the previous year's progress against such targets.
- 4.1.6 The Operator shall, within 6 months of receipt of written notice from the Agency, submit to the Agency a report assessing whether all appropriate preventive measures continue to be taken against pollution, in particular through the application of the best available techniques, at the installation. The report shall consider any relevant published technical guidance current at the time of the notice which is either supplied with or referred to in the notice, and shall assess the costs and benefits of applying techniques described in that guidance, or otherwise identified by the Operator, that may provide environmental improvement.
- 4.1.7 The Operator shall, within two months of the date of this permit, submit a detailed Site Protection and Monitoring Programme, in accordance with and using the appropriate template format given in the Land Protection Guidance. The Operator shall implement and maintain the Site Protection and Monitoring Programme (SPMP) submitted under condition 4.1.7, and shall carry out regular reviews of it at a minimum frequency of every 2 years. The results of such reviews and any changes made to the SPMP shall be reported to the Agency within [1 month] of the review or change.

## 5 Notifications

5.1.1 The Operator shall notify the Agency **without delay** of:-

- 5.1.1.1 the detection of an emission of any substance which exceeds any limit or criterion in this Permit specified in relation to the substance;
- 5.1.1.2 the detection of any fugitive emission which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution;
- 5.1.1.3 the detection of any malfunction, breakdown or failure of plant or techniques which has caused, is causing or has the potential to cause significant pollution; and
- 5.1.1.4 any accident which has caused, is causing or has the potential to cause significant pollution.

5.1.2 The Operator shall submit written confirmation to the Agency of any notification under condition 5.1.1, by sending:-

- 5.1.2.1 the information listed in Part A of Schedule 1 to this Permit within 24 hours of such notification; and
- 5.1.2.2 the more detailed information listed in Part B of that Schedule as soon as practicable thereafter;

and such information shall be in accordance with that Schedule.

5.1.3 The Operator shall give written notification as soon as practicable prior to any of the following:-

- 5.1.3.1 permanent cessation of the operation of part or all of the Permitted Installation;
- 5.1.3.2 cessation of operation of part or all of the Permitted Installation for a period likely to exceed 1 year; and
- 5.1.3.3 resumption of the operation of part or all of the Permitted Installation after a cessation notified under condition 5.1.3.2.

5.1.4 The Operator shall notify the Agency, as soon as reasonably practicable, of any information concerning the state of the Site which adds to that provided to the Agency as part of the Application or to that in the Site Protection and Monitoring Programme submitted under condition 4.1.7 of this Permit.

5.1.5 The Operator shall notify the following matters to the Agency in writing within 14 days of their occurrence:-

5.1.5.1 where the Operator is a registered company:-

- any change in the Operator's trading name, registered name or registered office address;
- any change to particulars of the Operator's ultimate holding company (including details of an ultimate holding company where an Operator has become a subsidiary)
- any steps taken with a view to the Operator going into administration, entering into a company voluntary arrangement or being wound up;

5.1.5.2 where the Operator is a corporate body other than a registered company:

- any change in the Operator's name or address;
- any steps taken with a view to the dissolution of the Operator.

5.1.5.3 In any other case: -

- the death of any of the named Operators (where the Operator consists of more than one named individual);
- any change in the Operator's name(s) or address(es);
- any steps taken with a view to the Operator, or any one of them, going into bankruptcy,

entering into a composition or arrangement with creditors, or, in the case them being in a partnership, dissolving the partnership;

5.1.6 Where the Operator has entered into a Climate Change Agreement with the Government, the Operator shall notify the Agency within one month of:-

5.1.6.1 a decision by the Secretary of State not to re-certify that Agreement.

5.1.6.2 a decision by either the Operator or the Secretary of State to terminate that agreement.

5.1.6.3 any subsequent decision by the Secretary of State to re-certify such an Agreement.

5.1.7 Where the Operator has entered into a Direct Participant Agreement in the Emissions Trading Scheme which covers emissions relating to the energy consumption of the activities, the Operator shall notify the Agency within one month of:-

5.1.7.1 a decision by the Operator to withdraw from or the Secretary of State to terminate that agreement.

5.1.7.2 a failure to comply with an annual target under that Agreement at the end of the trading compliance period.

## 6 Interpretation

6.1.1 In this Permit, the following expressions shall have the following meanings:-

*"Application"* means the application for this Permit, together with any response to a notice served under Schedule 4 to the PPC Regulations and any operational change agreed under the conditions of this Permit.

*"background concentration"* means such concentration of that substance as is present in:

- water supplied to the site; or
- where more than 50% of the water used at the site is directly abstracted from ground or surface water on site, the abstracted water; or
- where the Permitted Installation uses no significant amount of supplied or abstracted water, the precipitation on to the site.

