

Permitting decisions- Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Allnex (formerly Nuplex) Resins operated by Allnex Resins UK Limited.

The permit number is EPR/JP3836SE.

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 this decision that 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 to show how the main relevant factors have been taken into account.

Decision considerations

The site was used for the manufacture of resins since the 1960's. The installation used to comprise four main chemical production plants, warehouses and storage areas for product, raw materials and waste, an ISO tank trailer storage park, engineering workshop, utility facilities and laboratories. Large areas of the site were decommissioned in 2007 and, since July 2007, only one listed activity (powder resin manufacture) remained operational, across two buildings. In December 2019 all of the permitted activities stopped. Decommissioning works were then carried out and were completed in October 2020.

A site condition report was submitted in November 2020, which used data from an intrusive soil and groundwater investigation in 2018 and further groundwater samples taken in August 2020 (towards the end of the decommissioning phase). The site condition report demonstrates that no pollution incidents required remediation during the decommissioning process and the (low) pollution risk associated with the infrastructure and its decommissioning has been removed.

A final site inspection was carried out on 22 February 2021 to confirm the permitted activities had ceased and decommissioning works were complete. This led to an action on the operator to remove some oil staining and contaminated rubble from an area of hardstanding near the boiler house. The operator emailed evidence in the form of photographs to show this had been completed on

5 March 2021 and 9 March 2021. On this basis, we conclude that the site has been decommissioned and cleaned to a satisfactory level.

In regard of Paragraph 14 of Schedule 5 of the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016, we are satisfied that necessary measures have been taken:

- (a) to avoid pollution risk resulting from the operation of the regulated facility...; and
- (b) to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state, having regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.

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 decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on confidentiality.

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, having regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.

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 accept this permit surrender.