Environment Agency permitting decisions

Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Weston Longville Biodiesel Facility operated by Trevor Pimlott trading as "Evergreen Fuels".

The permit number is EPR/KP3936XQ.

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, Trevor Pimlott, 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 applicant has provided a statement of the final condition of the site and has confirmed the removal of all raw and process materials. Some plant remains on site awaiting sale.

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

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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
Descript of automission		Yes
Receipt of sul 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	We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid a pollution risk resulting from the operation of the regulated facility. The site has operated as a low impact installation (LII) which by definition means that there is little likelihood of pollution through site activities. The final condition and state of the site has been assessed and a historical review of the operators compliance and site records has been undertaken. Discussions have been held with the regulatory inspector to ascertain the complete history of the site and permit.	
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.	✓

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