

Environment Agency permitting decision

Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for **Yardley Green Clinical Waste Treatment Facility** operated by **Tradebe Healthcare National Limited**

The permit number is **EPR/XP3834XX**

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

Reason for surrender

The facility has been decommissioned and all items of equipment removed. All potential sources of pollution have been removed. The Treatment Plant permanently ceased charging waste on 5th February 2016. All remaining clinical waste was transferred off site by 29th March 2016.

Following the removal of all potential sources of pollution the installation was formally handed back to the landlord, the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust, on 14th April 2016.

It is not known what future use the landlord intends to use the site for. The installation has been prevented from operating again by permanently removing all equipment from the site.

Low Risk Surrender

We have agreed with the operator that the criteria for a Low Risk Surrender has been satisfied. This is in accordance with Regulatory Guidance Note (RGN) 9. This was confirmed by the area Environment Team. Therefore no site investigation was required.

The planned decommissioning activities had very low potential to cause any impact to the land and there have been no reported incidents during the decommissioning. As such no investigation or remediation activities have been considered necessary. Details of the list of potential sources of pollution risk and the installation closure plan are detailed in the Installation Closure Plan Report.

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
The facility		
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.	✓