

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Pelican Oils Limited, Unit 6, Barracks Road operated by Pelican Oils Limited.

The permit number is EPR/TP3839FA.

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

Structure of this document

- Annex 1 the decision checklist

Summary

As per the guidance set out within the Environment Agency's H5 Guidance Note and Regulatory Guidance Note 9 (RGN 9) the applicant, Pelican Oils Limited, has submitted an application for a Low Risk Surrender.

We have reviewed and evaluated the submission and taken into consideration the use of the site and steps taken to ensure that land and groundwater have remained protected throughout the permit lifetime.

At the time of original application, the site met all the criteria for a low impact installation and therefore by definition the environment agency define a "low impact installation" as an installation which, in the opinion of the Environment Agency, cannot result in emissions or there is no likelihood that it will result in emissions except in a quantity which is so trivial that it is incapable of causing pollution or its capacity to cause pollution is insignificant.

The installation was originally operated by Mr Keith Coldrick. The permit was then transferred to Pelican Oils Limited on 03/05/2011.

The applicant has provided a statement of the final condition of the site and has confirmed the removal of all plant and materials.

A serious fire occurred on the 21 June 2013, which was attended by the Environment Agency. Environment Agency contractors were contracted to

prevent pollution to surface water, by the collection of firewater. Following the fire the building housing the facility has been fully decommissioned and demolished with all materials and plant being removed from site.

The site has been inspected periodically since it was first permitted. Following conversation with the regulatory inspector and a review of the site records has been made in support of this application, no obvious evidence of the failure of pollution prevention measures has been recorded.

Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist, the application, supporting information and site condition report evaluation template.

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Receipt of submission		
Confidential information	No claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has been made.	✓
Identifying confidential information	We have not identified any information, provided as part of the application, that we consider to be confidential. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on commercial confidentiality.	✓
The site		
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> <p>The site has operated as a low impact installation (LII) which by definition means that there is little likelihood of pollution through site activities.</p> <p>The operator has been unable to provide comprehensive evidence and records due to a fire in June 2013 destroying all equipment on site. The Environment Agency's records show good compliance of the site and its operation. The fire caused the entire site to burn down as a result was unable to continue operation and needed to be fully decommissioned and demolished as a result of the incident. All plant has ceased operating and been removed.</p> <p>The final condition and state of the site has been assessed and a historical review of the operators compliance and historical environmental incidents undertaken. Discussions have been held with the regulatory inspector to ascertain the complete history of the site and permit.</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>	✓