

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Bradwell Poultry Unit operated by Hook 2 Sisters Limited.

The permit number is EPR/DP3236WB.

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 installation is located at Downhall Farm, Southminster, Essex, CM0 7QR. The permit was transferred to Hook 2 Sisters Limited on 29 January 2015. The site became a permitted poultry installation on 20 June 2007. Prior to this date poultry production took place at the site on a lower scale. It is estimated that poultry production unit has been on the site for approximately 45 years. Before poultry production the area was an airfield owned by the Royal Air Force.

The permit authorised one listed activity:

- Section 6.9 A(1)(a) Rearing of poultry intensively in an installation with more than (i) 40,000 places for poultry.

The installation was permitted for the rearing of up to 100,600 broilers.

A Site Condition Report (SCR) and decommissioning plan for the site were submitted with the application.

All portable equipment has been removed and services disconnected. The buildings will remain in situ under the ownership of the landowner.

This is a low risk surrender; the activity carried out at the site has been determined to be low risk. We consider that sufficient information has been supplied to demonstrate that the pollution risk is low and that the site is in a satisfactory state.

A final inspection has been completed to ensure that all decommissioning has been undertaken in accordance with the agreed decommissioning plan and has not resulted in any pollution.

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 site		
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.	✓