

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Kennelwood Farm operated by Phoenix Fuels Limited.

The permit number is EPR/QP3138UN.

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

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
The site		
Extent of the surrender application	<p>The operator has provided a plan showing the extent of the site of the facility that is to be surrendered.</p> <p>We consider this plan to be satisfactory.</p>	✓
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 permit held for the site was a Low Impact Installation for the production of Biodiesel. The facility was permitted in 2009. However, the operator has stated that the facility never produced biodiesel as it was never fully commissioned, having only undergone cold commissioning. The records held for the site by the Environment Agency show that the site has submitted 'nil' waste returns since the permit was issued.</p> <p>A methanol tank was installed external to the building but never commissioned. The tank is currently empty and has been mothballed. The site is now being used as a packing facility and we are satisfied that the site no longer poses a pollution threat as all potentially polluting substances have been removed from the site and the site has been decommissioned.</p>	✓
Satisfactory state	<p>We have undertaken a final site visit and can confirm that all potentially polluting substances have been removed from the site and that the methanol tank has been appropriately mothballed. We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to return the site of the regulated facility to 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>	✓