

Permitting decisions

Part surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of part of the permit for Rugeley Ash Storage Lagoons operated by Rugeley Power Limited.

The permit number is [EPR/JP3139SG/S004](#).

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid any pollution risk and to return the site to a satisfactory state. We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements.

Purpose of this document

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

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Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

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

Decision checklist

| Aspect considered | Decision |
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| Receipt of application | |
| Confidential information | A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made. |
| The facility | |
| The regulated facility | The existing activities have not changed as a result of the partial surrender. This partial surrender removes the Ash Storage Lagoon 5 area of the installation. In addition, the golf course (Lagoon 1 and 2) has been removed as it was never permitted and was not part of site operations under the Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR). This area was included within the permit boundary for simplification. It is currently a green space. |
| The site | |
| Extent of the surrender application | The operator has provided a plan showing the extent of the site of the facility that is to be surrendered. We consider this plan to be satisfactory. |
| Agreed closure plan | We are satisfied that the agreed closure plan has been implemented. |
| Pollution risk | We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid a pollution risk resulting from the operation of the regulated facility. |
| Satisfactory state | We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state. In coming to this decision we have had regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation. |
| Permit conditions | |
| Changes to permit conditions as a consequence of the surrender | The permit conditions have not changed as a result of the partial surrender. We have removed references to Lagoon 5 as part of this partial surrender application. |
| Growth Duty | |
| Section 108 Deregulation Act 2015 – Growth duty | 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 surrender. Paragraph 1.3 of the guidance says: “The primary role of regulators, in delivering regulation, is to achieve the regulatory outcomes for which they are responsible. For a number of |

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| | <p>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> |