

Surrender notice with introductory note

The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2010

RWE Generation UK plc

Didcot A Power Station

Didcot

Oxfordshire

OX11 7HA

Surrender application number

EPR/YP3030LR/S004

Permit number

EPR/YP3030LR

Didcot A Power Station

Permit number EPR/YP3030LR

Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the notice.

The following notice gives notice of the surrender in part of an environmental permit.

This partial surrender has been issued in response to an application made by the Operator relating to the closure and decommissioning of the 2,000MW coal-fired Didcot A Power Station and the cessation of electricity generation at this installation since 31 March 2013. This partial surrender relates to the coal stockpile area and three cooling towers in the southern part of the site. The main generation and station area in the northern part of the site is currently undergoing separate demolition which is expected to be completed by the end of 2016. Final permit surrender for the remainder of the main site is likely to be sought after all the demolition has been completed.

The Didcot A Power Station permit area is bisected west to east by Moor Ditch which also represents the natural divide between two site managed surface water drainage systems:

- north of Moor Ditch: main station via W3
- south of Moor Ditch: coal plant via W2.

A purchase agreement has been reached for the southern section of Didcot A Power Station land holding associated with the coal plant (W2). It is this southern permitted section of the site that RWE Generation UK plc is seeking to surrender. The boundary between these two sections will be securely fenced in consultation with the new land owner to ensure distinct delineation between the surrendered and permitted parts of this site. The remaining northern permitted area of Didcot A Power Station will be enclosed by the new installation boundary and equate to around 47 hectares.

In June 2014 'RWE Npower plc' became 'RWE Generation UK plc' as the energy generation business was separated from the UK retail business in 2013. This is the only change associated with the legal registration details of the Operator and there are no other changes in the company registration details.

Any changes made as a result of the surrender in part are set out in the schedules.

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

Status log of the permit		
Description	Date	Comments
Application EPR/YP3030LR/A001	Duly made 31/03/2006	
Submission of additional air dispersion modelling	05/09/2006	
Submission of site plan for permit	23/11/2006	
Permit determined EPR/YP3030LR	28/03/2007	Original permit issued to RWE npower plc.
Variation Notice KP3238XZ issued	03/03/2008	
Variation application EPR/YP3030LR/V003	Duly made 13/05/2013	
Variation determined EPR/YP3030LR	07/08/2013	Varied permit issued.

Status log of the permit		
Description	Date	Comments
Part surrender application EPR/YP3030LR/S004	Duly made 06/10/2014	Application to partially surrender the permitted area south of Moor Ditch at Didcot A Power Station. Company name change to RWE Generation UK plc.
Part surrender determined EPR/YP3030LR PAS billing ref: TP3638WU	09/01/2015	Part surrender complete.

Other existing licences/authorisations/registrations relating to this site		
Operator	Permit number	Date of issue
RWE npower (Water Abstraction)	28/39/18/59	17/05/2000

End of introductory note

Notice of surrender

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010

The Environment Agency in exercise of its powers under regulation 25 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 accepts the surrender in part of

Permit number

EPR/YP3030LR

Issued to

RWE Generation UK plc (“the operator”)

whose registered office is

Windmill Hill Business Park

Whitehill Way

Swindon

Wiltshire

SN5 6PB

company registration number 03892782

to operate a regulated facility at

Didcot A Power Station

Didcot

Oxfordshire

OX11 7HA

to the extent set out in the schedules.

This notice shall take effect from 09/01/2015.

Name	Date
A.J. Nixon	09 January 2015

Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

Schedule 1 – conditions to be deleted

None.

Schedule 2 – conditions to be amended

The following tables are amended, as detailed, as a result of the application made by the Operator. The scheduled activity S3.5 (B)(f) relating to Pulverised Fuel Ash (PFA) handling and storage and reference to Outlet W2 have been removed from Table S1.1 as a result of the site closure and partial surrender application.

Table S1.1 Activities		
Activity listed in Schedule 1 of the EP Regulations	Description of specified activity	Limits of specified activity
S1.1 A(1)(a)	Burning any fuel in an appliance with a rated thermal input of 50MW or more.	Receipt of coal and solid biomass at the coal mills and the supply of gas and oil to the combustion units, through to the discharge of exhaust gases from the stack, ash removal and the export of steam to the steam system.
Directly Associated Activity		
	Surface water drainage and process effluent.	Handling and storage of site drainage from rainwater collection system, settlement lagoons, sumps and drains to Moor Ditch via outlet W3 only.
	Waste handling and storage.	Waste generation, storage and monitoring to waste despatch.

Table S1.2 is amended to include the partial surrender application documents.

Table S1.2 Operating techniques		
Description	Parts	Date Received
Application EPR/YP3030LR/V003	The response to section B 2.1 and B 2.2 in the Application, Excluding any reference to the operation of the open cycle gas turbines, the coal stockpile area and three cooling towers in the southern part of the site	31/03/2006

Table S4.2 is amended to remove all reference to Outlet W2.

