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**EPR Compliance Assessment Report** 

Report ID: BL9518IE/0502559

| This form will report compliance with your permit as determined by an Environment Agency officer |  |               |                |             |                 |        |       |
|--|--|---------------|----------------|-------------|-----------------|--------|-------|
| Site   | Jameson Road Landfill - Phase 2 EPR/BL9518IE |               |                | Permit Ref  | BL9518IE        |        |       |
| Operator/ Permit holder  | TRANSWASTE RECYCLING AND AGGREGATES LIMITED  |               |                |             |                 |        |       |
| Date   | 10/04/2024                                   |               |                | Time in     | 11:30           | Out    | 12:45 |
| What parts of the permit were assessed   | Operational areas                            |               |                |             |                 |        |       |
| Assessment   | Site Inspection                              | EPR Activity: | Installation X | Waste Op    | Water Discharge |        |       |
| Recipient's name/position  | Site manager                                 |               |                |             |                 |        |       |
| Officer's name   |  |               |                | Date issued | 03/             | 05/202 | 4     |

## Section 1 - Compliance Assessment Summary

This is based on the requirements of the permit under the Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR). A detailed explanation and any action you may need to take are given in the "Detailed Assessment of Compliance" (section 3). 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 <u>Compliance Classification Scheme</u> (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                          |  |         | Condition(s) breached |                |           |  |
|---|--|---------|-----------------------|----------------|-----------|--|
| a) Permitted activities   | 1. Specified by permit   | A       |                       |                |           |  |
| <b>b)</b> Infrastructure  | 1. Engineering for prevention & control of pollution   | A       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 2. Closure & decommissioning   | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 3. Site drainage engineering (clean & foul)  | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 4. Containment of stored materials   | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 5. Plant and equipment   | N       |                       |                |           |  |
| c) General management   | 1. Staff competency/ training  | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 2. Management system & operating procedures  | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 3. Materials acceptance  | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 4. Storage handling, labelling, segregation  | N       |                       |                |           |  |
| d) Incident management  | 1. Site security   | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 2. Accident, emergency & incident planning   | N       |                       |                |           |  |
| e) Emissions  | <b>1.</b> Air  | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 2. Land & Groundwater  | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 3. Surface water   | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 4. Sewer   | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 5. Waste   | N       |                       |                |           |  |
| f) Amenity  | 1. Odour   | 0       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 2. Noise   | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 3. Dust/fibres/particulates & litter   | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 4. Pests, birds & scavengers   | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 5. Deposits on road  | N       |                       |                |           |  |
| g) Monitoring and records,  | 1. Monitoring of emissions & environment   | N       |                       |                |           |  |
| maintenance and reporting   | 2. Records of activity, site diary, journal & events   | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 3. Maintenance records   | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 4. Reporting & notification  | N       |                       |                |           |  |
| h) Resource efficiency  | 1. Efficient use of raw materials  | N       |                       |                |           |  |
|   | 2. Energy  | N       |                       |                |           |  |
| A = Assessed (no evidence of non-<br>MSA, MSB, TCM = Management S | category ( * suspended scores are marked with an asteri<br>compliance), $N =$ Not assessed, $NA =$ Not Applicable, $O =$<br>ystem condition A, Management System Condition B and<br>from Part 3 of schedule9 EPR (see notes in Section 5/6). | Ongoing |                       |                | which are |  |
| Number of breaches record   | ed   | 0       |                       | mpliance score | 0         |  |

| Number of breaches recorded  |        | Total compliance score<br>(see section 5 for scoring scheme) | 0 |
|--|--------|--|---|
| If the Total No Breaches is greater than zero, then please see Section 3 for details of our pr | oposed | 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 (e.g. 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 suspended or consolidated scores.
- details of advice given
- any other areas of concern
- all actions requested
- any examples of good practice.
- a reference to photos taken

This report should be clear, comprehensive, unambiguous and normally completed within 14 days of an assessment.

# Health & Safety

Usual PPE was worn – hard hat, high viz jacket, gas alarms and safety footwear. Officers signed in accordance with site procedures and were accompanied by site staff at all times. The working area was accessed via the pedestrian route that runs parallel to the main haul road.

# **Site Observations**

The weather was overcast with occasional rain. A moderate gusty wind was blowing from the south.

The falconer was seen as were litter pickers and in general the site appeared to be tidy.

However the site continues to receive significant reports of odour from local residents. Odour was noted on site, although subjectively perhaps a little less intense than previous visits. **This is recorded as "O" ongoing breach of permit condition 3.3.1** as it has already been scored on the Environment Agency inspection of 4 April 2024.

