

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Salford Waste Facility operated by SRCL Limited.

The permit number is EPR/JP3592CE/S004.

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 permit was originally issued as a waste licence on 08/12/95 to Yorkshire Environmental Limited, following a subsequent variation (25/05/05) it was transferred to SRCL Limited (09/01/08). The permit was again varied EPR/JP3592/V002 on 03/03/11 and then the final variation EPR/JP3592/V003 on the 15/01/13 when it became an installation as the site applied to store more than 10 tonnes of hazardous clinical waste.

The permit authorised the receipt, storage and dispatch of hazardous and non-hazardous clinical waste - S5.3 A(1) a) i) activity . The clinical waste carts were also washed on the site.

This is a low risk surrender, where activities could in principle pollute land or groundwater but the operator can show through pollution control measures that they have avoided a pollution risk and have returned the site to a satisfactory state (having regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation). A report is required but not one involving intrusive monitoring data.

The applicant has provided a Site Condition Report and a Site Closure Plan to support the application. Further information was provided on the 29/06/2016:-

- Salford Environmental Assessment Report which is reference in the Site Condition Report.
- Examples of site diary checks and planned maintenance inspection planners.

Measures taken to protect land include–

- Routine checks on site bunds and surfaces
- A planned preventative maintenance system
- An incident reporting/investigation system and remedial actions procedures.

No pollution incidents have occurred over the life of the permit.

The site has been swept and the floor inside the buildings has been washed with a mechanical floor sweeper and then sprayed with a 1% sodium hypochlorite solution. The yard area will be cleaned using the same process.

Activities on the site ceased in March 2016, decommissioning of the facility has been completed and all pollution risk removed.

The Area site inspector is satisfied that the permit can 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
Receipt of submission		
Confidential information	A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made.	✓
Identifying confidential information	We have not identified information provided as part of the application that we consider to be confidential. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on commercial confidentiality.	✓
The site		
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. (The site plan is referenced in the Site Condition Report) 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. In coming to this decision we have had regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.	✓