

Environment Agency

Review of an Environmental Permit for an Installation subject to Chapter II of the Industrial Emissions Directive under the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016

Decision document recording our decision-making process following review of a permit

The Permit number is: EPR/ZP3839QF
The Operator is: RWE Generation UK PLC
The Installation is: Cheshire Power Station
This Variation Notice number is: EPR/ZP3839QF/V002

What this document is about

Article 21(3) of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) requires the Environment Agency to review conditions in permits that it has issued and to ensure that the permit delivers compliance with relevant standards, within four years of the publication of updated decisions on best available techniques (BAT) conclusions.

We have reviewed the permit for this installation against the revised BAT Conclusions for large combustion plant published on 17th August 2017. This is our decision document, which explains the reasoning for the consolidated variation notice that we are issuing.

It explains how we have reviewed and considered the techniques used by the Operator in the operation and control of the plant and activities of the installation. This review has been undertaken with reference to the decision made by the European Commission establishing best available techniques (BAT) conclusions ('BAT Conclusions') for large combustion plant as detailed in document reference IEDC-7-1. It is our record of our decision-making process and shows how we have taken into account all relevant factors in reaching our position. It also provides a justification for the inclusion of any specific conditions in the permit that are in addition to those included in our generic permit template.

As well as considering the review of the operating techniques used by the Operator for the operation of the plant and activities of the installation, the consolidated variation notice takes into account and brings together in a single document all previous variations that relate to the original permit

issued. It also modernises the entire permit to reflect the conditions contained in our current generic permit template.

The introduction of new template conditions makes the Permit consistent with our current general approach and philosophy and with other permits issued to installations in this sector. Although the wording of some conditions has changed, while others have been removed because of the new regulatory approach, it does not reduce the level of environmental protection achieved by the Permit in any way. In this document we therefore address only our determination of substantive issues relating to the new BAT Conclusions.

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Throughout this document we will use a number of expressions. These are as referred to in the glossary and have the same meaning as described in “Schedule 6 Interpretation” of the Permit.

We try to explain our decision as accurately, comprehensively and plainly as possible. We would welcome any feedback as to how we might improve our decision documents in future. A lot of technical terms and acronyms are inevitable in a document of this nature: we provide a glossary of acronyms near the front of the document, for ease of reference.

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Glossary of acronyms used in this document

(Please note that this glossary is standard for our decision documents and therefore not all these acronyms are necessarily used in this document.)

AEEL	Associated Energy Efficiency Level
APC	Air Pollution Control
BAT	Best Available Technique(s)
BAT-AEL	BAT Associated Emission Level
BATc	BAT conclusion
BREF	Best available techniques reference document
CEM	Continuous emissions monitor
CHP	Combined heat and power
CV	Calorific value
DAA	Directly associated activity – Additional activities necessary to be carried out to allow the principal activity to be carried out
DLN	Dry Low NO _x
EIONET	European environment information and observation network is a partnership network of the European Environment Agency
ELV	Emission limit value derived under BAT or an emission limit value set out in IED
EMS	Environmental Management System
EPR	Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (SI 2010 No. 1154)
EWC	European waste catalogue
FSA	Food Standards Agency
IED	Industrial Emissions Directive (2010/75/EU)
IPPCD	Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control Directive (2008/1/EC) – now superseded by IED
LCP	Large Combustion Plant subject to Chapter III of IED
MSUL/MSDL	Minimum start up load/minimum shut-down load
NO _x	Oxides of nitrogen (NO plus NO ₂ expressed as NO ₂)
PC	Process Contribution
SGN	Sector guidance note
TGN	Technical guidance note
TOC	Total Organic Carbon
WFD	Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC)

1 Our decision

We have decided to issue the consolidated variation notice to the Operator. This will allow it to continue to operate the Installation, subject to the conditions in the consolidated variation notice.

We consider that, in reaching that decision, we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the varied permit will ensure that a high level of protection is provided for the environment and human health.

The consolidated variation notice contains many conditions taken from our standard Environmental Permit template including the relevant Annexes. We developed these conditions in consultation with industry, having regard to the legal requirements of the Environmental Permitting Regulations and other relevant legislation. This document does not therefore include an explanation for these standard conditions. Where they are included in the Notice, we have considered the techniques identified by the operator for the operation of their installation, and have accepted that the details are sufficient and satisfactory to make those standard conditions appropriate. This document does, however, provide an explanation of our use of “tailor-made” or installation-specific conditions, or where our Permit template provides two or more options.

