

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0039165

Permit being assessed: CG0352501

For: QINETIQ LLANBEDR LLANBEDR, held by ANCALA WATER SERVICES (ESTATES) LIMITED

At: QINETIQ LLANBEDR, LLANBEDR, GWYNEDD, WALES, LL45 2PX.

Type of assessment carried out: Check Monitoring/Sampling, Reason: Routine.

On 20/07/2021.

Parts of permit assessed: As below.

NRW Lead Officer: Leon Williams.

Report sent to: Louise Fish, Senior Asset Compliance Analyst, on 13/01/2022.

1. Summary of our findings (full details in section 4)

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
WQ-B1 - Operations - Permitted activities	C3 Minor	8.(i)

Result types are explained in more detail in the 'Important Information' section below.

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
WQ-B1	Continue to routinely monitor discharge quality.	13/01/2023

Action criteria codes are listed in the 'Important information' section below.

3. What will happen next?

Any non-compliance we have identified and recorded on this form is an offence. It can result in criminal prosecution and/or suspension or revocation of your permit.

At this time, we do not intend to take any further action.

This statement does not stop us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant information comes to light or offences continue.

4. Details of our assessment

This CAR form has been completed in response to a self-reported permit breach made by Ancala Water Services (ESTATES) Limited to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) on the 27th of July 2021. (NRW reference WIRS: 2106443).

A sample of the discharge was taken by Ancala at Llanbedr Airfield Sewage Treatment Plant (permit CG0352501) on the 20th of July 2021.

The sample returned a result of 101m/g for biological oxygen demand (BOD).

The limit for biological oxygen demand (BOD) as required by permit CG0352501 is 40m/g.

A CCS category score 3 has been recorded for this non-compliance as the discharge could have caused a minor adverse environmental effect.

NRW would recommend that routine monitoring of the discharge continues at the works and any future breaches are reported to us.

A visit was conducted to Llanbedr Airfield STW by NRW Officers Leon Williams, Simon, Roberts and Katrina Jenkinson on the 12th of January 2022.

Whilst no issues were identified during the visit, NRW would further recommend that a telemetry system is installed at the site so continuous monitoring of the works can be delivered.

The BOD breach identified on the 20th of July 2021 is nearly x2.5 times above the permitted level and a telemetry system would allow swift identification of any future potential decreases in final effluent quality. Any required remediation works could then to be acted upon in good time.

NRW understand that the pumping station associated with the works is alarmed but no further data is recorded other than when the works is physically inspected by Ancala.

Summary of breaches noted upon this inspection:

CAR sub criteria – B1 – Permitted Activities, Permit condition 8 (i), Compliance Classification Scheme Score Category 3.

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If you have any queries about this report, or to discuss completion of any actions, please contact the NRW Officer named above.

Important information

Legal status of this report

Your permit is issued to you under the Environmental Permitting Regulations. You have a responsibility to comply with the conditions of your permit and prevent pollution/harm to the environment. You must also ensure that you comply with any other relevant legislation that may apply to your site's operations.

This report explains the findings of our assessment and any action you are required to take. We categorise non-compliance using our guidance for assessing non-compliance at regulated sites.

When we find potential non-compliance/s we will normally give you advice on how to maintain compliance.

To correct non-compliance, we may:

- require you to take specific actions
- issue a notice
- review the conditions of your permit.

Any advice and guidance we give will be without prejudice to any other enforcement response that we consider may be required.

Assessment results and non-compliance categories (used in section 1):

Assessment result	Description
Assessed (A)	Assessed or assessed in part, no evidence of non-compliance found
Action only (X)	Action only relating to the activity assessment
Ongoing (O)	Ongoing non-compliance, not scored

Non-compliance category	Description
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property

If your assessment result in Section 1 is suspended, what does this mean?

In line with our guidance, we may suspend non-compliance for up to six months to allow time for remedial action to be taken. These will be re-instated if the action is not completed.

Full list of water quality action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):**WQ A: Management**

- WQ-A1 General management

WQ B: Operations

- WQ-B1 Permitted activities
- WQ-B2 The site
- WQ-B3 Operating techniques
- WQ-B4 Improvement programme
- WQ-B5 Pre-operational conditions

WQ C: Emissions and monitoring

- WQ-C1 Emissions to water
- WQ-C2 Emissions to land
- WQ-C3 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits
- WQ-C4 Installation of monitoring boreholes

WQ D: Information

- WQ-D1 Records
- WQ-D2 Reporting
- WQ-D3 Notifications

Enforcement response

Any permit condition non-compliance is an offence and we may take legal action against you. Action we take can include prosecution, serving a notice on you and/or suspension or revocation of your permit. See our Enforcement and Sanctions Guidance for further information.

Data protection notice

You should make sure that anyone named in this report knows that the information it contains will be processed by Natural Resources Wales to fulfil its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s).

We may also use and/or disclose the report in connection with:

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- 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
- assessing customer service satisfaction and improving our service
- Freedom of Information Act or Environmental Information Regulations requests.

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What do I do if I disagree with the report or have a complaint?

If you disagree with this compliance assessment report, you should contact the lead officer without delay to discuss your concerns.

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