

Notice of refusal

Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations
2016

Refusal of an application for a variation of a permit

Application number: EPR/XP3638LJ/V005

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To: United Utilities Water Limited

Haweswater House
Lingley Mere Business Park
Lingley Green Avenue
Great Sankey
Warrington
WA5 3LP

The Environment Agency has considered your application. We give notice that the application for a variation of a permit is refused.

The reasons for this decision are outlined in the attached schedule.

Name	Date
Vicky Patchett	25/08/2022

Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency

Schedule Reasons for Refusal

We are not satisfied that:

The proposals will achieve a high level of protection of the environment taken as a whole by, in particular, preventing or, where that is not practicable, reducing emissions into the air, water and land;

All appropriate preventative measures will be taken against pollution; and

That Best Available Techniques are applied.

- The Applicant has not satisfactorily demonstrated they are using BAT to prevent, or where that is not practicable, reduce emissions to soil and water in relation to:
 - the provision of impermeable surfaces
 - the provision of techniques to reduce likelihood and impact of overflows and failures from tanks and vessels; and
 - the design and maintenance provisions to allow detection and repair of leaks
- The Applicant has not satisfactorily demonstrated they are using BAT to prevent, or where that is not practicable, reduce diffuse emissions to air, in particular of dust, organic compounds and odour in relation to the containment, collection and treatment of diffuse emissions through techniques such as:
 - The storage, treating and handling of waste material that may generate diffuse emissions in enclosed equipment.
 - Collecting and directing diffuse emissions to an appropriate abatement system.
- The Applicant has not satisfactorily demonstrated they are using BAT to prevent or, where that is not practicable, to reduce odour emissions.
- The Applicant has not demonstrated that the assets associated with the acceptance of sludges from the Nereda system (identified as two enclosed sludge reception tanks, drum thickeners and lamella tank) which was proposed to commence operation in 2022 meets BAT or proposed suitable alternatives to provide the same level of environmental protection.