2 How we reached our decision

2.1 Requesting information to demonstrate compliance with BAT Conclusions for Large Combustion Plant

We issued a Notice under Regulation 61(1) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (a Regulation 61 Notice) on 1st May 2018 requiring the Operator to provide information to demonstrate how the operation of their installation currently meets, or will subsequently meet, the revised standards described in the large combustion plant BAT Conclusions document. The Notice also required that where the revised standards are not currently met, the operator should provide information that:

- Describes the techniques that will be implemented before 17th August 2021, which will then ensure that operations meet the revised standard, or
- Justifies why standards will not be met by 17th August 2021, and confirmation of the date when the operation of those processes will cease within the installation or an explanation of why the revised BAT standard is not applicable to those processes, or
- Justifies why an alternative technique will achieve the same level of environmental protection equivalent to the revised standard described in the BAT Conclusions.

Where the Operator proposed that they were not intending to meet a BAT standard that also included a BAT Associated Emission Level (BAT AEL) described in the BAT Conclusions Document, the Regulation 61 Notice requested that the Operator make a formal request for derogation from compliance with that AEL (as provisioned by Article 15(4) of IED). In this circumstance, the Notice identified that any such request for derogation must be supported and justified by sufficient technical and commercial information that would enable us to determine acceptability of the derogation request.

The Regulation 61 Notice response from the Operator was received on 13th November 2018.

2.2 Review of our own information in respect to the capability of the installation to meet revised standards included in the BAT Conclusions document

Based on our records and previous regulatory activities with the facility we have no reason to consider that the operator will not be able to comply with the conditions that we include in the permit.

3 The legal framework

The consolidated variation notice will be issued under Regulation 20 of the EPR. The Environmental Permitting regime is a legal vehicle which delivers most of the relevant legal requirements for activities falling within its scope. In particular, the regulated facility is:

- an *installation* as described by the IED;
- subject to aspects of other relevant legislation which also have to be addressed.

We consider that the consolidated variation notice will ensure that the operation of the Installation complies with all relevant legal requirements and that a high level of protection will be delivered for the environment and human health.

We explain how we have addressed specific statutory requirements more fully in the rest of this document.

4 The key issues

The key issues arising during this permit review are:

- Emissions to air and the emission limits applied to the plant; and
- The energy efficiency levels associated with the Best Available Techniques (BAT-AEELs)
- The review and assessment of the availability of BAT for gas turbines operating <500 hours per year

We therefore describe how we determined these issues in most detail in the relevant sections of this document.

4.1 Emissions to air and the emission limits applied to the plant

A number of general principles were applied during the permit review. These included:

- The upper value of the BAT AELs ranges specified were used unless use of the tighter limit was justified.
- The principle of no backsliding where if existing limits in the permit were already tighter than those specified in the BREF, the existing permit limits were retained.
- Where a limit was specified in both IED Annex V and the BAT Conclusions for a particular reference period, the tighter limit was applied and in the majority of cases this was from the BAT Conclusions.
- Where AELs are indicative in the BAT Conclusions, these were applied unless adequate justification was demonstrated by the operator that an alternative limit was more appropriate.

The LCP on site consists of one 124MWth input natural gas fired Open Cycle Gas Turbine (OCGT). There are also a number of gas engines on site which are not LCPs. These are therefore not within the scope of the LCP BREF and have not been considered further within this document. No standby fuel is used by the LCP.

The plant was put into operation before IED came into force and therefore the existing limits in the permit are from Part 1 of IED Annex V applicable to existing plant.

The ELVs and AELs are based on the following operating regime:

- <500 hours non-emergency plant

The following tables outline the limits that have been incorporated into the permit for LCP274.

Under Chapter III gas turbines and gas engines operating for less than 500 hours per year were considered to be emergency plant and therefore were not covered by the emission limits set out in IED Annex V. However, for the purposes of the LCP BAT review, plants operated for emergency use may only be defined as plants which operate for the sole purpose of providing power at a site during an onsite emergency and/or during a black start and which do not provide balancing services or demand side response services. As this site runs commercially on an intermittent basis to support the Grid, it is not considered emergency plant and therefore indicative BAT applies.

We have set the indicative limit requiring validation through emission factors based on the principle that we will not require plant to fire up with the sole purpose of performing an emission measurement, as set out the UK Regulators Interpretation Document. The site has DLN in place but we have decided that the point at which DLN is effective does not need to be defined because continuous monitoring is not being carried out on site.

