

Environment Agency permitting decisions

Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for **Attwell Park Farm Pig Unit** operated by **Mr Andrew Gough and Mrs Julia Gough**.

The permit number is **EPR/KP3631CH**.

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 History

The permit EPR/KP3631CH was issued in March 2013. The installation permit includes five pig sheds to provide a combined capacity for 3,850 production pig places of greater than 30kg. The main installation scheduled activity is as follows:

Section 6.9 A (1) (a) (ii) Rearing of pigs intensively in an installation with more than 2,000 places for production pigs (over 30kg).

Basis of surrender

In practice the installation has not operated above 2000 places for production pigs (over 30kg) since the end of 2014 and will continue to operate under this threshold in the future. The operator has confirmed that the maximum number of production pigs (over 30kg) will be 1,800 at any one time.

The operator has provided comments in line with our H5 guidance on the state of the site during the life of the permit confirms. There have been no incidents impacting groundwater and land contamination during the life of the permit.

We have visited the site and our compliance team has verified that the production pig (over 30 kg) numbers are less than 2000 places and that the site is in a satisfactory state to be surrendered.

Annex 1: decision checklist

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Receipt of submission		
Confidential information	A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made.	✓
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. This is a full surrender of all permitted activities within installation boundary. This boundary is unchanged since original permit application EPR/KP3631CH. 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. There have been no incidents leading to groundwater and land contamination linked to the installation activities.	✓
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.	✓