

Permitting decisions - Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Winking Hill Gypsum Disposal Site operated by Uniper UK Limited.

The permit number is EPR/DB3307LF/S003 (EAWML 43420).

The decision was issued on 29 February 2024.

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

Although the site was constructed to accept Flue Gas Desulphurisation material (gypsum) from the local coal fired power station, no waste material was ever placed with in the cell.

The most recent site inspection conducted in January 2024 and previous inspections confirm that no waste was placed.

This is an agreed low risk full surrender.

We have assessed the surrender application against our guidance – [Landfill and deposit for recovery: aftercare and permit surrender - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/landfill-and-deposit-for-recovery-aftercare-and-permit-surrender).

We are satisfied that the information provided in the application, together and additional supporting information we have reviewed, shows that the site meets the surrender criteria.

We are satisfied that the information provided in the application from the applicant show that the site meets the following surrender criteria:

- the site has ceased accepting waste,
- relevant closure procedures have been complied with,

- an appropriate period of aftercare has passed to allow the waste to stabilise and to gather evidence to demonstrate that the pollution control measures are no longer necessary, and
- the deposits of waste are in a satisfactory state that, if left undisturbed, will not cause pollution of the environment.

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.

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.