

## **Environment Agency permitting decisions**

### **Surrender**

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Footprint Fuels Biodiesel Plant operated by Footprint Fuels Limited.

The permit number is EPR/HP3235TP.

The surrender number is EPR/HP3235TP/S002.

The decision was effective from 02/06/14.

### **Summary of the decision**

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit.

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.

A standard rules permit was issued under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 authorising Footprint Fuels Limited to operate a low impact Part A installation as described in standard rules set SR2009No3. Activity S4.1A(1)(a)(ii) – production of biodiesel from new and waste vegetable oils and rendered animal fat was carried out at the installation as outlined in SR2009No3.

### **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

## Pollution Risk

The activity carried out at the installation was listed under S4.1A(1)(a)(ii) of The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 – production of biodiesel from new and waste vegetable oils and rendered animal fat was carried out at the installation as outlined in SR2009No3. Receipt and storage of raw materials and the handling and dispatch of finished product and waste was carried out at the site. The primary risk to the environment was from spillage of raw materials, waste or chemicals.

The standard rules specified that the volumes of raw materials and wastes that could be accepted on site could not exceed 2,000 tonnes per year.

## Site Condition Report

### Environmental Setting

The site is situated within an industrial estate upon infilled ground. The superficial geology is sand and gravel. The bedrock is London Clay. The site lies upon a major aquifer. The nearest surface water feature is one of the Bedfont Lakes at a distance of 165m.

### Changes to activities

There have been no changes to the activity boundary or the permitted activities since permit issue.

### Measures taken to protect land

The land was protected by fixed internal bunding combined with clay mats and oil booms. A management system was in place at the site which specified procedures to address the pollution risks.

### Pollution incidents

The surrender Site Condition Report confirms that there were no records of pollution incidents during the life of the permit which may have impacted on land or groundwater.

### Condition at site closure

The surrender Site Condition Report confirms that at the point of surrender the site had been cleared completely of all used cooking oil, biodiesel and unused chemicals. All biodiesel infrastructure and used cooking oil storage equipment was removed subject to the Duty of Care Regulations.

## Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist, the application and supporting information and permit/ notice.

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
<b>The site</b>		
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.	✓