



EPR Compliance Assessment Report

Report ID: VP3132LJ/0237893

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Site	Mwyndy Solid Fuel Briquette Manufacturer EA/EPR/VP3132LJ/V002	Permit Ref	VP3132LJ		
Operator/ Permit holder	Maxibrite Ltd				
Date	22/04/2015	Time in	09:30	Out	10:50
What parts of the permit were assessed	Detailed in report				
Assessment	Site Inspection	EPR Activity:	Installation	X	Waste Op
Recipient's name/position	Simon Gilbody				
Officer's name	Toby Griffiths	Date issued	22/04/2015		

Section 1 - Compliance Assessment Summary

This is based on the requirements of the permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations. A detailed explanation and any action you may need to take are given in the "Detailed Assessment of Compliance" (section 3). 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

Condition(s) breached

a) Permitted activities	1. Specified by permit	N	
b) Infrastructure	1. Engineering for prevention & control of pollution	N	
	2. Closure & decommissioning	N	
	3. Site drainage engineering (clean & foul)	A	
	4. Containment of stored materials	A	
	5. Plant and equipment	N	
c) General management	1. Staff competency/ training	N	
	2. Management system & operating procedures	A	
	3. Materials acceptance	N	
	4. Storage handling, labelling, segregation	A	
d) Incident management	1. Site security	N	
	2. Accident, emergency & incident planning	N	
e) Emissions	1. Air	N	
	2. Land & Groundwater	N	
	3. Surface water	A	
	4. Sewer	N	
	5. Waste	N	
f) Amenity	1. Odour	A	
	2. Noise	N	
	3. Dust/fibres/particulates	A	
	4. Pests, birds & scavengers	N	
	5. Deposits on road	N	
g) Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting	1. Monitoring of emissions & environment	N	
	2. Records of activity, site diary, journal & events	N	
	3. Maintenance records	N	
	4. Reporting & notification	N	
h) Resource efficiency	1. Efficient use of raw materials	N	
	2. Energy	N	

KEY: C1, C2, C3, C4 = CCS breach category (* suspended scores are marked with an asterisk),
A = Assessed (no evidence of non-compliance), N = Not assessed, NA = Not Applicable, O = Ongoing non-compliance – not scored

Number of breaches recorded	0	Total compliance score (see section 5 for scoring scheme)	0
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If the Total No Breaches is greater than zero, then please see Section 3 for details of 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 (e.g. 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 suspended or consolidated scores.
- details of advice given
- any other areas of concern
- all actions requested
- any examples of good practice.
- a reference to photos taken

This report should be clear, comprehensive, unambiguous and normally completed within 14 days of an assessment.

Site visit (unannounced) 22nd April 2015

Simon Gilbody (SG) accompanied the NRW officer on site.

Areas of focus

1. Dust control / stock control
2. EMS
3. Site changes
4. W1 Discharge
5. Odour monitoring
6. Thermal oxidiser

1. Dust / stock control

The weather has been dry for an extended period. Weather during the visit was warm, sunny with light winds and occasional gusts. Upon arrival outside the site, NRW was pleased to see that a gantry water spray was in operation over the site road. The process was not operating during the visit as the site is undergoing maintenance work. SG confirmed that they have not operated in April.

There was no evidence of significant wind-blown dust, though the road way outside site did appear to be dusty. This is outside of the site boundary and is shared with traffic visiting neighbouring sites. The proposed rain cannon was discussed and when installed, should provide dust suppression on the stockpiles of coal fines in external yards.

Coal fines stocks have again been reduced in the yard areas. SG hopes that this will allow more bays to be created to control the piles more effectively, and to store more stock in covered areas. This should help to reduce dust and the quantities of fines entering the site water system. NRW has not received dust complaints during this period which is encouraging.

2. EMS

SG noted they had recently had their Green Dragon Level 4 annual audit, which is expected to be successful. This is encouraging news.

3. Site changes

The parent company Hargreaves, have been implementing changes on site. One effect of this is that Bob Evans is no longer employed on site. SG is now acting as Operations Manager, with John Keenan still employed in support. Hargreaves have also nominated Mike Littleford to be the Operations Director with responsibility for a number of sites including Maxibrite. He visits site on a weekly basis. SG explained that Hargreaves is continuing to roll out their company policies and procedures, with particular focus on Health and Safety. The environmental aspects are also expected to benefit.

As part of the Health and Safety improvements, NRW notes that access to lagoon 3 is via a path which can be hazardous in certain conditions, and requests that this is addressed. In addition,

the steps to W1 are steep and would benefit from a hand rail.

4. W1

The water discharge point was visited and was running clear. Mwyndy Brook was also clear. Once sufficient data have been collected, NRW will seek to reduce permit limits in line with the sector benchmarks.

5. Odour monitoring

SG reported that the most recent sample had a significantly different result from the first, in that the levels of odour detected by the panel *were different*. SG is not sure of the reason for this. NRW recommends that further samples are collected to give sufficient data to allow confidence in the results.

6. Thermal oxidiser (incinerator)

As the process was not running, the thermal oxidiser (TO) was not operating. However, the control room was visited and the temperature gauge for the TO indicated 15 °C which matched current ambient temperature. This indicates that the gauge is functioning correctly.

No non compliances were issued for this visit. A pre-arranged visit will be planned for later in the year.

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Section 3- Enforcement Response

Only one of the boxes below should be ticked

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.

In respect of the above non-compliance you have been issued with a warning. At present we do not intend to take further enforcement action. This does not preclude us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.

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

Section 4- Action(s)

Where non-compliance has been detected and an enforcement response has been selected above, this section summarises the steps you need to take to return to compliance and also provides timescales for this to be done.

Criteria Ref.	CCS Category	Action Required/Advised	Due Date
See Section 1 above			

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 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 which 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 fulfill 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 (e.g. 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 and taking any resulting action
- preventing breaches of environmental law
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving its service
- Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information Regulations request.

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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 twenty 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?

If you are unable to resolve the issue with your site officer, you should firstly discuss the matter with the officer's line managers. 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.

