Environment Agency Permitting Decisions

We have decided to vary the permit for the Widnes Animal Rendering plant operated by Granox Ltd.

The permit number is CP3230BE

The operator is Granox Ltd

The facility is located at Desoto road, West Bank Dock Estate, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 0PB
The decision was effective from 5 May 2009

Summary of the decision

We have decided to vary the permit as per variation notice PP3736GG to amend the dates by which some of the improvement items are to be completed.

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environment protection is provided.

Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- provides a record of the decision-making process;
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account; and
- justifies the specific conditions in the permit.

Structure of this document

- Key Issues of the decision;
- Annex 1 the decision check list
- Annex 2: advertising and consultation

Key Issues of the decision

The original permit included improvement conditions that required proposals for improvements to odour control. The proposals were required to include a time scale for implementation. The operator made proposals with a proposed timescale. These were in outline acceptable to the Agency but additional details were required to be submitted. In January 2008 the operator submitted revised proposals together with revised dates. Those dates were formalised by means of a variation. Since then changes in the market has forced the operator to revise his proposals with a commensurate change to the completion dates. This variation is to formalise these revised dates.

Annex 1: decision checklist

Activity	Justification / Detail	Determination criteria met	
		No	Yes
Receipt of submission			
Application fee	This is a simple standard variation to amend a condition in the permit. The appropriate fee was paid.		✓
Commercial confidentiality	There are no commercial confidentiality aspects to the variation		
Consultation			
Scope of consultation	Consultation is not required		✓
Consultation responses			✓
Operator			
Control of the facility	We are satisfied that the operator is the person who will have control over the operation the facility.		✓
The facility			
The regulated facility [only include where there has been debate on the extent of the facility]	No change to the original permit requirements		✓
European Directives			
Applicable Directives	No change to the original permit requirements		
The site			
Extent of the site of the facility	No change to the original permit requirements		✓
Site condition report	No change to the original permit requirements		✓
Environmental Risk Assessment and operating techniques			
Environmental risk	No change to the original permit requirements		✓
Operating techniques	No change to the original permit requirements		✓
The permit conditions			
Use of conditions other than those from the template	The variation has made changes to the permit conditions. We are fully satisfied that appropriate management systems are in place and that sufficient financial, technical and manpower resources are available to ensure compliance with the changes imposed by the variation.		✓
Odour alternative conditions	No change to the original permit requirements		✓
Noise alternative conditions	No change to the original permit requirements		✓
Raw materials	No change to the original permit requirements		✓
Waste types	No change to the original permit requirements		✓
Pre-operational conditions	Not applicable		✓
Conditions where the consent of another person is needed	Not applicable		✓
Incorporating the	Not applicable		✓

Activity	Justification / Detail	Determination criteria met	
		No	Yes
application			
Emission limits	No change to the original permit requirements		✓
Monitoring	No change to the original permit requirements		✓
Reporting	No change to the original permit requirements		✓
Operator Competence			
Technical competence	Not applicable		✓
Relevant Convictions	Not applicable		✓
Financial provision	Not applicable		✓
OPRA			
Opra Score	This variation does not change the OPRA score		

Annex 2: consultation responses

Advertising and consultation

No advertising or consultation is required for this variation.