

Permitting decisions- Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Tilbury Power Station operated by RWE Generation UK PLC.

The permit number is EPR/EP3433LZ/S010.

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

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- highlights [key issues](#) in the determination
- summarises the decision-making process in the [decisions considerations](#) section to show how all relevant factors have been taken into account

Read the permitting decisions in conjunction with the environmental permit.

Key issues of the decision

Ground investigations on the Tilbury Power Station site were conducted in 2021 at the request of the Environment Agency. The investigations found that the ditch used for the discharge of surface run off at the site displayed hydrocarbon contamination. In order for the surrender to be issued the operator was required to remediate this contamination. A remediation plan was agreed with the Environment Agency however it could not be enacted until a temporary bypass solution was found for a discharge from the neighbouring site, which also used the same drainage ditch. This bypass will be regulated through a local enforcement position until a permit has been issued for this separate activity. The remediation plan has now been enacted, an associated report was produced and submitted to the Environment Agency for our approval. We are satisfied the relevant actions have been taken to remove the contaminants and therefore remove the potential for significant pollution from this drainage ditch. The surrender of the permit can therefore take place.

Decision considerations

Confidential information

A claim for commercial or industrial confidentiality has not been made.

We have not accepted the claim for confidentiality.

The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on confidentiality.

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.