

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Part surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of part of the permit for Calvert Landfill operated by FCC Waste Services (UK) Limited.

The permit number is EPR/BS8605IQ

The application surrender reference is EPR/BS8605IQ/S012

The land to be surrendered has not been landfilled. The part surrender is to remove Pit 6 from the current permit. Calvert Pit 6 is a pre-operational area of the site which has not received wastes and therefore this application is for low risk partial surrender. Environment Agency Guidance note, RGN9, Version 3, May 2013 identifies that low risk surrender is appropriate for areas of land at landfill installations that are outside the areas used for the permanent deposit of waste.

This surrender application is processed in parallel and to coincide with the determination of an application for a new installation permit for Pit 6

Application ref: EPR/BP3637AF/A001.

The Pit 6 area is a former clay extraction, which is partially flooded and remains an unutilised void adjacent to the landfilled Pit 5. The monitoring data collected as part of the routine monitoring for the current landfill permit indicates that there is no impact from the Pit 6 area of the site.

The Pit 6 area of the site has no source for potential contamination therefore there is no potential source-pathway-receptor linkage and surrender of this area of the site is considered acceptable as a low risk surrender application. Alongside the surrender of this pre-operational site area the listed activity (A2) for development of a stable non-reactive hazardous cell in Pit 6 is also to be removed from the current permit (EPR/BS8605IQ) as a pre-operational surrender.

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

Structure of this document

- Key issues
- Annex 1 the decision checklist

Key issues of the decision

It is confirmed that there has been no landfill activity on the area of land to be surrendered. This is a part surrender. The area of the landfill to be surrendered is subject to a parallel application for a new Pit 6 landfill reference EPR/BP3637AF

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 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>We consider this plan to be satisfactory.</p> <p>The permitted area of the site is reduced to that shown in the amended plan at Schedule 4 of the surrender notice.</p> <p>The A2 scheduled activity for a specially engineered landfill, Section 5.2 Part A(1) (a), the disposal of waste in a landfill for a landfill for hazardous waste (separate cell for SNRHW) has been removed from the permit.</p>	✓
Pollution risk	<p>We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid a pollution risk resulting from the operation of the regulated facility.</p>	✓
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>	✓