

Griffiths Waste Management

Improvement Plan

05/09/2014

A site inspection of Griffiths Waste Management was conducted on 16th May 2014. During the inspection compliance issues were raised. This document highlights those issues raised and sets out timescales for improvements to be made

(This document refers to the site and operations covered by the environmental permit ref: EAWML 100069)

Timescales for completion of works will be made under agreement by Natural Resources Wales and Griffiths Waste Management.

Compliance Issues:

1. Waste Storage

It is noted that Griffiths Waste Management has commissioned an independent Fire Risk Assessment relating to storage of waste. During the inspection measurements of fire breaks were taken. It was found that at least 3 of the firebreaks were non-compliant with this fire risk assessment.

A priority action is that waste is stored in line with the measurements set out in the fire risk assessment.



Please note that there should be a clear break between the waste piles and the bund on the left of the site.

Also, the channels between the waste piles should be clear from waste.



The bund and loading platform on site appear to be constructed from waste materials (sawdust, wood chip, shredded wood). This is a permanent deposit of waste and must be removed. It is suggested that a phased approach is taken in removing this material from site. Should there be a need/requirement for a loading platform and/or bund. These should be constructed from appropriate materials and have the relevant permissions. It is suggested the local planning authority are consulted on these structures.



The document titled 'An Assessment of the Potential Impact to the Aquatic Compartment for GPS Wood Recycling Activities' states that waste is stored on site no longer than 7 days (4 weeks in summer) and as a result no leachate will be produced. However, leachate has been noticed on site by the loading platform.



Waste cannot be stored for longer than 3 years in accordance with landfill regulations. There is a large volume of waste stored on site and steps should be taken to reduce these volumes and ensure that waste is stored no longer than 3 years.

2. Infrastructure

Areas of the site that store waste do not have hard-standing or impermeable surfaces. A plan to complete surfacing works must be developed. It has been noted that Griffiths Waste Management intend to modify the permit. The application to modify the permit must be supported by a technical assessment to prove there will be no detrimental impact on the environment should activities be carried out on non hardstanding/non impermeable areas of the site.



3. Waste Acceptance

Please ensure non-compliant wastes are rejected.

4. Environmental Management System

It is suggested the Environmental Management System for the site is reviewed. This would incorporate any changes to personnel, operations, waste storage practices.

5. Site Boundary/Bund

The bund at the boundary of the site appears to have been constructed partly from wood chip waste. The operator has mentioned this was completed under the U1 waste exemption.

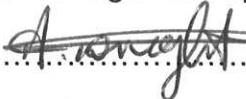
Whereas this activity appears to be compliant with the exemption a clear channel/fire break should be made between the bund and the waste stored on site.



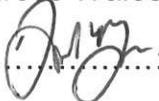
Improvement Plan Sign-off

Action Required	Completion Date	Complete	
		GWM	NRW
Adjustments to all waste and stockpiles in accordance with Fire Risk Assessment	01/08/2014*** Extended until 03/10/2014		
Remove non-compliant wastes from permitted area	01/08/2014		Complete 08/08/2014
Reduction and removal of waste (loading platform)	01/08/2015		
Removal of wood waste stored against bund from bund	20/02/2015		
Review of Environment Management System	20/02/2015		
Production of plan for site surfacing improvement works	20/02/2015		
Installation of hard-standing/impermeable surfaces on site	01/01/2016		
Development of strategy for removing all waste from site (I.e. including older waste materials)	14/08/2014		Complete 14/08/2014

Signed on behalf of Griffiths Waste Management by;

.....ANDREW WRIGHT -  (COMMERCIAL DIRECTOR).....

Signed on behalf of Natural Resources Wales by;

.....DAVID MORGAN -  (ENVIRONMENT OFFICER).....

