

Permitting decisions

Variation

We have decided to grant the variation for Biolite Treatment Centre operated by Power Minerals Limited.

The variation number is EPR/DB3606TQ/V002.

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental protection is provided.

Purpose of this document

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Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

Read the permitting decisions in conjunction with the environmental permit. The introductory note summarises what the permit covers.

Key issues of the decision

The waste operation carried on site was Production of "granular fertilizer material" from Anaerobically Digested Sewage Sludge, non-hazardous industrial waste sludges and Air Pollution Control Residues under D9 waste activities.

As a result of the current variation, the site will only accept End of Waste Meat and Bone Meal Ash (MBMA). This will be mixed with a number of non-waste materials (Inc. Water, Sulphuric Acid and Calcium Oxide) to produce an exothermic reaction allowing the end of waste and non-waste materials to react within a mixer. This activity falls under Section 4.3 Part A(1)(a) - Producing (including any blending which is related to their production) phosphorus-, nitrogen- or potassium-based fertilisers (simple or compound fertilisers). The site activities will be carried out under, and comply with standard rules SR2009 No 2 criteria.

Compliance with the SR2009 No 2 requirements

1. The sites resides on an industrial park. There are no habitats within screening distance of the site, the closest one being Teesmouth and Cleveland Coast (SSSI) Extension (PSPA) 2200m away. Screening distance for low impact installations is 1000m.
2. The activities carried out on site will not result in any point source emissions or fugitive emissions.
3. MBMA is end of waste certified and as such, no waste is accepted as part of the installation operation.
4. Power Minerals Limited is the sole operator on the site.

Decision checklist

Aspect considered	Decision
Receipt of application	
Standard rules criteria check	The application meets the criteria for the standard rules applied for.
Confidential information	A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made.
Identifying confidential information	We have not identified information provided as part of the application that we consider to be confidential.
Operator	
Control of the facility	We are satisfied that the applicant (now the operator) is the person who will have control over the operation of the facility after the grant of the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on legal operator for environmental permits.
The site	
Extent of the site of the facility	The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility. The plan is included in the permit.
Operator competence	
Management system	There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not have the management system to enable it to comply with the permit conditions.
Relevant convictions	The Case Management System has been checked to ensure that all relevant convictions have been declared.
Growth Duty	<p>We have considered our duty to have regard to the desirability of promoting economic growth set out in section 108(1) of the Deregulation Act 2015 and the guidance issued under section 110 of that Act in deciding whether to grant this permit. The conditions imposed under the permit are reasonable and necessary to avoid a risk of an unacceptable level of pollution and are based on our risk assessment undertaken at the time the Rules were made.</p> <p>Application of the Rules to this activity promotes economic growth amongst legitimate operators because the standards applied to the operator are consistent across businesses in this sector and have been set to achieve the required legislative standards.</p>