

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Full transfer

We have decided to grant the transfer for Aylesford Paper Mill Services from Aylesford Newsprint Services Limited to Aylesford Newsprint Limited.

The new permit number is EPR/WP3634RR.

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 environmental protection is provided.

Purpose of this document

This decision document:

- explains how the application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account

Key Issues

Aylesford Newsprint Limited has requested the transfer of Environmental Permit EPR/BJ344IP from Aylesford Newsprint Services Limited.

The permit transfer is the result of Aylesford Newsprint Services being unable to continue operating the site. Following discussions with the Environment Agency we have agreed that, subject to certain conditions, we will transfer the CHP permit to Aylesford Newsprint Limited who are in administration. A pre-operational condition has been set within the notice as a result of the status of the Operator.

This notice also includes a review of the permit for compliance with Chapter III of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) ensuring IED compliance. As the plant is not currently in operation a decision was made, by the Environment Agency, to set a post operation condition for the site requiring the operator to tell us how they will comply with the IED, prior to any potential restart of the plant and operations on site.

The Environment Agency foresee no issues with the transfer of the Environmental Permit and predict continued environmental protection through the above measures.

Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist, the application and supporting information and transfer notice. A transfer date has been agreed with the new operator as the date on which they will be in control of the facility. This is the effective date of the permit transfer.

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Operator		
Control of the facility	We are satisfied that the applicant (now the operator) is the person who will have control over the operation of part of the facility after the grant of the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with EPR RGN 1 Understanding the meaning of operator.	✓
Operator competence		
Environment Management System	<p>There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not have the management systems to enable it to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.</p> <p>A pre-operational condition has been set within the notice (PO1) requiring the Operator to send a summary of the site Environment Management System (EMS) for written approval from the Environment Agency before operations can commence.</p>	✓
Relevant convictions	<p>The National Enforcement Database has been checked to ensure that all relevant convictions have been declared.</p> <p>No relevant convictions were declared by the transferee.</p> <p>The operator satisfies the criteria in RGN 5 on Operator Competence.</p>	✓