Application SCR evaluation template

Name of activity, address and NGR	SSE PLC Snodland Paper Mill CHP Snodland Mill Mill Street Snodland
	Kent
	ME6 5AX

Document reference of application SCR	Smurfit CHP Station Closure Plan (Nov 2017)
Date and version of application SCR	14/01/2020 V1.0

Surrender SCR Evaluation Template

If you haven't already completed previous sections 4.0 to 7.0, do so now before assessing the surrender.

8.0 Decommissioning and removal of pollution risk

To be completed by EM/PPC officers

Has the applicant demonstrated that decommissioning works have been undertaken and that all pollution risks associated with the site have been removed? Has any contamination of land that has occurred during these activities been investigated and remediated?

The applicant has provided document "Confirmation of Decommissioning Activities at Smurfit CHP Station" to the Agency confirming that all agreed decommissioning activities have taken place as agreed in document "Smurfit CHP Station Closure Plan". Due to the compliance history of the site we have accepted this as a low risk surrender and accept the risk of pollution has been removed.

9.0 Reference data and remediation (where relevant)

To be completed by GWCL officers

Has the applicant provided details of any surrender reference data that they have collected and any remediation that they have undertaken?

(Reference data for soils must meet the requirements of policy 307_03 Chemical test data on contaminated soils – quantification requirements). If the surrender reference data shows that the condition of the land has changed as a result of the permitted activities, the applicant will need to undertake remediation to return the condition of the land back to that at permit issue. You should not require remediation of historic contamination or contamination arising from non-permitted activities as part of the permit surrender.

Reference data was not required due to this being a low risk surrender.

10.0a Statement of site condition

To be completed by EM/PPC officers

Has the applicant provided a statement, backed up with evidence, confirming that the permitted activities have ceased, decommissioning works are complete and that pollution risk has been removed and that the land and waters at the site are in a satisfactory state?

The applicant has provided a log of all incidents that took place during the operational phase and the remedial measures that took place throughout the permit. SSE have submitted to the Environment Agency in writing that all activities have ceased. Extract below:

"As previously notified, Smurfit CHP Station ceased operations permanently on 01.09.18. We reported that our anticipated Decommissioning Period would take us through until the end of October, and this proved to be the case, with SSE vacating the site for the final time on 31st October 2018."

10.0b Statement of site condition

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Has the applicant provided a statement, backed up with evidence, confirming that the permitted activities have ceased, decommissioning works are complete and that pollution risk has been removed and that the land and waters at the site are in a satisfactory state? See previous sections.

Surrender SCR decision summary To be completed by GWCL officers and returned to NPS	Tick relevant decision
Sufficient information has been supplied to show that pollution risk has been removed and that the site is in a satisfactory state – accept the application to surrender the permit; or	~
Insufficient information has been supplied to show that pollution risk has been removed or that the site is in a satisfactory state – do not accept the application to surrender the permit. The following information must to be obtained from the applicant before the permit is determined:	
Date and name of reviewer	Justin Orme – NPS 14/01/2020