

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0039601

Permit being assessed: CB3834RQ.

For: Bryn Posteg Composting Facility, held by Sundorne Products (Llanidloes) Ltd

At: Bryn Posteg Landfill, Tylwch Road, Llanidloes, Powys, SY18 6JJ.

Type of assessment carried out: Site Inspection, Reason: Routine.

On 03/03/2022 between 12:35 and 14:45.

Parts of permit assessed: See below

NRW Lead Officer: Paul Challender.

Report sent to: Deborah Hall, Environment, Health and Safety Compliance Manager on 25/03/2022.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
B3 - Infrastructure - Site drainage engineering (clean and foul)	C3 Minor	Permit Condition 2.3.1, Table 2.3

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

Total number of non-compliances recorded	Total non-compliance score
1	4

How we use the non-compliance score to calculate your annual fee is explained in the 'Important Information' section below.

2. What action is required?

Criteria	Action needed	Complete by
B3	Before construction begins, provide NRW with a finalised and consolidated version of Bryn Posteg lagoon construction works method statement and construction quality assurance plan which incorporates all of the amendments made 11 -14 October 2021 and 18 January 2022.	19/04/2022

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 was a routine unannounced site inspection by Natural Resources Wales (NRW) officers Paul Challender and Jamie Blythin. Multiple areas of the operator's site were inspected. This Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) only deals with the inspection of the permitted area of the composting pad permitted under the waste operations Environmental Permitting Regulations permit EPR-CB3834RQ.

During the inspection the NRW officers were accompanied by the Environment, Health and Safety Compliance Manager. At the time of the inspection the weather was cool with a light breeze and persistent rain. The entire property of the operator was very wet with high surface run off due to a period of wet weather.

The composting area itself had been cleared of the bulk of the compost previously present that was declared to be non-compliant with the PAS100 standard and therefore still considered a waste. The stated intention of the removal of the compost from the concrete pad was to allow the cleaning down of the impermeable surface.

High rainfall had caused significant run-off of compost leachate from the concrete pad into the leachate management system. The leachate is collected in a partially buried, open topped concrete tank. A leachate pumping system had been installed to pump the composting pad leachate to the separately permitted landfill leachate collection and treatment system. This pumping into the landfill leachate system is discussed in CAR_NRW0039582. In addition to the pumped removal of leachate the concrete tank had an overflow pipe arrangement. This pipe conveys compost leachate from the concrete tank to a large metal tank at the toe of the nearby bank. This tank has been identified as suffering from leaks in previous inspections and pooling leachate was observed around the tank during this inspection. The operator has submitted plans to NRW regarding the construction of a lagoon for the collection of leachate to replace this failing tank.

Furthermore, a small hollow had been excavated from the bank top adjacent to the vehicular access point to the composting pad to collect further run off from the pad. This was being sucked out on a regular basis by a site operative with a tractor drawn bowser tank.

Lack of containment of the compost leachate which, is escaping the leachate collection system represents a breach of permit conditions.

Score: (B3) Site Drainage engineering (Clean and Foul). Permit Condition 2.3.1, Table 2.3. CCS Score 3.

Action: Before construction begins, provide NRW with a finalised and consolidated version of Bryn Posteg lagoon construction works method statement and construction quality assurance plan which incorporates all of the amendments made 11 -14 October 2021 and 18 January 2022. *This is the same action and deadline applied in CAR_NRW0039556.*

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 of 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	Score
C1 Major	Potential to have a major, serious, persistent and/or extensive impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	60
C2 Significant	Potential to have a significant impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	31
C3 Minor	Potential to have a minor or minimal impact or effect on the environment, people and/or property	4
C4 No environmental impact	Non-compliance at a regulated site that cannot foreseeably have any impact on the environment, people and/or property	0.1

How we use assessment scores

The number and severity of non-compliances recorded in a year will affect your annual subsistence fee the following year. A non-compliance factor is added to your site's Operator

Performance Risk Appraisal (OPRA) score when we calculate your fee to reflect the additional resource we use to assess permit compliance.

What are suspended scores?

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

Full list of Industry and Waste action criteria (used in section 1 and 2):

A: Permitted activities

- A1 Specified by permit

B: Infrastructure

- B1 Infrastructure – Engineering for prevention and control of emissions
- B2 Infrastructure – Closure and decommissioning
- B3 Infrastructure – Site drainage engineering (clean and foul)
- B4 Infrastructure – Containment of stored materials
- B5 Infrastructure – Plant and equipment

C: General management

- C1 General management – Staff competency/training
- C2 General management – Management system and operating procedures
- C3 General management – Materials acceptance
- C4 General management – Storage, handling, labelling and segregation

D: Incident management

- D1 Incident management – Site security
- D2 Incident management – Accidents, emergency and incident planning

E: Emissions

- E1 Emissions – Air
- E2 Emissions – Land and groundwater
- E3 Emissions – Surface water
- E4 Emissions – Sewer
- E5 Emissions – Waste

F: Amenity

- F1 Amenity – Odour
- F2 Amenity – Noise
- F3 Amenity – Dust/fibres/particulates and litter
- F4 Amenity – Pests/birds and scavengers
- F5 Amenity – Deposits on road

G: Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting

- G1 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Monitoring of emissions and environment
- G2 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Records of activity, site diary/journal/events
- G3 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Maintenance records
- G4 Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting – Reporting and notification to Natural Resources Wales

H: Resources efficiency

- H1 Resource efficiency – Efficient use of raw materials
- H2 Resource efficiency – Energy efficiency

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).

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- 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.

If you are unable to resolve the issue with the lead officer or their line manager you should contact our Customer Contact team on 0300 065 3000 (Monday to Friday 08:00 – 18:00), or email enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk for details of how to raise your dispute further through our Complaints and Commendations procedure.

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