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Dear Graham

## **Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016**

**Application reference: EPR/XP3631SE/V006**

**Operator: BIFFA WASTE SERVICES LIMITED**

**Facility: Wednesbury WM Resource Centre EPR/XP3631SE, Potters Lane, Wednesday, WS10 7NR**

Thank you for your application received on 19/12/2024.

Unfortunately the application payment you sent is incorrect. The correct application charge is £16,001 to add a new activity to the permit - Section 5.3 Part A(1)(a)(ii) disposal or recovery of hazardous waste to allow physico-chemical treatment of nitrous oxide received in pressure containers. This leaves a balance of £8,001 to pay. It was agreed with Mark Jones that a rebate may be possible if the level of assessment required at determination is minimal. However, you must pay the full fee for the new activity at the duly making stage and any potential rebate will be decided by the determining officer.

We need to ask you for some missing information before we can do any more work on your application. Please provide us with more information to the following questions:

We need to know

1. Form C2-3a. Provide an amended Form C2 confirming whether there are any relevant offences to declare. If there are, provide details of the relevant offences. You must provide this for all variation applications.
2. Form C2-3c. Provide an amended Form C2 confirming whether there are any current or past bankruptcy or insolvency proceedings against the operator to declare. You must provide this for all variation applications.
3. Provide an amended process flow diagram, incorporating the new activity.
4. Provide an updated waste minimisation review.
5. Provide an updated site-specific Environmental Risk Assessment.
6. Provide the below additional information about the new treatment activity/equipment and plant used:
  1. What is the heated catalytic bed?
  2. Is the catalyst regenerative or does it need replacing? If it needs replacing, what is the process for this?
  3. How is the heated catalytic bed heated? Is it powered by mains? Will the site use a generator?
  4. How efficient is the heated bed? If the process is not 100% effective, what happens to any remaining nitrous oxide?
  5. Is the destruction unit fully sealed?
  6. How are the larger cannisters pieced?

7. What procedures are in place in case of a leak? Nitrogen is a greenhouse gas and we need to ensure sufficient measures are in place to prevent any leaks of nitrogen or nitrous oxide.

Please reply directly to this email with your information and copy in [jemma.blood@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:jemma.blood@environment-agency.gov.uk).

You must send us the information and or payment by 14/05/2025.

Details of how to pay are given in Part F of the application form.

If we do not receive this by this deadline we will return your application.

If we receive what is missing by the deadline, we will continue to check your application. We'll check to see if there's enough information for the application to be 'duly made'. Duly made means that we have all the information we need to begin determination. Determination is where we assess your application and decide if we can allow what you've asked for.

We'll let you know by email whether your application can be duly made. If it can't be duly made, we'll return your application to you.

If we do have to return your application we'll send you a partial refund of your application payment. We'll retain 20% of the correct application charge to cover our costs in reviewing your application. This maximum amount we'll retain is capped at £1,500. Further information on charging can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permits-and-abstraction-licences-tables-of-charges>

Please reply directly to this email with your information and copy in [psc@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:psc@environment-agency.gov.uk).

Without this additional information we will be unable to issue your permit.

Note: Our email system has a file size limit of 25MB, if your returns exceed this limit you will have to arrange an online file transfer. Please ensure the file transfer link does not have a time limit on it.

If you have any questions please phone me on 0208 474 9224 or email [jemma.blood@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:jemma.blood@environment-agency.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely,  
Jemma Blood-Halvorsen