

From: [Mike Thompson](#)
To: [Aarti Kaushal](#)
Subject: RE: EPR/VP3224LL/A001 We Need More Information About Your Application CRM:0164023
Date: 03 December 2025 15:51:53
Attachments: [image001.wmz](#)
[image005.wmz](#)
[image003.png](#)

Aarti,

Thank you for the email.

At the moment, SRS concentrates mainly on bulk contracts directly with the operators of large solar farms, so I think you'd probably classify the supply as industrial.

The numbers of panels on these farms is huge – 100,000+ panel sites are common. When the farm owner replaces panels due to storm damage or loss of performance due to the panels' age, they contact SRS direct. The panel batch, location & condition are assessed by SRS on site prior to uplift and a contract pack is drawn up detailing the job, collection, transport, deconstruction, recycling. etc etc so the originator can ensure compliance with their Producer Responsibilities & CSR. A single contract can cover the recycling of 10,000+ panels from one or more sites if an operator owns multiple installations.

Working like this means SRS can program the operations to ensure the Swanscombe site never becomes choked and all pre-booked deliveries can be efficiently managed

There may come a point at some time in the future when domestic installations are common enough that large service companies can generate batches of enough panels to warrant recycling contracts (or that enough start turning up at collection facilities) but that is a long way in the future at present.

Also, there aren't really any commercial operations dealing with solar panels at the current time.

The process is detailed in the Sampling & Inspection Plan. I'm pretty sure I've sent a copy into the E.A. – either as part of the Permit Application Pack or during the Pre-App process.

Kind regards

Mike Thompson B.Sc.(Hons.)

Mike Thompson Partnership Limited

Environmental, Infrastructure, Sustainability and Waste Management Consultants

56, Norton Road, Penygroes, LLANELLI, Carmarthenshire. SA14 7RS.

Tel: +44 1269 492262

Mob: +44 7773 812410

Web: www.mikethompsonpartnership.co.uk

Consider the environment; please don't print this email unless you really need to.

The information contained in this e-mail is confidential and may be subject to legal privilege. If you are not the intended recipient, you must not use, copy, distribute or disclose the e-mail or any part of its contents or take any action in reliance on it.

If you have received this e-mail in error, please e-mail the sender by replying to this message.

Any opinions expressed are those of the author and are not necessarily endorsed by Mike Thompson Partnership Ltd.

Mike Thompson Partnership is a limited company registered in England and Wales. Registered Number: 11807871 Registered Office: 87, North Road, Poole, Dorset. BH14 0LT

From: Aarti Kaushal <Aarti.Kaushal1@environment-agency.gov.uk>

Sent: 03 December 2025 14:56

To: Mike Thompson <mike.thompson@mikethompsonpartnership.co.uk>

Subject: RE: EPR/VP3224LL/A001 We Need More Information About Your Application
CRM:0164023

Hi Mike,

Could you please confirm the origin of the waste? Specifically, is it from a commercial or an industrial source?

Kind regards,

Aarti

From: Mike Thompson <mike.thompson@mikethompsonpartnership.co.uk>

Sent: 02 December 2025 14:07

To: Aarti Kaushal <Aarti.Kaushal1@environment-agency.gov.uk>; SM-Defra-RESP-noreply (DEFRA) <RESP-noreply@defra.gov.uk>

Cc: Sal Rogers <sal@ubhgroup.co.uk>

Subject: RE: EPR/VP3224LL/A001 We Need More Information About Your Application
CRM:0164023

Good evening!

Please find attached responses to your questions raised in the email of the 25th November 2025.

Your questions are below, with my responses in blue italics.

Please provide us with more information to the following questions:

1. *Provide limits for hazardous treatment/IED limits in application B4 table 1a.*

A pdf of the revised table only is included.

2. *There is a Swanscombe Peninsula (SSSI) 141m from the site. Please*

specify this in ERA and provide mitigation measures and give it an overall risk quality.

Please see the amended EMS V2C – Appendices A.12 & A.18

This has been included in the H1 Screening Tool as well.

3. I've reviewed the fire prevention plan and noticed that it doesn't contain enough information for us to proceed. I will provide a template for you to complete, which covers each section of the relevant guidance.

Please ensure that every section is addressed. If a section is not applicable, simply indicate that it is not relevant.

Guidance [Fire prevention plans: environmental permits - GOV.UK](#)

Template [Fire prevention plans: environmental permits - GOV.UK](#)

If there any POPs present in the waste, please refer to section 4.5 and 18 of the Fire prevention guidance.

This has been updated as required and an updated plan is included as this required an amendment as well.

4. Please provide documents translated in English.

I have checked this with Aarti and this is no longer required as the Plant Manual was supplied as part of the Pre-Application process.

The manual is the English version that the site use, although some small parts (header & footer & some captions) are still in the original Chinese.

5. Please provide WEEE treatment qualification MROC2 or VRQ 416.

Please see the amended EMS V2C – Appendix A.10

Relevant qualification will be in place prior to Permit issue.

6. We only advertise in newspaper(s) for applications or EA led variations of high public interest and then only if agreed as part of the engagement plan. All new bespoke energy from waste applications should be advertised in newspapers. Therefore, you will receive a refund of £538.

Understood

7. Please complete the H1 screening tool found here: [Risk assessments for specific activities: environmental permits - GOV.UK](#)

Please see the amended EMS V2C – Appendix A.18

If you require anything else, please let me know and I'll turn it around same day to make sure we fall within the 9th December deadline date.

Kind regards

Mike Thompson B.Sc.(Hons.)

Mike Thompson Partnership Limited

Environmental, Infrastructure, Sustainability and Waste Management Consultants

56, Norton Road, Penygroes, LLANELLI, Carmarthenshire. SA14 7RS.

Tel: +44 1269 492262

Mob: +44 7773 812410

Web: www.mikethompsonpartnership.co.uk

Consider the environment; please don't print this email unless you really need to.

The information contained in this e-mail is confidential and may be subject to legal privilege. If you are not the intended recipient, you must not use, copy, distribute or disclose the e-mail or any part of its contents or take any action in reliance on it.

If you have received this e-mail in error, please e-mail the sender by replying to this message.

Any opinions expressed are those of the author and are not necessarily endorsed by Mike Thompson Partnership Ltd.

Mike Thompson Partnership is a limited company registered in England and Wales. Registered Number: 11807871 Registered Office: 87, North Road, Poole, Dorset. BH14 0LT

Information in this message may be confidential and may be legally privileged. If you have received this message by mistake, please notify the sender immediately, delete it and do not copy it to anyone else. We have checked this email and its attachments for viruses. But you should still check any attachment before opening it. We may have to make this message and any reply to it public if asked to under the Freedom of Information Act, Data Protection Act or for litigation. Email messages and attachments sent to or from any Environment Agency address may also be accessed by someone other than the sender or recipient, for business purposes.