Plant type	Open Cycle Gas Turbine
Age	Permitted before publication of the LCP BREF AND operational no later than 27 November 2003
Operating Hours	No more than 500 hours/year, not emergency
Fuel	Natural gas

NOx limits (mg/Nm ³) – indicative limits in italics				
Averaging	IED (Annex V Part 1) - Existing	BREF	Expected permit limits	Basis
Annual	None	None	None	NA
Monthly	None	None	None	NA
Daily	None	<i>140</i>	<i>140</i>	BREF
95 th %ile of hr means	None	None	None	NA

CO limits (mg/Nm ³)				
Averaging	IED (Annex V Part 1) - Existing	BREF	Expected permit limits	Basis
Annual	None	None	None	NA
Monthly	None	None	None	NA
Daily	None	None	None	NA
95 th %ile of hr means	None	None	None	NA

4.2 The energy efficiency levels associated with the Best Available Techniques Conclusions

An energy efficiency level associated with the best available techniques (BAT-AEEL) refers to the ratio between the combustion unit's net energy output(s) and the combustion unit's fuel/feedstock energy input at actual unit design. The net energy output(s) is determined at the combustion unit boundaries, including auxiliary systems (e.g. flue-gas treatment systems), and for the unit operated at full load.

Table 23 of the LCP BAT Conclusions specifies that the BAT-AEELs for this type of plant are not applicable to plant operating less than 1500 hours per year. We have therefore not assessed this operational aspect of the plant. We have however included a process monitoring requirement in table S3.3 of the consolidated variation notice. This is required to demonstrate that efficiency levels are maintained following any significant overhauls of equipment in order to fulfil the requirement of BAT Conclusion 2.

5 Decision checklist regarding relevant BAT Conclusions

BAT Conclusions for large combustion plant, were published by the European Commission on 17th August 2017. There are 75 BAT Conclusions. Only the BAT Conclusions relevant to the particular fuel type used on site have been replicated below.

This annex provides a record of decisions made in relation to each relevant BAT Conclusion applicable to the installation. This annex should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Variation Notice.

The conditions in the permit through which the relevant BAT Conclusions are implemented include but are not limited to the following:

BAT Conclusion requirement topic	Permit condition(s)	Permit table(s)
Environmental Management System	1.1.1	S1.2
BAT AELs	3.1.1 and 3.5.1	S3.1a
Monitoring	2.3, 3.5 and 3.6	S3.1a
Energy efficiency	1.2 and 2.3	S3.3
Noise	3.4 and 2.3	S1.2
Other operating techniques	1.2	S1.2

The overall status of compliance with the BAT conclusion is indicated in the table as:

- NA Not Applicable
- CC Currently Compliant
- FC Compliant in the future (within 4 years of publication of BAT conclusions)
- NC Not Compliant
- PC Partially Compliant

BAT Concn. Number	Summary of BAT Conclusion requirement	Status NA/ CC / FC / NC	Assessment of the installation capability and any alternative techniques proposed by the operator to demonstrate compliance with the BAT Conclusion requirement
General			
1	<p>In order to improve the overall environmental performance, BAT is to implement and adhere to an environmental management system (EMS) that incorporates all of the following features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. commitment of the management, including senior management; ii. definition of an environmental policy that includes the continuous improvement of the installation by the management; iii. planning and establishing the necessary procedures, objectives and targets, in conjunction with financial planning and investment; iv. implementation of procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Structure and responsibility (b) Training (c) Communication (d) Employee involvement (e) Documentation (f) Efficient process control (g) Maintenance programmes (h) Emergency preparedness and response (i) Safeguarding compliance with environmental legislation v. checking performance and taking corrective action, paying particular attention to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) monitoring and measurement (see also the Reference Document on the General Principles of Monitoring) (b) corrective and preventive action (c) maintenance of records (d) independent (where practicable) internal and external auditing in order to determine whether or not the EMS conforms to planned arrangements and has been properly implemented and maintained; vi. review of the EMS and its continuing suitability, adequacy and effectiveness by senior management; vii. following the development of cleaner technologies; viii. consideration for the environmental impacts from the eventual decommissioning of the installation at the stage of designing a new plant, and throughout its operating life; viii. consideration for the environmental impacts from the eventual decommissioning of the installation at the stage of designing a new plant, and throughout its operating life; ix. application of sectoral benchmarking on a regular basis. <p>Etc - see BAT Conclusions</p>	CC	The Operator confirmed that there is an EMS certified to ISO 14001 in place that the certification is consistent with the requirements of BAT 1.

