

Permitting decisions- Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Veolia CHP, Stainland Board Mill, operated by Veolia Energy Cleanpower One UK Ltd.

The permit number is EPR/VP3833XS.

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's Site Condition Report highlighted past pollution incidents.

2009 – Oil identified in the Black Brook. This was traced to a redundant surface water drainpipe located in the yard in front of the CHP compound gates. The release was small in volume and the pipe was blocked off quickly after the pollution was identified. There is no record of a recurrence or need for remediation identified.

2015 – Oil was detected by Veolia staff in the Black Brook. This was captured with spill kits and the spill controlled by blocking the drain which it was suspected to come from. Sonoco undertook investigatory work comprising excavation of the roadway around the subject drain. There is no record of a recurrence or need for remediation.

The incidents above are minor in nature, there was a good level of vigilance at the facility and recent site inspections did not record any non-compliance.

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.