

## 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/AP3633BL  
The Operator is: EP Langage Limited  
The Installation is: Langage Energy Centre  
This Variation Notice number is: EPR/AP3633BL/V005

### 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 (LCP) published on 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Levels
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 NOx
DLN-E	Dry Low NOx effective
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 2016 No. 1154)
EWC	European waste catalogue
IC	Improvement Condition
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
NOx	Oxides of nitrogen (NO plus NO <sub>2</sub> expressed as NO <sub>2</sub> )
NPV	Net Present Value
PPS	Public participation statement
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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021, which will then ensure that operations meet the revised standard, or
- Justifies why standards will not be met by 17<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

We considered that the response did not contain sufficient information for us to commence the permit review. We therefore issued a further information requests to the Operator on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 and 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2019. Suitable further information was provided by the Operator on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

We considered it was in the correct form and contained sufficient information for us to begin our determination of the permit review.

## **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 LCP.
- The energy efficiency levels associated with the Best Available Techniques (BAT-AEELs)

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 demonstrate that an alternative limit was more appropriate.
- For gas turbines where the IED specified that limits applied over 70% load and the BAT Conclusions specified that AELs applied when dry low NO<sub>x</sub> is effective (DLN-E), we have used DLN-E as a default across all monitoring requirements for NO<sub>x</sub> and CO.

The LCP (LCP211) on site consists of two Combined Cycle Gas Turbines (CCGTs) operating on natural gas with a combined capacity of 1570 MWth.

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

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

- Unlimited hours operation



The following table outlines the limits that have been incorporated into the permit for LCP211, where these were derived from and the reference periods at which they apply.

In this instance, the Langage permit already had a two emission limits tighter than those set out in IED, for daily NO<sub>2</sub> and daily CO. The NO<sub>2</sub> daily limit in the permit was already in line with the applicable AEL from the LCP BAT Conclusions and was therefore maintained in the permit. There is no daily CO limit in the LCP BAT Conclusions, however this limit was maintained in the permit under the no backsliding principle. The emission limits and monitoring requirements have been incorporated into Schedule 3 of the permit.

An additional daily limit from start up/shut down to baseload has been added to the post TNP limits in table S3.1a. Although this is not a regulatory requirement, it was requested by the Emissions Methodology Working Group of the Joint Environmental Protocol to ensure consistency across the sites. We have included a corresponding footnote.

<b>Plant type</b>	Combined Cycle Gas Turbine
<b>Age</b>	Permitted <b>before</b> publication of the LCP BREF
<b>Operating Hours</b>	Unlimited
<b>Fuel</b>	Natural gas

NOx limits (mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> )						
Averaging	IED (Annex V Part 1) - Existing	BREF	Expected permit limits	Basis	Limits apply	Monitoring
Annual	None	40 (≥600 MW <sub>th</sub> , η <75%) <sup>1,2</sup>	40 (≥600 MW <sub>th</sub> , η <75%) <sup>1,2</sup>	BREF	E-DLN	Continuous
Monthly	50	None	50	IED	E-DLN	
Daily	55	50 (≥600 MW <sub>th</sub> , η <75%) <sup>1,2</sup>	50 (≥600 MW <sub>th</sub> , η <75%) <sup>1,2</sup>	BREF	E-DLN	
95 <sup>th</sup> %ile of hr means	100	None	100	IED	E-DLN	
1 - If electrical generating efficiency (EE) > 55% then limit is [limit] x EE/55 2 - Overall plant efficiency, η, based on 'net total fuel utilisation'						

CO limits (mg/Nm <sup>3</sup> ) – indicative in <i>italics</i>						
Averaging	IED (Annex V Part 1) - Existing	BREF	Expected permit limits	Basis	Limits apply	Monitoring

Annual	None	30	30	BREF	E-DLN	Continuous
Monthly	100	None	100	IED	E-DLN	
Daily	110	None	100 - existing permit limit with no backsliding	Existing limit - no backsliding	E-DLN	
95 <sup>th</sup> %ile of hr means	200	None	200	IED	E-DLN	

For this permit we have also updated table S3.1 to ensure that the Chapter III reference periods are reflected clearly for the monitoring prior to the implementation date of 2021.