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	<p>Applicability. The scope (e.g. level of detail) and nature of the EMS (e.g. standardised or non-standardised) will generally be related to the nature, scale and complexity of the installation, and the range of environmental impacts it may have.</p>								
2	<p>BAT is to determine the net electrical efficiency and/or the net total fuel utilisation and/or the net mechanical energy efficiency of the gasification, IGCC and/or combustion units by carrying out a performance test at full load (1), according to EN standards, after the commissioning of the unit and after each modification that could significantly affect the net electrical efficiency and/or the net total fuel utilisation and/or the net mechanical energy efficiency of the unit. If EN standards are not available, BAT is to use ISO, national or other international standards that ensure the provision of data of an equivalent scientific quality.</p>	CC	<p>The Operator provided energy efficiency based on the name plate figure rather than a full performance test, we consider this to be adequate for this plant. The installed Gas Turbine (GT) is a GE Frame 6 PG6551(B) with name plate efficiency of 33.5% (Gas Turbine World, 2017 Performance Specs, 33rd Edition).</p> <p>Cheshire Power Station ceased operation in CHP mode due to the loss of the steam customer. The GT was reconfigured for OCGT operation. There have been no modifications to the GT with the potential to significantly affect efficiency and no recent performance test data is available.</p> <p>A process monitoring requirement has been set in table S3.3 which requires energy efficiency monitoring after an overhaul.</p>						
3	<p>BAT is to monitor key process parameters relevant for emissions to air and water including those given below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="322 1251 1402 1347"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="322 1251 658 1286">Stream</th> <th data-bbox="658 1251 1057 1286">Parameter(s)</th> <th data-bbox="1057 1251 1402 1286">Monitoring</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="322 1286 658 1347">Flue-gas</td> <td data-bbox="658 1286 1057 1347">Flow</td> <td data-bbox="1057 1286 1402 1347">Periodic or continuous determination</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Stream	Parameter(s)	Monitoring	Flue-gas	Flow	Periodic or continuous determination	NA	<p>We do not require monitoring for these parameters where no periodic or continuous monitoring is specified in the permit.</p> <p>No flue gas treatment is undertaken on site.</p>
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		Oxygen content, temperature, and pressure	Periodic or continuous measurement																					
	Waste water from flue-gas treatment	Water vapour content ⁽³⁾ Flow, pH, and temperature	Continuous measurement																					
4	<p>BAT is to monitor emissions to air with at least the frequency given below and in accordance with EN standards. If EN standards are not available, BAT is to use ISO, national or other international standards that ensure the provision of data of an equivalent scientific quality.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="315 647 1406 1334"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="324 647 461 759">Substance/Parameter</th> <th data-bbox="472 647 752 759">Fuel/Process/Type of combustion plant</th> <th data-bbox="763 647 887 759">Combustion plant total rated thermal input</th> <th data-bbox="898 647 1055 759">Standard(s) ⁽⁴⁾</th> <th data-bbox="1066 647 1256 759">Minimum monitoring frequency ⁽⁵⁾</th> <th data-bbox="1267 647 1397 759">Monitoring associated with</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="324 767 461 1278">NO_x</td> <td data-bbox="472 767 752 1278"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Coal and/or lignite including waste co-incineration — Solid biomass and/or peat including waste co-incineration — HFO- and/or gas-oil-fired boilers and engines — Gas-oil-fired gas turbines — Natural-gas-fired boilers, engines, and turbines — Iron and steel process gases — Process fuels from the chemical industry — IGCC plants </td> <td data-bbox="763 767 887 1278">All sizes</td> <td data-bbox="898 767 1055 1278">Generic EN standards</td> <td data-bbox="1066 767 1256 1278">Continuous ⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁸⁾</td> <td data-bbox="1267 767 1397 1278"> BAT 20 BAT 24 BAT 28 BAT 32 BAT 37 BAT 41 BAT 42 BAT 43 BAT 47 BAT 48 BAT 56 BAT 64 BAT 65 BAT 73 </td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="324 1286 461 1334"></td> <td data-bbox="472 1286 752 1334">— Combustion plants on offshore platforms</td> <td data-bbox="763 1286 887 1334">All sizes</td> <td data-bbox="898 1286 1055 1334">EN 14792</td> <td data-bbox="1066 1286 1256 1334">Once every year ⁽⁹⁾</td> <td data-bbox="1267 1286 1397 1334">BAT 53</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Substance/Parameter	Fuel/Process/Type of combustion plant	Combustion plant total rated thermal input	Standard(s) ⁽⁴⁾	Minimum monitoring frequency ⁽⁵⁾	Monitoring associated with	NO _x	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Coal and/or lignite including waste co-incineration — Solid biomass and/or peat including waste co-incineration — HFO- and/or gas-oil-fired boilers and engines — Gas-oil-fired gas turbines — Natural-gas-fired boilers, engines, and turbines — Iron and steel process gases — Process fuels from the chemical industry — IGCC plants 	All sizes	Generic EN standards	Continuous ⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁸⁾	BAT 20 BAT 24 BAT 28 BAT 32 BAT 37 BAT 41 BAT 42 BAT 43 BAT 47 BAT 48 BAT 56 BAT 64 BAT 65 BAT 73		— Combustion plants on offshore platforms	All sizes	EN 14792	Once every year ⁽⁹⁾	BAT 53	CC	<p>OCGTs operating for <500 hours are subject to indicative daily BAT-ELVs only. The monitoring frequencies described in BAT 4 do not apply where plant operation would be for the sole purpose of performing or emission measurement.</p> <p>We have specified monitoring against the indicative AEL through emission factors in table S3.1a.</p> <p>Concentrations of NO_x, CO and SO₂ are calculated every 2 years based on fuel usage and emissions factors, according to the agreed protocol described in JEP Report JEP17EMG02 / UTG/18/ERG/CT/773/R 'Maintaining the Emissions Performance of Open Cycle Gas Turbines that operate for less than 500 hours per year', October 2018.</p> <p>There is no SCR/SNCR on site and therefore no requirement to monitor ammonia or SO₃.</p>
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	N ₂ O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Coal and/or lignite in circulating fluidised bed boilers — Solid biomass and/or peat in circulating fluidised bed boilers 	All sizes	EN 21258	Once every year ⁽¹⁰⁾	BAT 20 BAT 24		
	CO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Coal and/or lignite including waste co-incineration — Solid biomass and/or peat including waste co-incineration — HFO- and/or gas-oil-fired boilers and engines — Gas-oil-fired gas turbines — Natural-gas-fired boilers, engines, and turbines — Iron and steel process gases — Process fuels from the chemical industry — IGCC plants 	All sizes	Generic EN standards	Continuous ⁽⁶⁾ ⁽⁸⁾	BAT 20 BAT 24 BAT 28 BAT 33 BAT 38 BAT 44 BAT 49 BAT 56 BAT 64 BAT 65 BAT 73		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Combustion plants on offshore platforms 	All sizes	EN 15058	Once every year ⁽⁹⁾	BAT 54		
	SO ₂	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Coal and/or lignite incl waste co-incineration — Solid biomass and/or peat incl waste co-incineration — HFO- and/or gas-oil-fired boilers — HFO- and/or gas-oil-fired engines 	All sizes	Generic EN standards and EN 14791	Continuous ⁽⁶⁾ ⁽¹¹⁾ ⁽¹²⁾	BAT 21 BAT 25 BAT 29 BAT 34 BAT 39 BAT 50 BAT 57 BAT 66 BAT 67 BAT 74		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Gas-oil-fired gas turbines — Iron and steel process gases — Process fuels from the chemical industry in boilers — IGCC plants 							
	SO ₃	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — When SCR is used 	All sizes	No EN standard available	Once every year	—		
	Dust	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Coal and/or lignite — Solid biomass and/or peat — HFO- and/or gas-oil-fired boilers — Iron and steel process gases — Process fuels from the chemical industry in boilers — IGCC plants — HFO- and/or gas-oil-fired engines — Gas-oil-fired gas turbines 	All sizes	Generic EN standards and EN 13284-1 and EN 13284-2	Continuous ⁽⁶⁾ ⁽¹⁷⁾	BAT 22 BAT 26 BAT 30 BAT 35 BAT 39 BAT 51 BAT 58 BAT 75		
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Waste co-incineration 	All sizes	Generic EN standards and EN 13284-2	Continuous	BAT 68 BAT 69		
5	BAT is to monitor emissions to water from flue-gas treatment with at least the frequency given in BAT Conclusion 5 and in accordance with EN standards. If EN standards are not available, BAT is to use ISO, national or other international standards that ensure the provision of data of an equivalent scientific quality.						NA	The site does not carry out flue-gas treatment.

