

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Nottingham Clinical Waste Incinerator operated by SRCL Limited.

The permit number is EPR/EP3230XE

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 operator applied for a low-risk surrender, a position which was supported by Area at the pre-application stage, and after the application had been received by the Environment Agency. The application was therefore duly made and determined on this basis.

Officers' from Groundwater & Contaminated Land carried out a visit of the site along with the PPC Officer as the site was being decommissioned. Their conclusion was as follows:

“The quality of the infrastructure at the site, the limited likelihood of significant spillage of polluting liquids from the site coupled with the use of the sewage system for liquid wastes mean that the use of intrusive investigation to prove the impact that the clinical waste incinerator has had on ground quality in the area will not be required.”

Area's final inspection report confirms that all incineration plant, gas treatment and monitoring equipment has been completely removed from site. All incineration residues have been removed and there is no evidence of any clinical waste at the site.

We are satisfied that the operator has taken all the necessary measures to avoid any pollution risk resulting from the operation of the facility; and has returned the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state, having regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.

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		
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. 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.	✓