#### 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.

The table below sets out the AEELs specified in the BAT Conclusions for the large combustion plant on the site and the energy efficiency levels confirmed through the Regulation 61 notice response. The test carried out to demonstrate the efficiency in line with the AEEL is met was in the form of testing at commissioning against ISO2314:2009.

BAT AEELs (%)			Plant efficiency (%)		
Net electrical efficiency	Net total fuel utilisation	Net mechanical efficiency	Net electrical efficiency	Net total fuel utilisation	Net mechanical efficiency
LCP211: existing combined cycle gas turbine					
50 - 60	None	None	52.8	NA	NA

## 5 Decision checklist regarding relevant BAT Conclusions

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

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	S1.4, S1.5 and S3.1a
Energy efficiency	1.2 and 2.3	S3.4
Noise	3.4 and 2.3	S2.1
Other operating techniques	1.2	S1.2

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 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
<b>General</b>			
1	<p><b>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:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. commitment of the management, including senior management;</li> <li>ii. definition of an environmental policy that includes the continuous improvement of the installation by the management;</li> <li>iii. planning and establishing the necessary procedures, objectives and targets, in conjunction with financial planning and investment;</li> <li>iv. implementation of procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Structure and responsibility</li> <li>(b) Training</li> <li>(c) Communication</li> <li>(d) Employee involvement</li> <li>(e) Documentation</li> <li>(f) Efficient process control</li> <li>(g) Maintenance programmes</li> <li>(h) Emergency preparedness and response</li> <li>(i) Safeguarding compliance with environmental legislation</li> </ul> </li> <li>v. checking performance and taking corrective action, paying particular attention to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) monitoring and measurement (see also the Reference Document on the General Principles of Monitoring)</li> <li>(b) corrective and preventive action</li> <li>(c) maintenance of records</li> <li>(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;</li> </ul> </li> <li>vi. review of the EMS and its continuing suitability, adequacy and effectiveness by senior management;</li> <li>vii. following the development of cleaner technologies;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>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;</li> <li>ix. application of sectoral benchmarking on a regular basis.</li> </ul> <p>Etc - see BAT Conclusions</p> <p><b>Applicability.</b> 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</p>	CC	Environmental Management System in place and certified to ISO 14001. The Operator confirmed current compliance with features set out in this BAT conclusion.

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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>Full load calibrated performance test, corrected to ISO conditions carried out after every major overhaul.</p> <p>The efficiency is calculated based on ISO2314:2009.</p> <p>The process monitoring table has been updated to include ongoing monitoring of energy efficiency.</p>												
3	<p><b>BAT is to monitor key process parameters relevant for emissions to air and water including those given below.</b></p> <table border="1" data-bbox="289 818 1383 980"> <thead> <tr> <th>Stream</th> <th>Parameter(s)</th> <th>Monitoring</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Flue-gas</td> <td>Flow</td> <td>Periodic or continuous determination</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Oxygen content, temperature, and pressure</td> <td rowspan="2">Periodic or continuous measurement</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Water vapour content<sup>(3)</sup></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waste water from flue-gas treatment</td> <td>Flow, pH, and temperature</td> <td>Continuous measurement</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Stream	Parameter(s)	Monitoring	Flue-gas	Flow	Periodic or continuous determination	Oxygen content, temperature, and pressure	Periodic or continuous measurement	Water vapour content <sup>(3)</sup>	Waste water from flue-gas treatment	Flow, pH, and temperature	Continuous measurement	FC	<p>Monitoring for all parameters specified in the permit except for flow. Flow has been added to table S3.1a for monitoring from 2021.</p>
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		— Combustion plants on offshore platforms	All sizes	EN 14792	Once every year <sup>(9)</sup>	BAT 53	
CO		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Coal and/or lignite including waste co-incineration</li> <li>— Solid biomass and/or peat including waste co-incineration</li> <li>— HFO- and/or gas-oil-fired boilers and engines</li> <li>— Gas-oil-fired gas turbines</li> <li>— Natural-gas-fired boilers, engines, and turbines</li> <li>— Iron and steel process gases</li> </ul>	All sizes	Generic EN standards	Continuous <sup>(6)</sup> <sup>(8)</sup>	BAT 20 BAT 24 BAT 28 BAT 33 BAT 38 BAT 44 BAT 49 BAT 56 BAT 64 BAT 65 BAT 73	