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e. Fuel choice	Select or switch totally or partially to another fuel(s) with a better environmental profile (e.g. with low sulphur and/or mercury content) amongst the available fuels, including in start-up situations or when back-up fuels are used	Applicable within the constraints associated with the availability of suitable types of fuel with a better environmental profile as a whole, which may be impacted by the energy policy of the Member State, or by the integrated site's fuel balance in the case of combustion of industrial process fuels. For existing combustion plants, the type of fuel chosen may be limited by the configuration and the design of the plant																			
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11	<p>BAT is to appropriately monitor emissions to air and/or to water during OTNOC.</p> <p>Description The monitoring can be carried out by direct measurement of emissions or by monitoring of surrogate parameters if this proves to be of equal or better scientific quality than the direct measurement of emissions. Emissions during start-up and shutdown (SU/SD) may be assessed based on a detailed emission measurement carried out for a typical SU/SD procedure at least once every year, and using the results of this measurement to estimate the emissions for each and every SU/SD throughout the year.</p>	NA	<p>Monitoring of emissions to air is not applicable to OCGTs operating for <500 hours which are subject to indicative daily BAT-ELVs only. The requirements described in BAT 11 should not apply where plant operation would be for the sole purpose of performing emissions measurement.</p>									
12	<p>In order to increase the energy efficiency of combustion, gasification and/or IGCC units operated $\geq 1\,500$ h/yr, BAT is to use an appropriate combination of the techniques given in BAT 12.</p>	NA	<p>Not applicable - Only applicable to plant >1500 hours per year.</p>									
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15	In order to reduce emissions to water from flue-gas treatment, BAT is to use an appropriate combination of the techniques given in BAT 15, and to use secondary techniques as close as possible to the source in order to avoid dilution.	NA	No flue-gas treatment carried out.						
16	<p>In order to reduce the quantity of waste sent for disposal from the combustion and/or gasification process and abatement techniques, BAT is to organise operations so as to maximise, in order of priority and taking into account life-cycle thinking:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) waste prevention, e.g. maximise the proportion of residues which arise as by-products; (b) waste preparation for reuse, e.g. according to the specific requested quality criteria; (c) waste recycling; (d) other waste recovery (e.g. energy recovery), <p>by implementing an appropriate combination of techniques such as:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="320 1123 358 1155">Technique</th> <th data-bbox="358 1123 1021 1155">Description</th> <th data-bbox="1021 1123 1397 1155">Applicability</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="320 1155 358 1342">a.</td> <td data-bbox="358 1155 1021 1342">Generation of gypsum as a by-product</td> <td data-bbox="1021 1155 1397 1342">Quality optimisation of the calcium-based reaction residues generated by the wet FGD so that they can be used as a substitute for mined gypsum (e.g. as raw material in the plasterboard industry). The quality of limestone used in the wet FGD influences the purity of the gypsum produced</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Technique	Description	Applicability	a.	Generation of gypsum as a by-product	Quality optimisation of the calcium-based reaction residues generated by the wet FGD so that they can be used as a substitute for mined gypsum (e.g. as raw material in the plasterboard industry). The quality of limestone used in the wet FGD influences the purity of the gypsum produced	CC	There are no by-products identified by BAT 16 associated with the combustion process at Cheshire Power Station. Other wastes arising from site activities are dealt with according the waste hierarchy.
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	c.	Energy recovery by using waste in the fuel mix	The residual energy content of carbon-rich ash and sludges generated by the combustion of coal, lignite, heavy fuel oil, peat or biomass can be recovered for example by mixing with the fuel	Generally applicable where plants can accept waste in the fuel mix and are technically able to feed the fuels into the combustion chamber		
	d.	Preparation of spent catalyst for reuse	Preparation of catalyst for reuse (e.g. up to four times for SCR catalysts) restores some or all of the original performance, extending the service life of the catalyst to several decades. Preparation of spent catalyst for reuse is integrated in a catalyst management scheme	The applicability may be limited by the mechanical condition of the catalyst and the required performance with respect to controlling NO _x and NH ₃ emissions		
17	In order to reduce noise emissions, BAT is to use one or a combination of the techniques given below.			CC	Noise emissions are reduced by the application of techniques a, b, c and d as identified in BAT 17.	
	Technique		Description	Applicability		
	a.	Operational measures	These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — improved inspection and maintenance of equipment — closing of doors and windows of enclosed areas, if possible — equipment operated by experienced staff — avoidance of noisy activities at night, if possible — provisions for noise control during maintenance activities 	Generally applicable		
	b.	Low-noise equipment	This potentially includes compressors, pumps and disks	Generally applicable when the equipment is new or replaced		
	c.	Noise attenuation	Noise propagation can be reduced by inserting obstacles between the emitter and the receiver.	Generally applicable to new plants. In the case of existing plants, the		

