

Compliance Assessment Report

Report ID:
CAR_NRW0035028

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

Site	Pwllheli Creamery EPR/BL9941IC	Permit Ref	BL9941IC		
Operator/Permit holder	SOUTH CAERNARFON CREAMERIES LTD				
Regime	Installations				
Date of assessment	16/07/2019	Time in	N/A	Out	N/A
Assessment type	Report/Data Review				
Parts of the permit assessed	Apr - June Returns				
Lead officer's name	Frost, Julia				
Accompanied by					
Recipient's name/position	Gwyn Jones/ Quality Assurance Manager	Date issued	16/07/2019		

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

A review of the monitoring return submissions for Apr - Jun 2019 has been carried out and highlighted the following.

Apr - Monitoring returns were submitted within the timescales required by the permit. The returns highlight a breach of permit emission limit values.

On 12 to 14 April 2019 the volume limit (700 m³/day) is reported as being exceeded, results 727, 761 and 710 m³ respectively, the flow rate was also exceeded on 13 and 14 April.

Category 3 breach of condition 3.1.2, volume / flow.

A Part A/B was received for these breaches which are believed to be as a result of a volume surge and the pump has been slowed to ensure that the limits are not exceeded.

On 12 April 2019 the suspended solids limit (30 mg/l) is reported as being exceeded (31 mg/l). The chloride result (537 mg/l) on this day is also in excess of the limit (520 mg/l).

On 17 April 2019 the chloride result (568 mg/l) is reported as exceeding the limit (520 mg/l)

Category 3 breach of condition 3.1.2, chloride.

A Part A/B was received for these exceedances, the dosing was adjusted to bring the chloride into compliance and desludging was increased to reduce the suspended solids.

May - Monitoring returns were submitted within the timescales required by the permit. The returns highlight a breach of permit emission limit values.

On 3 May 2019 the ammonia limit (6 mg/l) is reported as being exceeded (6.95 mg/l).

Category 3 breach of condition 3.1.2, ammonia.

In the short term additional dosing was carried out to reduce the ammonia.

Jun - Monitoring returns were submitted within the timescales required by the permit. The report confirms that all emissions were compliant with the emission limit values.

The Operator should continue to ensure that emission limit breaches are investigated and measures put in place to return to compliance as soon as possible. As a long term solution the Operator has advised that they are looking at improvements to the effluent treatment plant. Please keep NRW updated on progress with this. Short term improvements have been put in place namely, replacing the Reverse Osmosis membrane and additional aeration equipment

installed in May. Since this time there have been no emission limit breaches.

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.

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	See CAR form text	17/07/2019
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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

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.

Disclosure of information

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?

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

If you would like this form in Welsh please contact your Regulatory Officer.