

Response to Part C3.5, Question 4

1. Environmental Management System summary

Our Environment Management system covers:

Normal Operations

Daily, weekly and monthly records are kept on aspects of operation including:

- Feed consumption and deliveries
- Animal numbers: births, sales, deaths and incineration
- Manure exports
- Waste consigned to licensed carriers
- Staff training
- Veterinary and medical records
- Electricity consumption
- Water use

Staff members inspect the unit daily to ensure all aspects are operating correctly. Operations are reviewed at least weekly by assessing any exceptions to normal conditions and agreeing remedial action.

Maintenance schedule and records

We carry out planned preventative maintenance on all plant equipment with a particular focus on aspects critical to pig health and environmental performance, such as the ventilation, feed and water systems, manure management equipment and vehicles.

Inspections and maintenance schedules are based on the manufacturer recommendations.

Buildings are regularly inspected for visual signs of leakage, corrosion or structural damage, as well as for security and correct operation.

A record of faults, maintenance work and inspections is kept in the farm office.

Bunding and containment

Any potentially polluting materials kept on the installation will continue to be stored in accordance with legislative and assurance requirements:

- Slurry from the new building will be pumped to the store through a fixed pipe to the store's reception pit
- Pelleted feed will delivered as required and stored in the purpose built feed silos for the building

Incidents and abnormal operations

Measures are in place to identify incidents and abnormal operations. Staff members are trained to notice and respond to abnormal changes and to investigate the cause. They will either take steps to get back to normal operation or report issues they cannot immediately address.

Staff training

A copy of the permit is easily accessible for staff to read. They have been given training on the potential environmental impacts of the unit and their role in ensuring it operates with minimum effect on the environment and on sensitive receptors. They will be trained as necessary on any new operational aspects. Training and instruction is recorded. All staff members are suitably qualified / experienced to work at the installation

Complaints system

Any complaints would be logged and referred to the farm manager for investigation and follow up action. A record will be kept of complaints and remedial action. We will respond to concerns raised by the local community as appropriate. There is a site identification notice at the entrance to the site. New staff members receive induction training including health and safety and accident management and are mentored by experienced staff as part of the induction process.

Accidents

The site has an accident management plan, which will be implemented if necessary. Events or failures that could damage the environment have been identified using the H1 risk assessment for accidents. The format of the site Accident Management plan is based on the EPR Factsheet 4 – Producing an Accident Management Plan

Site Security

The site does not have a perimeter fence, but it is part of an existing farmstead, distant from the main road and approached only by a long private drive with a gated, unmanned, railway level crossing. Three of the private houses on the site have residents connected to the installation and concerned with its security.

Signs are placed at the entrance to the installation and adjacent to the public right of way to the north to warn people against entering the site.