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		Appropriate obstacles include protection walls, embankments and buildings	insertion of obstacles may be restricted by lack of space			
	d. Noise-control equipment	This includes: — noise-reducers — equipment insulation — enclosure of noisy equipment — soundproofing of buildings	The applicability may be restricted by lack of space			
	e. Appropriate location of equipment and buildings	Noise levels can be reduced by increasing the distance between the emitter and the receiver and by using buildings as noise screens	Generally applicable to new plant			
40	In order to increase the energy efficiency of natural gas combustion, BAT is to use an appropriate combination of the techniques given in BAT 12 and below.				CC	<p>BAT 12 is not applicable to plant which operates less than 1500 hours per year.</p> <p>The gas turbines at the facility are open cycle, operated for less than 500 hours, therefore the techniques specified in BAT 40 are not applicable.</p> <p>OCGT operating <500 hours per year and therefore AEEL not applicable. Name plate efficiency 33,5% (Gas Turbine World, 2017 Performance Specs, 33rd Edition).</p>
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a.	Combined cycle	See description in Section 8.2	<p>Generally applicable to new gas turbines and engines except when operated < 1 500 h/yr.</p> <p>Applicable to existing gas turbines and engines within the constraints associated with the steam cycle design and the space availability.</p> <p>Not applicable to existing gas turbines and engines operated < 1 500 h/yr.</p> <p>Not applicable to mechanical drive gas turbines operated in discontinuous mode with extended load variations and frequent start-ups and shutdowns.</p> <p>Not applicable to boilers</p>			
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Type of combustion unit		BAT-AEELs ⁽¹³⁶⁾ ⁽¹³⁷⁾				
Net electrical efficiency (%)		Net total fuel utilisation (%) ⁽¹³⁸⁾ ⁽¹³⁹⁾		Net mechanical energy efficiency (%) ⁽¹³⁹⁾ ⁽¹⁴⁰⁾		
New unit		Existing unit			New unit	Existing unit
Gas engine		39,5–44 ⁽¹⁴¹⁾	35–44 ⁽¹⁴¹⁾	56–85 ⁽¹⁴¹⁾		No BAT-AEEL.
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	New CCGT	≥ 50	10–30	15–40		
	Existing CCGT with a net total fuel utilisation of < 75 %	≥ 600	10–40	18–50		
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	Existing CCGT with a net total fuel utilisation of ≥ 75 %	50–600	25–50 ⁽¹⁵¹⁾	35–55 ⁽¹⁵²⁾		
	Open- and combined-cycle gas turbines					
	Gas turbine put into operation no later than 27 November 2003, or existing gas turbine for emergency use and operated < 500 h/yr	≥ 50	No BAT-AEL	60–140 ⁽¹⁵³⁾ ⁽¹⁵⁴⁾		
	Existing gas turbine for mechanical drive applications — All but plants operated < 500 h/yr	≥ 50	15–50 ⁽¹⁵⁵⁾	25–55 ⁽¹⁵⁶⁾		
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45	In order to reduce non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOC) and methane (CH ₄) emissions to air from the combustion of natural gas in spark-ignited lean-burn gas engines, BAT is to ensure optimised combustion and/or to use oxidation catalysts.	NA	The gas fired engines on site are not LCPs and are therefore not within the Scope of the BREF																							
54	In order to prevent or reduce CO emissions to air from the combustion of gaseous and/or liquid fuels in gas turbines on offshore platforms, BAT is to use one or a combination of the techniques given in BAT Conclusion 54.	NA	Only applicable to turbines on offshore platforms.																							

