

# **Environment Agency permitting decisions**

## **Surrender**

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Clifford Farm operated by Faccenda Foods Limited.

The permit number is EPR/DP3134KG.

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**

### Site Condition Report

The application is a full surrender. This site operated as an Intensive Poultry Farm, comprising of 4 broiler houses used to rear chickens for meat production. The site has now been decommissioned with all risks to pollution removed. A Decommissioning Plan has been carried out in-line with the permit surrender (reference: Decommissioning - Clifford , dated: April 2016).

Throughout the operation under the permit, the site undertook the following measures to ensure that the land was protected:

- Farm Manager undertook daily inspections to ensure no pollution events had occurred.
- Additional inspections were undertaken to ensure that dirty water and poultry litter was contained within the site and collected and disposed of correctly.

Since the current operator has operated on site there has been no pollution incidents. The current operator is also unaware of any historic pollution events.

Based on the above, we conclude that the risk for the site to have been polluted is low and the site is in a satisfactory state to be surrendered.

**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>Receipt of submission</b>        |  |              |
| Confidential information            | A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made.  | ✓            |
| <b>The site</b>                     |  |              |
| Extent of the surrender application | The operator has provided a plan showing the extent of the site of the facility that is to be surrendered.<br><br>We consider this plan to be satisfactory.  | ✓            |
| 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.<br><br>In coming to this decision we have had regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation. | ✓            |