

# Environment Agency permitting decisions

## Variation

We have decided to issue the variation for Knowsley, Contract Chemicals operated by Contract Chemicals (Knowsley) Limited.

The variation number is EPR/BL8619IA/V003.

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

This decision document:

- explains how the 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 other than those in our generic permit template.

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

## Structure of this document

- Key issues
- Annex 1 the decision checklist

## **Key Issues**

### **Industrial Emissions Directive (IED)**

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 were made on the 20 February and came into force on 27 February. These Regulations transpose the requirements of the IED. Amendments have been made to the conditions of this permit so that it now implements the requirements of the EU Directive on Industrial Emissions.

#### Soil and Groundwater Monitoring

As a result of the IED requirements all permits must now have condition 3.1.4 relating to soil and groundwater monitoring.

#### Consolidation

The consolidation comprises updating the whole of the original permit to a modern standard incorporating the changes implemented by the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 which transpose the requirements of IED.

## 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
<b>Consultation</b>		
Scope of consultation	The consultation requirements were identified and implemented. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 6 High Profile Sites, our Public Participation Statement and our Working Together Agreements.	✓
<b>Operator</b>		
Control of the facility	We are satisfied that 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 EPR RGN 1 Understanding the meaning of operator.	✓
<b>European Directives</b>		
Applicable directives	All applicable European directives have been considered in the determination of the application. This permit has implemented the requirements of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED). Please refer to the key issues section for more details.	✓
<b>The site</b>		
Extent of the site of the facility	A plan is included in the permit and the operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary.	✓
<b>Environmental Risk Assessment and operating techniques</b>		
Operating techniques	We have reviewed the techniques used by the operator and compared these with the relevant guidance notes.	✓
<b>The permit conditions</b>		
Incorporating the application	We have specified that the applicant must operate the permit in accordance with descriptions specified in the Operating Techniques table in the permit.	✓
<b>Operator Competence</b>		
Environment management system	There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not have the management systems to enable it to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.	✓
Financial provision	There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not be financially able to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.	✓