

# Permitting decisions

## Low Risk Surrender

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We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Pleasant Street Biodiesel Works operated by Midwest Oils Limited.

The permit number is EPR/NP3331CG.

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

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- highlights [key issues](#) in the determination
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Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

Read the permitting decisions in conjunction with the environmental permit and the surrender notice. The introductory note summarises what the notice covers.

## Key issues of the decision

### 1. Reason for surrender application

- The installation permit was granted under SR2009.No3 (Low Impact Part A installation for the production of biodiesel). However, the activities never commenced. No Site Condition Report is required because of this, however the operator has submitted some photographs showing the empty premises.

### 2. Low Risk Surrender

- We have agreed with the operator that the criteria for a Low Risk Surrender, as outlined in Regulator Guidance Note (RGN) 9, has been satisfied. RGN 9 states that *'where activities could in principle pollute land or groundwater but the operator can show through....pollution control measures, that the legal test [for surrender] has been met'*.

This has been demonstrated by the fact that activities never commenced.

## Decision checklist

Aspect considered	Decision
<b>Receipt of application</b>	
Confidential information	A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made.
Identifying confidential information	<p>We have not identified information provided as part of the application that we consider to be confidential.</p> <p>The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on confidentiality.</p>
<b>The site</b>	
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	<p>We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state.</p> <p>In coming to this decision we have had regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.</p>