



This form will report compliance with your permit as determined by an Environment Agency officer

Site	Grange Landfill			Permit Ref	61563		
Operator/ Permit holder	GRANGE LANDFILL LIMITED						
Date	25/03/2024			Time in	12:00	Out	13:45
What parts of the permit were assessed	Infrastructure						
Assessment	Site Inspection	EPR Activity:	Installation	Waste Op	X	Water Discharge	
Recipient's name/position	Robert Couldwell						
Officer's name	Kelly Hudson, JP Camus			Date issued	15/08/2024		

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 [Compliance Classification Scheme](#) (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) Infrastructure	1. Engineering for prevention & control of pollution	A	
	2. Closure & decommissioning	N	
	3. Site drainage engineering (clean & foul)	A	
	4. Containment of stored materials	N	
	5. Plant and equipment	N	
c) General management	1. Staff competency/ training	A	
	2. Management system & operating procedures	A	
	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	1. Air	N	
	2. Land & Groundwater	N	
	3. Surface water	N	
	4. Sewer	N	
	5. Waste	N	
f) Amenity	1. Odour	A	
	2. Noise	A	
	3. Dust/fibres/particulates & litter	A	
	4. Pests, birds & scavengers	A	
	5. Deposits on road	A	
g) Monitoring and records, maintenance and reporting	1. Monitoring of emissions & environment	N	
	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	

KEY: C1, C2, C3, C4 = CCS breach category (* suspended scores are marked with an asterisk),
A = Assessed (no evidence of non-compliance), N = Not assessed, NA = Not Applicable, O = Ongoing non-compliance – not scored
MSA, MSB, TCM = Management System condition A, Management System Condition B and Technically Competent Manager condition which are environmental permit conditions from Part 3 of schedule9 EPR (see notes in Section 5/6).

Number of breaches recorded	0	Total compliance score (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 proposed 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.

This Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) has been completed following an announced site inspection by Kelly Hudson (Regulatory Specialist), accompanied by JP Camus (Technical Specialist).

This was an announced site inspection primarily to discuss Groundwater Monitoring Point, Borehole 5 and was carried out in the presence of Robert Couldwell (RC).

Current Operations

At the time of the inspection, there was no activity taking place on site. RC confirmed that no further work has taken place on site this year, other than routine environmental monitoring.

Observations & Site Discussions

Engineering:

Borehole 5

Discussions took place concerning the Groundwater Monitoring Point, BH5.

Permit condition 3.4.1 b states that:

“The operator shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, undertake the monitoring and any other actions specified in the following tables in schedule 3 to this permit:

b) Groundwater specified in table... S3.4.”

As BH5 is referenced within table S3.4, it is a requirement of the permit that monitoring data from BH5 is submitted in accordance with the reporting schedule.

In view of this, we discussed the options available to you. These are to:

1. seek permission to access the land at the existing location and reinstate the borehole, or,
2. work with an environmental consult to provide evidence to justify the suitability of an alternative location within the permit boundary and apply to the Environment Agency for a variation of the permit.

We discussed that if a permit variation is the preferred option, this should be sought as soon as possible, to prevent any delays.

Regardless of which option is decided upon, we require the submission of a Construction Quality Assurance (CQA) Plan for review. This should include a proposal for suitable protective headworks, which can be locked and secured to prevent damage. We would recommend the submission of a CQA Plan at your earliest opportunity.

The reinstatement of BH05 must also be overseen by CQA Engineer who is approved by the

Environment Agency. As such we will require the CVs for the CQA Engineer and/or Inspector at least five days prior to the commencement of the works.

We require that BH05 be reinstalled prior to disposal activities commencing on site.

As you are in breach of permit, we are reviewing our enforcement position, in line with our Enforcement and Sanctions Policy. This matter will be discussed during the planned site inspection for Q3.

Artificial Geological Barrier

RC was reminded that the additional information requested as part of the CQA Validation Report for the construction of the artificial geological barrier around Phase 2, Area 1, remains outstanding. RC confirmed that whilst the focus continues to be placed on their other operational sites, the requirement for this information is understood and will be provided.

The stress cracking along the top section of the southern intercell bund was reviewed. Again, no significant difference was noted. As the rapid growth in vegetation on the flanks continues to limit what can be observed, an inspection will be planned for late September, when the vegetation will have reduced.

Actions:

As advised in Compliance Assessment Report (CAR) 61563/0466487, issued on the 29/06/23, the flanks around Cell 1 should be routinely kept under review for signs of instability and if necessary, action taken to re-compact.

Amenity:

At the time of the inspection, no mud was evident on the haul road leading to main highway.

As highlighted in CAR (Report ID: 61563/0457081) issued on the 11 April 2023, the following aspects still need to be addressed.

Submission of information still required

- CQA Validation report for the surface water infrastructure installed around the site.
- CQA Validation report on extending BH01 through the engineered bund.
- Additional information requested as part of the CQA report for the geological barrier.

Work to be completed prior to disposal activities commencing.

- The reinstallation of BH5, either at its current location, or a suitable alternative formally agreed via a permit variation.
- A secure compound to minimise risk of damage to plant and equipment when site is unoccupied. Any change to current security proposal around the compound area as specified in Section 10.1 of the EMS will need to be submitted to the Environment Agency for review and be formally approved.
- The replacement/repairs to the stock proof fencing on the eastern boundary of the site.

Clarification on additional work to be undertaken on site once activities recommence.

- Reprofilng work of the surface water channel on the western boundary, to ensure the flow towards the western attenuation pond is not impeded.
- Dredging of the western attenuation pond directly behind the outfall, to minimise the

risk of suspended solids flowing from the outfall.

As per previous on site discussions, RC confirmed that there are no firm timescales when activities on site will commence, and acknowledged that notification is to be provided prior to activities recommencing.

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 relevant information comes to light or advice isn't followed.	X
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 Ref.	CCS 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
- ensure you comply with other legislative provisions which may apply.

Non-compliance scores and categories

CCS category	Description	Score
C1	A non-compliance which could have a major environmental effect	60
C2	A non-compliance which could have a significant environmental effect	31
C3	A non-compliance which could have a minor environmental effect	4
C4	A non-compliance which has no 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 enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk 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.