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5	BAT is to monitor emissions to water from flue-gas treatment with at least the frequency given in BAT 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	No flue gas treatment.

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6	<p>In order to improve the general environmental performance of combustion plants and to reduce emissions to air of CO and unburnt substances, BAT is to ensure optimised combustion and to use an appropriate combination of the techniques given below.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="300 509 1381 1073"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="300 509 506 542">Technique</th> <th data-bbox="506 509 919 542">Description</th> <th data-bbox="919 509 1381 542">Applicability</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 542 506 623">a. Fuel blending and mixing</td> <td data-bbox="506 542 919 623">Ensure stable combustion conditions and/or reduce the emission of pollutants by mixing different qualities of the same fuel type</td> <td data-bbox="919 542 1381 623" rowspan="2">Generally applicable</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 623 506 704">b. Maintenance of the combustion system</td> <td data-bbox="506 623 919 704">Regular planned maintenance according to suppliers' recommendations</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 704 506 786">c. Advanced control system</td> <td data-bbox="506 704 919 786">See description in Section 8.1</td> <td data-bbox="919 704 1381 786">The applicability to old combustion plants may be constrained by the need to retrofit the combustion system and/or control command system</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 786 506 867">d. Good design of the combustion equipment</td> <td data-bbox="506 786 919 867">Good design of furnace, combustion chambers, burners and associated devices</td> <td data-bbox="919 786 1381 867">Generally applicable to new combustion plants</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="300 867 506 1073">e. Fuel choice</td> <td data-bbox="506 867 919 1073">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</td> <td data-bbox="919 867 1381 1073">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</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Technique	Description	Applicability	a. Fuel blending and mixing	Ensure stable combustion conditions and/or reduce the emission of pollutants by mixing different qualities of the same fuel type	Generally applicable	b. Maintenance of the combustion system	Regular planned maintenance according to suppliers' recommendations	c. Advanced control system	See description in Section 8.1	The applicability to old combustion plants may be constrained by the need to retrofit the combustion system and/or control command system	d. Good design of the combustion equipment	Good design of furnace, combustion chambers, burners and associated devices	Generally applicable to new combustion plants	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	CC	<p>Sequential combustion technology giving best in class emission control.</p> <p>Regular maintenance of the combustion system by the OEM (Original Equipment Manufacturer).</p> <p>Combustion of natural gas as a fuel.</p>
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7	<p>In order to reduce emissions of ammonia to air from the use of selective catalytic reduction (SCR) and/or selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR) for the abatement of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions, BAT is to optimise the design and/or operation of SCR and/or SNCR (e.g. optimised reagent to NO<sub>x</sub> ratio, homogeneous reagent distribution and optimum size of the reagent drops).</p>	NA	No SCR or SNCR used on site.																	
8	<p>In order to prevent or reduce emissions to air during normal operating conditions, BAT is to ensure, by appropriate design, operation and maintenance, that the emission abatement systems are used at optimal capacity and availability.</p>	NA	No abatement system installed on site																	
9	<p>In order to improve the general environmental performance of combustion and/or gasification plants and to</p>	CC	We consider that for plants which																	



