Variation notice with introductory note

Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2007

Cross Farm & Beacon Farm

W.J Watkins & Son Limited

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Holsworthy Beacon
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Variation notice number
EPR/RP3632MU/V002

Permit number

EPR/RP3632MU

Cross Farm & Beacon Farm
Permit Number EPR/RP3632MU

Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the permit

The following notice, which is issued pursuant to regulation 20 and Part 1 of Schedule 5 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations S.I.2007 No. 3538 (the Regulations), gives notice of the variation of an environmental permit to operate a regulated facility.

We have decided to vary the permit to remove an improvement condition. The improvement condition required the submission of an Emission Reduction Plan to reduce the level of ammonia impact from the installation at a nearby conservation site. The condition was originally included in the permit because a screening assessment undertaken by the Environment Agency indicated that the farm had the potential to cause levels of ammonia in air that might cause damage or have an adverse affect to the Culm Grasslands SAC (UK0012679) and Brendon Farm (North) SSSI (Woodland Section) (1001065).

Natural England has recently conducted a survey of Culm Grasslands SAC (UK0012679) and Brendon Farm (North) SSSI (Woodland Section) (1001065) to assess the evidence for impacts from airborne ammonia.

The results of the survey concluded that there is insufficient evidence of effects on the designated features consistent with the impact of ammonia.

Under the Environmental Permitting Regulations (2007) we are required to review permits periodically and additionally may do so at any time in the light of new information. Should evidence of an effect consistent with the impact of ammonia be found in future site surveys, we may need to revise the permit to address the issue.

Schedule 1 of this notice lists any deleted conditions, Schedule 2 lists any amended conditions and Schedule 3 lists any conditions that have been added.

The status log of a permit sets out the permitting history, including any changes to the permit reference number.

Status Log of the permit		
Detail	**Date**	**Response Date**
Application RP3632MU	Duly made 01/02/2007	
Additional Information Received		10/08/2007
Permit determined	28/04/2008	
Agency Variation Ref: Let2/MG	08/08/2008	
Agency Variation EPR/RP3632MU/V002 (PAS ref ZP3130TX) Received	25/02/2010	
Agency Variation EPR/RP3632MU/V002 (PAS ref ZP3130TX) Issued	01/04/2010	

End of Introductory Note

Notice of variation

Environmental Permitting
(England and Wales) Regulations 2007

Permit number
EPR/RP3632MU

The Environment Agency in exercise of its powers under Regulation 20 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2007 (SI 2000 No 3538) varies the permit as set out below.

W.J Watkins & Son Limited ("the operator"),

whose registered office is

Highfield
Holsworthy Beacon
Holsworthy
Devon
EX22 7NF

company registration number **01285475**

holds a permit to operate a regulated facility at

Cross Farm and Beacon Farm
Holsworthy Beacon
Holsworthy
Devon
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and that permit is varied to the extent set out in Schedules 1 to 3 of this notice.

The notice shall take effect from 01 April 2010

Name	Date
	01/04/2010

Authorised on behalf of the Agency

Schedule 1 – conditions to be deleted

None

Schedule 2 – conditions to be amended

The following conditions are amended as follows

Table S1.3 of Schedule 1 as referenced in Condition 2.5.1, is amended such that improvement conditions IC2 & IC3 are deleted from that table.

For clarity, the deleted improvement conditions are detailed below.

Table S1.3 Improvement programme requirements		
Reference	**Requirement**	**Date**
IC2	The operator shall submit a written Emission Reduction Plan to the Agency for approval containing proposals that reduce the emission from the permitted installation so that the contribution to the ammonia concentration in air at the wildlife site known as Brendon Farm (North) SSSI (Woodland Section) (1001065) is no more than 0.5µg/m3 as an annual average. The Emission Reduction Plan shall contain timescales for the implementation of the individual measures proposed which shall be by 30 October 2011 at the latest.	8th August 2009

Table S1.3 Improvement programme requirements		
Reference	**Requirement**	**Date**
IC3	The operator shall submit a written Emission Reduction Plan to the Agency for approval containing proposals that reduce the emission from the permitted installation so that the contribution to the ammonia concentration in air at the wildlife site known as Culm Grasslands SAC (UK0012679) is no more than 0.2µg/m3 as an annual average. The Emission Reduction Plan shall contain timescales for the implementation of the individual measures proposed which shall be by 30 October 2011 at the latest.	8th August 2009

Schedule 3 – conditions to be added

None