

Compliance Assessment Report CAR_NRW0039562

Permit being assessed: XB3597TM.

For: Sandycroft Recycling Park, held by Flintshire County Council

At: Sandycroft, Deeside, CH5 2PX.

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

On 15/03/2022 between 13:40 and 14:00.

Parts of permit assessed: Specified by permit

NRW Lead Officer: Kathryn Bradshaw.

Report sent to: Gabrielle Povey, Site Manager on 24/03/2022.

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

Part of permitted activity assessed (criteria)	Assessment result	Permit condition
C2 - General Management - Management system and operating procedures	Action only (X)	
B3 - Infrastructure - Site drainage engineering (clean and foul)	Action only (X)	
B4 - Infrastructure - Containment of stored materials	C3 Minor	2.4.1

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
C2	Provide a copy of the procedure for the frequency of TCM attendance on site	15/04/2022
B3	Confirm when the drains and interceptor last checked and provide evidence	15/04/2022
B4	Provide a suitable weatherproof covering for the storage of fridges and freezers	17/06/2022

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 an unannounced site inspection by Kathryn Bradshaw Hazardous Waste Regulation Officer on 15/03/2022. The weather was dry with little wind. I was accompanied around the site by Neil Thomas, site operative.

The site, on arrival, was well maintained with good security. All waste types were clearly signed and segregated.

Signage and segregation of wastes



The site has two sections, one for householders to unload their waste and another section where the skips can be removed, this area had gates and signs to prevent pedestrian access. A spill had occurred in this area just before I arrived from a burst hydraulic pipe on the digger.

Hydraulic pipe leak



Spill granules had just been put down to soak up the oil and they were about to start cleaning this up. The site has sealed drainage with an interceptor. The drains in this yard appeared to be quite silted up with some broken metal grilles. The site is awaiting maintenance for the drains.

Car batteries were kept in a plastic container with a lid and are collected every 2 days and taken back to the Alltami site. Adjacent to this was the oil storage tank and some metal drums. The drums were used for oil filters and aerosols but I was informed the site no longer accepts these wastes and they had a collection booked to remove these wastes. They also have a hazchem store for any hazardous chemicals that are brought to site.

Battery, oil and paint storage areas



Mattresses, carpets and TV's were all stored in containers and were all in good working order. When these containers are collected the site shuts to allow the lorries access without risk to the public. Paints were stored in cut off IBC's and segregated for oil and water based paints which the site operatives monitor throughout the day.

The skip for plasterboard was full but a collection by Thorncliffes had been booked and was due to be collected on Thursday.

Fridges and freezers were being stored separately outside in a compound without any weatherproof covering.



I asked when the last time the site TCM had last visited and thought it was about 2 months ago.

The following non compliance was found during the inspection:

Permit Condition 2.4.1 requires that:

The storage (including temporary storage) and treatment of WEEE shall be carried out in accordance with the technical requirements of Annex VIII of the WEEE Directive:

Sites for storage (including temporary storage) of WEEE prior to its treatment:

- impermeable surfaces for appropriate areas with the provision of spillage collection facilities and, where appropriate, decanters and cleanser-degreasers,
- **weatherproof covering for appropriate areas.**

Actions from the site visit

- Send the procedure for TCM attendance and the frequency of visits
- Confirm when the drains and interceptor were last checked and maintained and provide evidence

Thank you for your time during my visit.

Kind Regards,

Kathryn Bradshaw

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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 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

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

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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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