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	<p>reduce emissions to air, BAT is to include the following elements in the quality assurance/quality control programmes for all the fuels used, as part of the environmental management system (see BAT 1):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Initial full characterisation of the fuel used including at least the parameters listed below and in accordance with EN standards. ISO, national or other international standards may be used provided they ensure the provision of data of an equivalent scientific quality;</li> <li>(ii) Regular testing of the fuel quality to check that it is consistent with the initial characterisation and according to the plant design specifications. The frequency of testing and the parameters chosen from the table below are based on the variability of the fuel and an assessment of the relevance of pollutant releases (e.g. concentration in fuel, flue-gas treatment employed);</li> <li>(iii) Subsequent adjustment of the plant settings as and when needed and practicable (e.g. integration of the fuel characterisation and control in the advanced control system (see description in Section 8.1)).</li> </ul> <p><b>Description</b> Initial characterisation and regular testing of the fuel can be performed by the operator and/or the fuel supplier. If performed by the supplier, the full results are provided to the operator in the form of a product (fuel) supplier specification and/or guarantee.</p>		<p>burn natural gas from the National Grid as a fuel that it is not necessary for the Operator to replicate the testing carried out by the National Grid.</p> <p>The site does not use a standby fuel for the LCP.</p>
10	<p>In order to reduce emissions to air and/or to water during other than normal operating conditions (OTNOC), BAT is to set up and implement a management plan as part of the environmental management system (see BAT 1), commensurate with the relevance of potential pollutant releases, that includes the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— appropriate design of the systems considered relevant in causing OTNOC that may have an impact on emissions to air, water and/or soil (e.g. low-load design concepts for reducing the minimum start-up and shutdown loads for stable generation in gas turbines),</li> <li>— set-up and implementation of a specific preventive maintenance plan for these relevant systems,</li> <li>— review and recording of emissions caused by OTNOC and associated circumstances and implementation of corrective actions if necessary,</li> <li>— periodic assessment of the overall emissions during OTNOC (e.g. frequency of events, duration, emissions quantification/estimation) and implementation of corrective actions if necessary.</li> </ul>	FC	<p>Low load design concept have been retrospectively fitted to both GTs on site</p> <p>Low Load equipment along with all of the power train equipment is covered under the long term service agreement with the OEM Ansaldo</p> <p>CEMS records all emissions at all times</p> <p>Periodic assessments not in place.</p> <p>The Operator has confirmed that they will be compliant with all of the requirements by 2021.</p>

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i.	Heat recovery by cogeneration (CHP)	Recovery of heat (mainly from the steam system) for producing hot water/steam to be used in industrial processes/activities or in a public network for district heating. Additional heat recovery is possible from:	Applicable within the constraints associated with the local heat and power demand. The applicability may be limited in the case of gas compressors with an unpredictable operational heat profile		
j.	CHP readiness	See description in Section 8.2.	Only applicable to new units where there is a realistic potential for the future use of heat in the vicinity of the unit		
k.	Flue-gas condenser	See description in Section 8.2.	Generally applicable to CHP units provided there is enough demand for low-temperature heat		
l.	Heat accumulation	Heat accumulation storage in CHP mode	Only applicable to CHP plants. The applicability may be limited in the case of low heat load demand		
m.	Wet stack	See description in Section 8.2.	Generally applicable to new and existing units fitted with wet FGD		
n.	Cooling tower discharge	The release of emissions to air through a cooling tower and not via a dedicated stack	Only applicable to units fitted with wet FGD where reheating of the flue-gas is necessary before release, and where the unit cooling system is a cooling tower		
o.	Fuel pre-drying	The reduction of fuel moisture content before combustion to improve combustion conditions	Applicable to the combustion of biomass and/or peat within the constraints associated with spontaneous combustion risks (e.g. the moisture content of peat is kept above 40 % throughout the delivery chain). The retrofit of existing plants may be restricted by the extra calorific value that		