*"BAT"* means best available techniques means the most effective and advanced stage of development of activities and their methods of operation which indicates the practical suitability of particular techniques to prevent and where that is not practicable to reduce emissions and the impact on the environment as a whole. For these purposes: "available techniques" means "those techniques which have been developed on a scale which allows implementation in the relevant industrial sector, under economically and technically viable conditions, taking into consideration the cost and advantages, whether or not the techniques are used or produced inside the United Kingdom, as long as they are reasonably accessible to the operator"; "best" means "in relation to techniques, the most effective in achieving a high general level of protection of the environment as a whole" and "techniques" "includes both the technology used and the way in which the installation is designed, built, maintained, operated and decommissioned." . In addition, Schedule 2 of the PPC Regulations has effect in relation to the determination of BAT.

*"Fugitive emission"* means an emission to air or water (including sewer) from the Permitted Installation which is not controlled by an emission or background concentration limit under conditions 2.2.1.3, 2.2.2.4, 2.2.2.5, 2.2.2.8 or 2.2.2.9 of this Permit.

*"Groundwater"* means all water which is below the surface of the ground in the saturation zone and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil.

*"Land Protection Guidance"* means the version of the Agency guidance note "H7 - Guidance on the Protection of Land under the PPC Regime: Application Site Report and Site Protection and Monitoring Programme", including its appended templates for data reporting, which is current at the time of issue of the Permit.

*"MCERTS"* means the Environment Agency's Monitoring Certification Scheme.

*"Monitoring"* includes the taking and analysis of samples, instrumental measurements (periodic and continual), calibrations, examinations, tests and surveys.

*"Permitted Installation"* means the activities and the limits to those activities described in Table 1.1.1 of this Permit.

*"PPC Regulations"* means the Pollution, Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2000 No.1973 (as amended) and words and expressions defined in the PPC Regulations shall have the same meanings when used in this Permit save to the extent they are specifically defined in this Permit.

*"Sewer"* means sewer within the meaning of section 219(1) of the Water Industry Act 1991.

*"Staff"* includes employees, directors or other officers of the Operator, and any other person under the Operator's direct or indirect control, including contractors.

*"Year"* means calendar year ending 31 December.

- 6.1.2 Where a minimum limit is set for any emission parameter, for example pH, reference to exceeding the limit shall mean that the parameter shall not be less than that limit.
- 6.1.4 Where any condition of this Permit refers to the whole or parts of different documents, in the event of any conflict between the wording of such documents, the wording of the document(s) with the most recent date shall prevail to the extent of such conflict.

## Schedule 1 - Notification of abnormal emissions

This page outlines the information that the Operator must provide to satisfy conditions 5.1.1 and 5.1.2 of this Permit.

Units of measurement used in information supplied under Part A and B requirements shall be appropriate to the circumstances of the emission. Where appropriate, a comparison should be made of actual emissions and authorised emission limits.

If any information is considered commercially confidential, it should be separated from non-confidential information, supplied on a separate sheet and accompanied by an application for commercial confidentiality under the provisions of the PPC Regulations.

### Part A

Permit Number	
Name of Operator	
Location of Installation	
Location of the emission	
Time and date of the emission	

Substance(s) emitted	Media	Best estimate of the quantity or the rate of emission	Time during which the emission took place
	<i>eg air</i>		
	<i>eg groundwater</i>		

Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop the emission	
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### Part B

Any more accurate information on the matters for notification under Part A.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to prevent a recurrence of the incident	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to rectify, limit or prevent any pollution of the environment or harm which has been or may be caused by the emission	
The dates of any unauthorised emissions from the installation in the preceding 24 months.	

Name*	
Post	
Signature	
Date	

\* authorised to sign on behalf of BLAENAU GWENT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Schedule 2 - Reporting of monitoring data

Parameters for which reports shall be made, in accordance with conditions 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 of this Permit, are listed below.

<b>Table S2: Reporting of monitoring data</b>			
<b>Substance/ Parameter</b>	<b>Emission point</b>	<b>Reporting period</b>	<b>Period begins</b>
<i>Substance/Parameter as specified in Table 2.2.8 of this Permit</i>	<i>Emission point as specified in Table 2.2.8 of this Permit</i>	<i>Every 3 months</i>	<i>On issue of Permit, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Environment Agency</i>
<i>Energy usage</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<i>Annually</i>	<i>On issue of Permit, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Environment Agency</i>

## Schedule 3 - Forms to be used

Table S3: Reporting Forms		
Media / parameter	Form Number	Date of Form
Sewer	S2	
Energy	E1	

## Schedule 4 - Reporting of performance data

Data required to be recorded and reported by Condition 4.1.3. The data should be assessed at the frequency given and reported annually to the Agency.

**Table S4.1: Annual Production/Treatment**

<i>Quantity of effluent received at Site and discharged to sewer</i>	<i>Volume (m<sup>3</sup>)</i>
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**Table S4.2: Performance parameters**

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Frequency assessment</b>	<b>of</b>	<b>Performance indicator</b>
<i>Quantity of sludge collected</i>	<i>Annually</i>		<i>Mass of sludge (tonnes)/volume of effluent discharged to sewer (m<sup>3</sup>)</i>

# Schedule 5 - Site Plan

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