

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Staveley Works operated by Mallinckrodt Chemical Limited.

The permit number is EPR/BU0877IH.

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

- Key issues
- Annex 1 the decision checklist

Key issues of the decision

The applicant has provided reference data, within the AECOM Surrender site condition report dated October 2013, to support the surrender application and has provided a comprehensive comparison of this data with the original baseline established at the time of permit issue. Detailed description of remedial measures and site decommissioning has also been provided along with information relating to improving the site setting and drainage during the facility's operation to prevent discharges to ground.

The surrender report identifies contamination of soils and groundwater below the site. However these are typically of lower concentration than the baseline established in 2002. Where slight exceedences in concentration have been noted, these have reasonably been identified as daughter products caused by degradation. Based on the data provided the Environment Agency would agree that this does seem more likely than these elevated concentrations being caused by site activities and are therefore satisfied that the site has been returned in a satisfactory state.

Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist, the application and supporting information, Site Condition Report Evaluation Template and surrender notice/letter.

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
The site		
Extent of the surrender application	The operator has provided a plan showing the extent of the site of the facility that is to be surrendered. We consider this plan to be satisfactory,.	✓
Pollution risk	We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid a pollution risk resulting from the operation of the regulated facility.	✓
Satisfactory state	We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state. In coming to this decision we have had regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.	✓