All 6 of the new gas wells have been connected to new pipework as have the pinwells. The gas wells have been clearly marked for DSEAR purposes and the two in the working area have been protected as far as reasonably can be achieved from the risks posed by wagons and mobile plant. It is understood that the wells are producing exceptional levels of Hydrogen Sulphide. This is the root cause of many of the complaints received about the site. The most likely source for this is high sulphate content in trommel / mechancially processed fines. ADVICE & GUIDANCE: Identify source of sulphate in incoming waste streams by following the duty of care chain. Review waste acceptance procedures.

Site representatives explained that the works to strip back the cap had reached their maximum extent and no further areas would be uncapped. The material from this work had been piled up and was being removed from the working area by dump truck and stockpiled on the southern corner fo cell 5 (adjacent to cell 6) for use as cover. The southern flank of cell 5 appeared to be at an acceptable gradient. An unusual vinegary smell was noted on the southern flank. Given the location where it was noted, it seems unlikely to have been generated on site. There are a number of potential sources (such as the Thorton works site and Global renewables) to the sites, although following the site visit no source could be identified.

Site representatives observed that there was evidence (on the local Facebook group) that people were trespassing on the site and suggesting scrap/ offcut gas pipework was the source of odours. ADVICE AND GUIDANCE: Review the integrity of the perimeter fence. Consider publicity highlighting potential health and safety risks from unauthorised access to the site.

## Section 3- Enforcement Response

# Only one of the boxes below should be ticked

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.                          |   |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|
| *Non-compliance with MSA, MSB & TCM do not constitute an offence but can result in the service of a compliance, suspension and/or revocation notice. |   |  |  |
| Other than the provision of advice and guidance, at present we do not intend to take further enforcement action in                                   |   |  |  |
| respect of the non-compliance identified above. This does not preclude us from taking enforcement action if further                                  | Х |  |  |
| relevant information comes to light or advice isn't followed.  |   |  |  |
| In respect of the above non-compliance you have been issued with a warning. At present we do not intend to take                                      |   |  |  |
| further enforcement action. This does not preclude us from taking additional enforcement action if further relevant                                  |   |  |  |
| information comes to light or offences continue.   |   |  |  |
| We will now consider what enforcement action is appropriate and notify you, referencing this form.   |   |  |  |

| Section 4- Action(s)  |                 |                           |          |  |  |
|---|-----------------|---------------------------|----------|--|--|
| Where non-compliance has been detected and an enforcement response has been selected above, this section summarises the |                 |                           |          |  |  |
| steps you need to take to return to compliance and also provides timescales for this to be done.                        |                 |                           |          |  |  |
| Criteria<br>Ref.  | CCS<br>Category | Action Required / Advised | Due Date |  |  |
| See Section 1 above   |                 |                           |          |  |  |
|   |                 |                           |          |  |  |

## 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 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.

• A civil sanction Enforcement Undertaking (EU) offer may also be available to you as an alternative enforcement response for this/these offence(s).

# See our Enforcement and Civil Sanctions guidance for further information

\*A breach of permit condition **MSA**, **MSB** & **TCM** is not an offence but may result in the service of a notice requiring compliance and/or suspension or revocation of the permit.

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

 ${\ensuremath{\bullet}}$  ensure you comply with other legislative provisions which may apply.

### Non-compliance scores and categories

| CCS<br>category | Description  | Score |
|-----------------|--|-------|
| C1              | A non-compliance which could have a <b>major</b> environmental effect    | 60    |
| C2              | A non-compliance which could have a<br>significant environmental effect  | 31    |
| C3              | A non-compliance which could have a <b>minor</b><br>environmental effect | 4     |
| C4              | A non-compliance which has <b>no</b> 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.

#### MSA, MSB & TCM are conditions inserted into certain permits by Schedule 9 Part 3 EPR

**MSA** requires operators to manage and operate in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of pollution.

**MSB** requires that the management system must be reviewed, kept up-to-date and a written record kept of this.

TCM requires the submission of technical competence information.

## Section 6 – General Information

#### Data protection notice

The information on this form will be processed by the Environment Agency to fulfill its regulatory and monitoring functions and to maintain the relevant public register(s). The Environment Agency 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 (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 and taking any resulting action

preventing breaches of environmental law

• assessing customer service satisfaction and improving its service

• Freedom of Information Act/Environmental Information Regulations request.

The Environment Agency 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 Environment Agency 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 28 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?

A permit holder can challenge any part of the CAR form by writing to the Environment Agency office local to the site within 28 days of receipt. If the issue cannot be resolved by the local office, a permit holder may request an appeal of the regulatory decision by emailing

<u>enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk</u> within 14 days of receipt of the outcome.

If you are still dissatisfied, you can make a complaint to the Ombudsman. For advice on how to complain to the Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman phone their helpline on 0345 015 4033.