Table S4.2 Point Source emissions to water (other than sewer) and land – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	Source	Parameter	Limit (incl. unit)	Reference Period	Monitoring frequency	Monitoring standard or method
W3 on site plan in Schedule 2 to Moor Ditch NGR SU 515 915	Site drainage including from the heavy fuel oil unloading area, the turbine hall and boiler house basement	Total Suspended Solids	30mg/l (max)	Spot	Weekly	BS EN 872
		pH	6.5 to 9 (inclusive)	Spot	Weekly	SCA Blue Book 14. ISBN 0117514284
		* Oil or Grease	20mg/l (max)	Spot	Weekly	SCA Blue Book 77 ISBN 011751728
		BOD	20mg/l (max)	Spot	Weekly	SCA Blue Book 130 ISBN 01175122120

* - Oil & grease to be non-visible on the surface of the receiving waters in the immediate vicinity of the release points.

Table S5.1 is amended to remove all reference to Outlet W2. Parameters, for which reports shall be made, in accordance with conditions of this permit, are listed below.

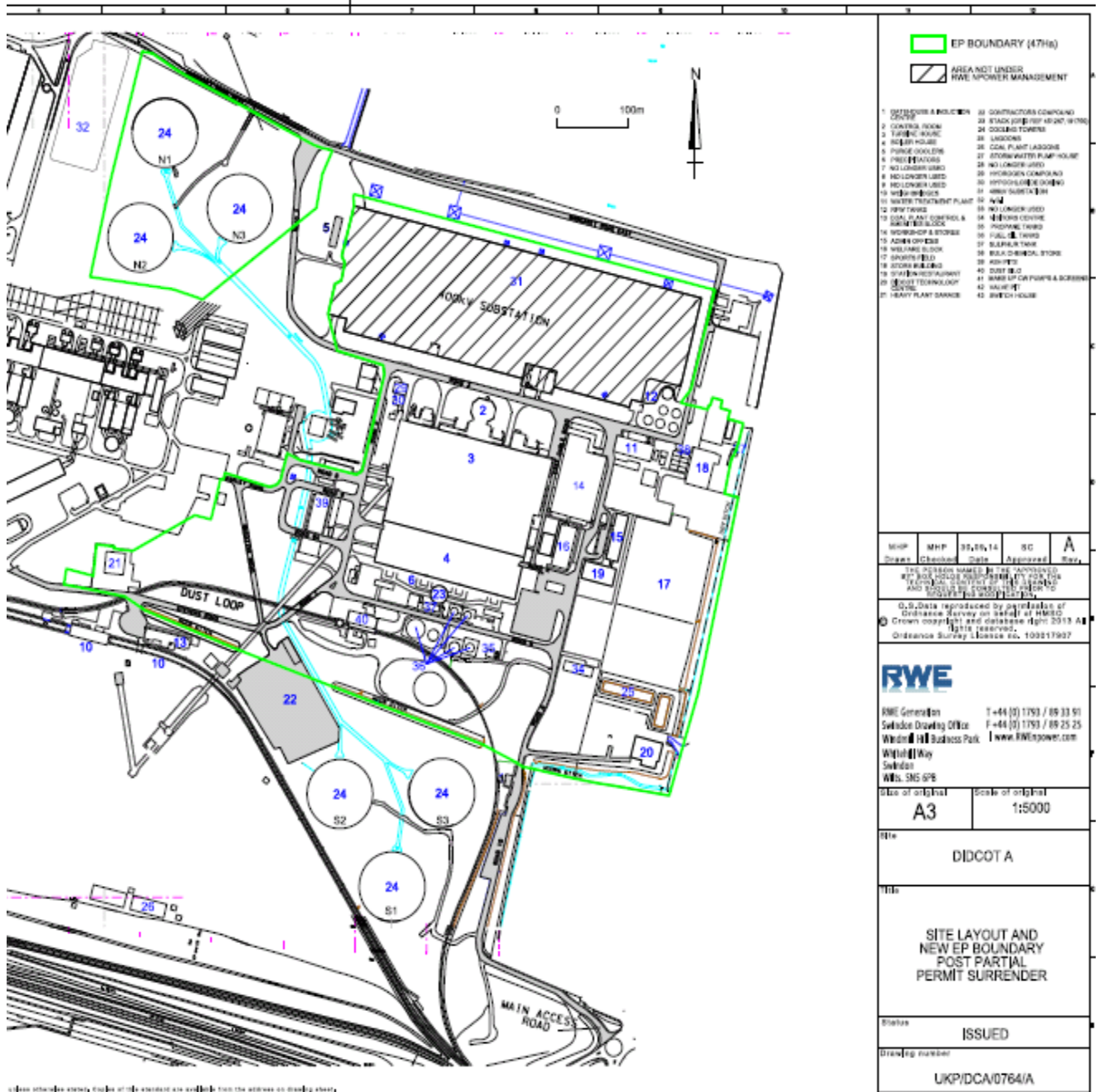
Table S5.1 Reporting of monitoring data			
Parameter	Emission or monitoring point/reference	Reporting period	Period begins
Emission to water sample and analysis result	W3	Quarterly	01 April 2013

Schedule 3 – conditions to be added

None.

Schedule 4 – amended plan

The area of the site is reduced to that shown in the attached amended plan.



END OF PERMIT