6. Review and assessment of derogation requests made by the operator in relation to BAT Conclusions which include an associated emission level (AEL) value

The IED enables a competent authority to allow derogations from BAT AELs stated in BAT Conclusions under specific circumstances as detailed under Article 15(4):

By way of derogation from paragraph 3, and without prejudice to Article 18, the competent authority may, in specific cases, set less strict emission limit values. Such a derogation may apply only where an assessment shows that the achievement of emission levels associated with the best available techniques as described in BAT conclusions would lead to disproportionately higher costs compared to the environmental benefits due to:

(a) the geographical location or the local environmental conditions of the installation concerned; or

(b) the technical characteristics of the installation concerned.

As part of their Regulation 61 Note response, the operator has not requested a derogation from compliance with any AEL values.

7. Emissions to Water

The consolidated permit incorporates the existing discharge to controlled waters identified as W1 on site plan in schedule 7: emission to Manisty Culvert, to Manchester Ship Canal.

There are no applicable BAT-AELs for direct discharges to a receiving water body as the installation does not include flue gas treatment.

8 Additional IED Chapter II requirements:

The BAT for balancing plant guidance

The BAT for balancing plant guidance (Working draft, 2018) sets out additional restrictions on hours for <1500 hour non-emergency plant which are low efficiency. Table 1 of the guidance sets out categories for LCP peaking plant. The LCP falls into category B because it's NO_x emissions are below 500mg/m³ and its efficiency at 33.5% is above that set out in table 2 of the guidance. Table 1 therefore confirms that there are no additional restrictions applied to the hours of operation.

