

# Environment Agency permitting decisions

## Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Field Farm Pig Unit operated by David Murrell.

The permit number is EPR/SP3035UK.

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 permit was granted for this site on 26/10/07 for 2500 production pigs. The number of pigs was reduced in June 2013 to about 1500.

The pig unit at Field Farm will continue to operate at stocking levels below the 2000 production pig limit which is the threshold for requiring an EPR permit under Section 6.9 A(1)(a) ii.

Therefore an EPR permit is no longer required at this stocking level, and can be surrendered.

## Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the application and supporting information.

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
<b>The site</b>		
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 facility will continue to operate to the same standards, just with reduced numbers of production pigs. No pollution incidents have been recorded during the time the EPR permit was in force; and the farm was deemed to be compliant with the permit following an inspection under the Farm Assurance Scheme.</p>	✓
Satisfactory state	<p>We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to maintain the site of the regulated facility in 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> <p>An addition to the site condition report was submitted confirming site in same condition as when permit granted.</p>	✓