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13	In order to reduce water usage and the volume of contaminated waste water discharged, BAT is to use one or both of the techniques given below.				CC	By design, process water is recycled where possible (boiler blow down).  No bottom ash generated on site.									
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14	<p>In order to prevent the contamination of uncontaminated waste water and to reduce emissions to water, BAT is to segregate waste water streams and to treat them separately, depending on the pollutant content.</p> <p><b>Description</b> Waste water streams that are typically segregated and treated include surface run-off water, cooling water, and waste water from flue-gas treatment.</p> <p><b>Applicability</b> The applicability may be restricted in the case of existing plants due to the configuration of the drainage systems.</p>			CC	Plant built with segregated waste water streams based on potential pollutant content. Separate pollutant treatment systems in place.									
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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> <p>(a) waste prevention, e.g. maximise the proportion of residues which arise as by-products;</p> <p>(b) waste preparation for reuse, e.g. according to the specific requested quality criteria;</p> <p>(c) waste recycling;</p> <p>(d) other waste recovery (e.g. energy recovery),</p> <p>by implementing an appropriate combination of techniques such as:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="289 1114 1386 1341"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="289 1114 527 1143">Technique</th> <th data-bbox="527 1114 999 1143">Description</th> <th data-bbox="999 1114 1386 1143">Applicability</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="289 1143 527 1292">a. Generation of gypsum as a by-product</td> <td data-bbox="527 1143 999 1292">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> <td data-bbox="999 1143 1386 1292">Generally applicable within the constraints associated with the required gypsum quality, the health requirements associated to each specific use, and by the market conditions</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="289 1292 527 1341">b. Recycling or recovery of residues</td> <td data-bbox="527 1292 999 1341">Recycling or recovery of residues (e.g. from semi-dry desulphurisation processes, fly ash, bottom ash)</td> <td data-bbox="999 1292 1386 1341">Generally applicable within the constraints associated with the required</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	Generally applicable within the constraints associated with the required gypsum quality, the health requirements associated to each specific use, and by the market conditions	b. Recycling or recovery of residues	Recycling or recovery of residues (e.g. from semi-dry desulphurisation processes, fly ash, bottom ash)	Generally applicable within the constraints associated with the required	CC	<p>Minimal waste on site due to nature of the operation.</p> <p>Techniques listed a-d in section 1.6 for BAT 16 are not used on site.</p> <p>Waste recycling and reuse already required by current permit under condition 1.4.</p>
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	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 <sub>x</sub> and NH <sub>3</sub> emissions																	
17	In order to reduce noise emissions, BAT is to use one or a combination of the techniques given below.			CC	<p>a) Operational measure - Maintenance plans are in place for all equipment on site.            -Equipment is housed in buildings with cladded walls with sonaford and roller shutter doors which are kept closed during operation.            - The gas turbines are housed in acoustic enclosures.            - All staff are fully trained.            - Near field and far field noise surveys have been carried out prior to installation of the plant and after completion when commercially operational, all results came below the EPC technical specification. Further noise surveys take place as and when required.</p> <p>b) Low-noise equipment – Plant was built between 2006 – 2010,</p>															
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	CHP CCGT, ≥ 600 MW <sub>th</sub>	57–60,5	50–60	65–95	No BAT-AEEL		
41	In order to prevent or reduce NO <sub>x</sub> emissions to air from the combustion of natural gas in boilers, BAT is to use one or a combination of the techniques given below.					CC	The LCP is fitted with DLN burners and have an advanced control system in place.
	<b>Technique</b>	<b>Description</b>		<b>Applicability</b>			
	a. Air and/or fuel staging	See descriptions in Section 8.3. Air staging is often associated with low-NO <sub>x</sub> burners		Generally applicable			
	b. Flue-gas recirculation	See description in Section 8.3					
	c. Low-NO <sub>x</sub> burners (LNB)						
	d. Advanced control system	See description in Section 8.3. This technique is often used in combination with other techniques or may be used alone for combustion plants operated < 500 h/yr		The applicability to old combustion plants may be constrained by the need to retrofit the combustion system and/or control command system			
	e. Reduction of the combustion air temperature	See description in Section 8.3		Generally applicable within the constraints associated with the process needs			
	f. Selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR)			Not applicable to combustion plants operated < 500 h/yr with highly variable boiler loads. The applicability may be limited in the case of combustion plants operated between 500 h/yr and 1 500 h/yr with highly variable boiler loads			
	g. Selective catalytic reduction (SCR)			Not applicable to combustion plants operated < 500 h/yr. Not generally applicable to combustion plants of < 100 MW <sub>th</sub> . There may be technical and economic restrictions for retrofitting existing combustion plants operated between 500 h/yr and 1 500 h/yr			
42	In order to prevent or reduce NO <sub>x</sub> emissions to air from the combustion of natural gas in gas turbines, BAT is to use one or a combination of the techniques given below.					CC	The CCGTs are fitted with low NO <sub>x</sub> burners Sequential burners
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	a. Advanced control system	See description in Section 8.3. This technique is often used in combination with other techniques or may be used alone for combustion plants operated < 500 h/yr	The applicability to old combustion plants may be constrained by the need to retrofit the combustion system and/or control command system		Autotune advanced control system Low load design concept 110 MWe; 40% (start up load) 63 MWe; 23% (shut down load)
b. Water/steam addition	See description in Section 8.3	The applicability may be limited due to water availability			
c. Dry low-NO <sub>x</sub> burners (DLN)		The applicability may be limited in the case of turbines where a retrofit package is not available or when water/steam addition systems are installed			
d. Low-load design concept	Adaptation of the process control and related equipment to maintain good combustion efficiency when the demand in energy varies, e.g. by improving the inlet airflow control capability or by splitting the combustion process into decoupled combustion stages	The applicability may be limited by the gas turbine design			
e. Low-NO <sub>x</sub> burners (LNB)	See description in Section 8.3	Generally applicable to supplementary firing for heat recovery steam generators (HRSGs) in the case of combined-cycle gas turbine (CCGT) combustion plants			
f. Selective catalytic reduction (SCR)		Not applicable in the case of combustion plants operated < 500 h/yr. Not generally applicable to existing combustion plants of < 100 MW <sub>th</sub> . Retrofitting existing combustion plants may be constrained by the availability of sufficient space. There may be technical and economic restrictions for retrofitting existing combustion plants operated between 500 h/yr and 1 500 h/yr			
43	In order to prevent or reduce NO <sub>x</sub> emissions to air from the combustion of natural gas in engines, BAT is to use one or a combination of the techniques given in BAT 43.			NA	Not applicable to gas turbines.
44	In order to prevent or reduce CO emissions to air from the combustion of natural gas, BAT is to ensure optimised combustion and/or to use oxidation catalysts. <b>Description - See descriptions in Section 8.3.</b> <b>BAT-associated emission levels (BAT-AELs) for NO<sub>x</sub> emissions to air from the combustion of natural</b>			FC	AELs will be specified as set out in key issues section above.  NO <sub>x</sub> and CO AELs set for CCGTs.