BAT for peaking plant

Although sites covered by Chapter II of IED are not directly regulated under the Specified Generator (SG) Regulations, we consider that the principles set out in the Regulations are BAT. There are banks of peaking plant engines on this site and we have therefore decided that the SG emission limit of 190 mg/m³ for NO_x is BAT and therefore applicable to this plant. We have specified the limit in the permit and require monitoring to be carried out in line with Environment Agency Technical Guidance Note M5. We have decided not to specify monitoring in line with MCERTs in this instance because the engines are restricted to operating less than 500 hours per annum.

9 Review and assessment of changes that are not part of the BAT Conclusions derived permit review.

This document should be read in conjunction with the application, supporting information and notice.

Aspect considered	Decision
Receipt of application	
Confidential information	A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made.
Identifying confidential information	We have not identified information provided as part of the application that we consider to be confidential.
The site	
Extent of the site of the facility	The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility. The plan is included in the permit.
Biodiversity, heritage, landscape and nature conservation	<p>The application is within the relevant distance criteria of a site of heritage, landscape or nature conservation, and/or protected species or habitat.</p> <p>A full assessment of the application and its potential to affect the site(s)/species/habitat has not been carried out as part of the permit review process. We consider that the review will not affect the features of the site(s)/species/habitat as the conditions will provide at least the same level of protection as those in the previous permit and in some cases will provide a higher level of protection to those in the previous permit.</p> <p>We have not consulted Natural England on the application. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance.</p>
Operating techniques	
General operating techniques	<p>We have reviewed the techniques used by the operator where they are relevant to the BAT Conclusions and compared these with the relevant guidance notes.</p> <p>The permit conditions ensure compliance with the relevant BREF, BAT Conclusions. The ELVs deliver compliance with the BAT-AELs.</p>
Permit conditions	
Updating permit conditions during consolidation	We have updated permit conditions to those in the current generic permit template as part of permit consolidation. The conditions will provide at least the same level of protection as

Aspect considered	Decision
	those in the previous permit and in some cases will provide a higher level of protection to those in the previous permit.
Changes to the permit conditions due to an Environment Agency initiated variation	We have varied the permit as stated in the variation notice.
Improvement programme	Based on the information on the application, we do not consider that we need to impose an improvement programme.
Emission limits	<p>We have decided that emission limits should be set for the parameters listed in the permit.</p> <p>These are described in the relevant BAT Conclusions in Section 5 of this document.</p> <p>It is considered that the ELVs/equivalent parameters or technical measures described above will ensure that significant pollution of the environment is prevented and a high level of protection for the environment is secured.</p>
Monitoring	<p>We have decided that monitoring should be carried out for the parameters listed in the permit, using the methods detailed and to the frequencies specified.</p> <p>These are described in the relevant BAT Conclusions in Section 5 of this document.</p> <p>Table S3.3 Process monitoring requirements was amended to include the requirement to monitor energy efficiency after overhauls on site in line with BAT2.</p>
Reporting	<p>We have specified reporting in the permit for the following parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nitrogen dioxide <p>These are described in the relevant BAT Conclusions in Section 5 of this document.</p>
Operator competence	
Management system	There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not have the management system to enable it to comply with the permit conditions.
Growth Duty	
Section 108 Deregulation Act 2015 – Growth duty	<p>We have considered our duty to have regard to the desirability of promoting economic growth set out in section 108(1) of the Deregulation Act 2015 and the guidance issued under section 110 of that Act in deciding whether to grant this permit.</p> <p>Paragraph 1.3 of the guidance says:</p>

Aspect considered	Decision
	<p>“The primary role of regulators, in delivering regulation, is to achieve the regulatory outcomes for which they are responsible. For a number of regulators, these regulatory outcomes include an explicit reference to development or growth. The growth duty establishes economic growth as a factor that all specified regulators should have regard to, alongside the delivery of the protections set out in the relevant legislation.”</p> <p>We have addressed the legislative requirements and environmental standards to be set for this operation in the body of the decision document above. The guidance is clear at paragraph 1.5 that the growth duty does not legitimise non-compliance and its purpose is not to achieve or pursue economic growth at the expense of necessary protections.</p> <p>We consider the requirements and standards we have set in this permit are reasonable and necessary to avoid a risk of an unacceptable level of pollution. This also promotes growth amongst legitimate operators because the standards applied to the operator are consistent across businesses in this sector and have been set to achieve the required legislative standards.</p>