

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Part surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of part of the permit for Newcastle Clinical Waste Treatment Plant and Transfer Station operated by SRCL Limited.

The permit number is EPR/AP3137MC

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid any pollution risk and to return the site to a satisfactory state.

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements.

Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the operator's application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account
- justifies the specific conditions in the permit as a result of the partial surrender

Structure of this document

- Key issues
- Annex 1 the decision checklist

Key issues of the decision

SRCL Newcastle applied for a partial surrender to cease their hazardous waste treatment activities. The application is classed as a low risk and as a result of the application, the facility will no longer be considered an installation, and instead will be considered a waste facility as it falls below the IED installation thresholds. The activities carried out on site will be temporary storage, repackaging and compaction facility.

The following activities and associated activities are surrendered:

A1 D9/R3 Physico-chemical treatment – Heat Disinfection Unit (HDU)

A3 Treatment of non-hazardous waste – HDU

A5 Combustion plant for the HDU

A6 Abatement plant for the HDU

A7 Storage of treatment residues from the HDU

Table S1.1 reflects the current activities and table S1.2 reflects the current operating techniques.

Monitoring requirements for point source emissions to sewer have been kept in the permit. The Directly associated activity for bin washing has been removed, but the site can still undertake bin washing in connection with the remaining waste operations. Clean uncontaminated water and process water from the bin wash system will continue to be discharged to sewer as seen in table S3.1.

The monitoring requirement for ambient air has been kept in the permit. The monitoring requirement for ambient air is listed in table S3.2.

A site inspection has been carried out on the 13th of October 2016 by the Area Officer and the conclusion are recorder in CAR ID AP3137MC/0272199. The report summarises that “the hazardous treatment operation has ceased with no issues found which would delay the application to surrender the treatment activity to progress.”

Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist, the application and supporting information and permit/ notice.

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
The facility		
The regulated facility	<p>The permitted regulated facilities have changed as a result of the partial surrender.</p> <p>As part of this application, the installation activities are surrendered and only waste related activities are going to be carried out, as listed in the Key issues section.</p>	✓
The permit conditions		
Changes to permit conditions	<p>The permit conditions have changed as a result of the partial surrender.</p> <p>Conditions removed: 1.2, 1.3, 2.1.2, 2.3.1 (b), 2.3.2, 2.3.4, 2.3.6, 2.5, 3.2.3, 3.5.5, 4.2.4, 4.2.5.</p> <p>Conditions modified: 3.1.1, 3.5.1, 3.5.4, 4.3.1.</p> <p>Conditions added: 2.5.1, 3.7</p>	✓
The site		
Extent of the surrender application	<p>The operator has provided a plan showing the extent of the site of the facility that is to be surrendered.</p> <p>The site plan did not change and the area will be used in connection with the existing operations. We consider this plan to be satisfactory.</p>	✓
Pollution risk	We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid a pollution risk resulting from the operation of the regulated facility, as seen in the application documents and in CAR referenced in the Key issues section.	✓
Satisfactory state	<p>We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state.</p> <p>In coming to this decision we have had regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.</p>	✓