

Permitting decisions- Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Carrington Oil Recovery Installation operated by Grosvenor Power Services Limited.

The permit number is EPR/LP3537MG.

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:

- 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

The operator was required to vacate the site towards the end of 2022 and has since not been able to access the site. We have reviewed the regulatory inspections of the site, the operator's performance, their compliance and the environmental risk posed by the site and are satisfied that the site can be surrendered for the following reasons:

- The operator confirmed in the Site Condition Report that there have been no pollution incidents during the lifetime of the permit and that the concrete was in a good state of repair.
- On review of site inspections, the operator received no non-compliances relating to incidents which could impact on land or groundwater.
- Photos of the site show the condition of the concrete floor, that operations have ceased and that the site has been adequately vacated by the operator.
- Maintenance of the bund and the tanks have been inspected by qualified third parties.

- Under previous partial surrenders to the permit the site was identified to represent a low environmental risk and has been identified as a low environmental risk during our regulation of the site
- The land is due to be redeveloped and any pollution identified will be addressed as part of the redevelopment.

Decision considerations

Confidential information

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

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.