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45	In order to reduce non-methane volatile organic compounds (NMVOC) and methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ) 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	Not applicable to gas turbines.																							

## **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 response, the operator did not request a derogation from any BAT AEL.

## **7 Emissions to Water**

The consolidated permit incorporates single current discharge to controlled waters identified as W1. This is surface water via an interceptor. No process effluent goes to surface water.

## 8 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
<b>Receipt of application</b>	
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.
<b>The site</b>	
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>
<b>Operating techniques</b>	
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>
<b>Permit conditions</b>	
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 those in the previous permit and in some cases will provide a higher level of

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	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.
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 S3.4 Process monitoring requirements was amended to include the requirement to monitor energy efficiency after overhauls on site in line with BAT2.</p> <p>Based on the information in the application we are satisfied that the Operator's techniques, personnel and equipment have either MCERTS certification or MCERTS accreditation as appropriate.</p>
Reporting	<p>We have specified reporting in the permit for the following parameters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nitrogen dioxide</li> <li>• Carbon monoxide</li> <li>• Sulphur dioxide</li> </ul> <p>These are described in the relevant BAT Conclusions in Section 5 of this document.</p>
<b>Operator competence</b>	
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.
<b>Growth Duty</b>	
Section 108 Deregulation Act 2015	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



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– Growth duty	<p>110 of that Act in deciding whether to grant this permit.</p> <p>Paragraph 1.3 of the guidance says:</p> <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>