

## **Environment Agency permitting decisions**

### **Surrender**

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Unit 4 and 5a operated by Dragon Recycling Solutions Limited.

The permit number is EPR/RP3035HA.

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 site was granted a low impact installation permit in 2011 for the purposes of recovering mercury, the retort used to collect mercury operated under negative pressure and with the use of activated carbon filters as additional abatement. The permit also allowed the storage of mercury on site as a directly associated activity. All discharges from the process were vented to atmosphere through a single discharge point at the site. While this is a low impact installation, the site did have activated carbon filter abatement, with emission limits and monitoring requirements for discharges to air in place to ensure that mercury discharges were insignificant.

Our records show that since operations began the Operator has operated the site in accordance with the permit, there have not been any breaches of permit limits and there have not been any accidents, spills or events which could have led to pollution of the site. We have undertaken a final visit to the site and confirm that the decommissioning plan has been carried out and all sources of pollution and waste have been removed.

All activities were undertaken within the site's buildings. At the time of the site visit undertaken by the Environment Agency, the facility was in good condition

with no cracking evident in the concrete flooring and no evidence of chemical spills.

### 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>		
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.	✓