

Permitting decisions

Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Sherwood Park Dyehouse operated by Autofil Yarns Limited.

The permit number is EPR/BS9334IR.

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 provides a record of the decision making process. It summarises the decision making process in the decision checklist to show how all relevant factors have been taken into account. This decision document provides a record of the decision making process. It:

- highlights [key issues](#) in the determination
- summarises the decision making process in the [decision checklist](#) to show how all relevant factors have been taken into account

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

Autofil Yarns Limited manufactures automotive yarns and held a permit for their Sherwood Park site to operate under Section 6.4 Part A (1) (b) - dyeing textiles in plant with a treatment capacity of more than 10 tonnes per day. The company is surrendering permit EPR/BS9334IR following a cessation in bulk yarn dyeing at this site and the complete re-location of the scheduled activities to mainland Europe.

Only development machines and the support equipment (raw material and chemical storage areas, boilers, effluent tanks) will remain in operation at the Sherwood Park site (to be used by customers to develop new yarns) manufacturing approximately 650kg of yarn per day, taking the site to below threshold levels for permitting. This means the ability to pre-treat and dye fibres on a large scale (i.e. >10tonnes/day) has been removed from the installation and that the site will not be to completely decommissioned prior to the surrender of this permit as it will remain operational for other processes not requiring an environmental permit.

Autofil Yarns Limited is applying for a low risk surrender on the basis that monitoring of the site has been undertaken in accordance with the permit and that there has been no recorded pollution incidents during the lifetime of the permit.

In accordance with ISO14001, the site will continue to protect against and avoid pollution of land, water and air and still have the systems in place for monitoring and reporting environmental protection. Site runoff from building rooves and hardstanding areas enters Cuttail Brook via a balancing pond on the trade estate. There is a discharge to sewer of process effluents from the site under consent from Severn Trent Water.

The building lease expires in September 2018 and will not be renewed. The company is currently searching for another location and will relocate when the current contract ends.

Decision checklist

Aspect considered	Decision
Receipt of application	
Confidential information	A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on confidentiality.
Identifying confidential information	We have not identified any information provided as part of the application that we consider to be confidential. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on confidentiality.
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.