

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Standard rule permit

We have decided to grant the permit for Ridge Road Farm Anaerobic Digestion Facility operated by Gascorp Limited.

The permit number is EPR/EP3131AV/A001

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.

Structure of this document

- Annex 1 the decision checklist

Annex 1: decision checklist

This checklist should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist the application and supporting information and permit/notice.

Aspect	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Receipt of submission		
Standard rules criteria met	The application meets the criteria for the standard rules identified in Part B of the application form.	✓
Advertising		
Responses to web publicising	The responses to web publicising (Annex 2) were taken into account in the decision. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance.	✓
The site		
Extent of the site of the facility	The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility. A plan is included in the permit and the operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary.	✓
Site condition report or baseline report	The operator has provided a satisfactory site condition report (SCR) and where relevant (where there is a risk of contamination with relevant hazardous substances) a baseline report.	✓
Operator competence		
Technical competence	<p>Technical competency is required for activities permitted in the standard rule set.</p> <p>The operator is a member of an agreed scheme.</p> <p>In accordance with RGN 5 the operator is relying on the grace period for technical competence. The applicant has 4 weeks <u>from the start of operations</u> to gain the 4 relevant WAMITAB units HSS3, MSCE9, WM4g and WM21c. The operator will additionally be required to attain the appropriate level of competence (the additional units WM1b and WM2 required to make up the award or the full award) within 12 months.</p> <p>The Operator had applied for standard rule set SR2012 No9 (v2.0) which was 'Duly Made' on 04th November 2015, this rule set however was subsequently amended on 01st December 2015 to v3.0. The changes to the rule set implement the decisions we made following Standard</p>	✓

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		Yes
	<p>Rules Consultation No 12 which took place between November 2014 and March 2015. The minor changes applicable to this rule set incorporate changes needed to meet the legislative requirements of the IED. As a result of these changes the operator was requested to review the new rule set and confirm that they could meet any changes, the operator confirmed that they could comply with the revised rule set v3.0 via way of email dated 09th December 2015.</p> <p>The operator satisfies the criteria in RGN 5 on Operator Competence.</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 found.</p> <p>The operator satisfies the criteria in RGN 5 on Operator Competence.</p>	✓
Financial provision	<p>There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not be financially able to comply with the standard rules. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.</p>	✓