

Notice of request for more information

The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016

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Application number: EA/EPR/XP3005LB/V002

The Environment Agency, in exercise of its powers under paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the above Regulations, requires you to provide the information detailed in the attached schedule. The information is required in order to determine your application for a permit duly made on 11/08/2021.

Send the information to either the email(s) or postal address below by **09/09/2022**. If we do not receive this information by the date specified then we may treat your application as having been withdrawn or it may be refused. If this happens you may lose your application fee.

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Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

Notes

These notes do not form part of this notice.

Please note that we charge £1,200 where we have to send a third or subsequent information notice in relation to the same issue. We consider this to be the first notice on the issues covered in this notice.

The notes in italics that appear after information requests in the attached schedule do not form part of the notice. The notes are intended to assist you in providing a full response.

Schedule

1. Table 4.1 of the OMP states that abnormal loads will be rejected. Define what would be considered an abnormal load.
2. Table 4.1 of the OMP states that the vehicular access door “should be closed when not in use, where possible”. What circumstances may this not be possible? Provide specific and justified reasons why the doors will remain open, other than when vehicles are entering or exiting the building.
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 - a. Table 4.1 of the OMP states that Highly Odorous loads are directed to the tipping hall as quickly as possible (bypassing the queue). Provide further detail on how lorries holding highly odorous waste will be identified and how the queue would be bypassed. What contingency procedures are in place to prevent odour impacts to receptors if odorous loads cannot enter the tipping hall immediately upon arrival to site?
 - b. Table 3-1 of the OMP states that the maximum time held on site for all waste is 72 hours, but it is not clear if this includes time within the tipping hall or solely outside of the tipping hall in lorries. Clarify the maximum time that any wastes will be held solely outside of the tipping hall.
 - c. What is the maximum number of lorries that will be held onsite (outside of the tipping hall) at any given time? Provide further detail on where these standing lorries will be located. Details can be provided using an updated site plan and/or a narrative description.
Note that your odour risk assessment refers to only 3 vehicles queuing at any time between 6am-11pm (2 containing RDF and 1 containing MSW). The odour isopleth is notably stronger in concentration in the immediate vicinity of this queue so queue length, location and quantity is a key factor. The commitments / assumptions made in the odour risk assessment should mirror the commitments / assumptions made in the OMP and vice versa. Also note: It should be ensured that any standing vehicles are stood as far away as possible from away from sensitive receptors.
 - d. Provide further detail on what measures will be in place to ensure that vehicles do not queue outside the area modelled in the odour risk assessment. In what circumstances will lorries be turned away from the site in order to prevent queuing? Table 4-1 states up to 6 trucks queuing but the odour risk assessment states only 3 trucks. How are you justifying 6 trucks as a trigger level?
4. What is the escalation procedure if 3rd party hauliers are persistently coming to site with lorries that have not been suitably cleaned and are odorous in nature?
5. Provide the full details of the scoring system contained within VDI 3940 being referred to as detailed in section 5.3.1 of the Odour Management Plan.
6. Provide a copy of ERF-RUN-OPS-SHE-DWG-001 – Odour Monitoring Plan as detailed in section 5.3.1 of the Odour Management Plan.
7. In section 1,1 of the Odour Risk Assessment it states that “For the purposes of this assessment, the receipt of MSW has been assumed at a rate of 110,000 tpa.” Please confirm the tpa that was used for the assessment. The site is permitted to take 1,100,000 tpa.