Review of an Environmental Permit for an Installation subject to Chapter II of the Industrial Emissions Directive under the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016 (as amended)

Decision document recording our decision-making process following review of a permit

The Permit number is: EPR/DP3938YY

The Operator is: Kingsley Beverage Limited
The Installation is: Peterborough soft drink plant

This Variation Notice number is: EPR/DP3938YY/V002

What this document is about

Article 21(3) of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) requires the Environment Agency to review conditions in permits that it has issued and to ensure that the permit delivers compliance with relevant standards, within four years of the publication by the European Commission of updated decisions on best available techniques (BAT) Conclusions.

We have reviewed the permit for this installation against the BAT Conclusions for the Food, Drink and Milk Industries published on 4th December 2019 in the Official Journal of the European Union. In this decision document, we set out the reasoning for the consolidated variation notice that we have issued.

It explains how we have reviewed and considered the techniques used by the Operator in the operation and control of the plant and activities of the installation. It is our record of our decision-making process and shows how we have taken into account all relevant factors in reaching our position.

As well as considering the review of the operating techniques used by the Operator for the operation of the plant and activities of the installation, the consolidated variation notice takes into account and brings together in a single document all previous variations that relate to the original permit issue. Where this has not already been done, it also modernises the entire permit to reflect the conditions contained in our current generic permit template.

The introduction of new template conditions makes the Permit consistent with our current general approach and with other permits issued to Installations in this sector. Although the wording of some conditions has changed, while others have been deleted because of the new regulatory approach, it does not reduce the level of environmental protection achieved by the Permit in any way. In this document, we therefore address only our determination of substantive issues relating to the new BAT Conclusions

We try to explain our decision as accurately, comprehensively and plainly as possible. Achieving all three objectives is not always easy, and we would welcome any feedback as to how we might improve our decision documents in future.

How this document is structured

- 1. Our decision
- 2. How we reached our decision
- 3. The legal framework
- 4. Annex 1 Review of operating techniques within the Installation against BAT Conclusions.
- 5. Annex 2 Review and assessment of changes that are not part of the BAT Conclusions derived permit review
- 6. Annex 3 Improvement Conditions

1 Our decision

We have decided to issue the Variation Notice to the Operator. This will allow the Operator to continue to operate the Installation, subject to the conditions in the Consolidated Variation Notice that updates the whole permit.

We consider that, in reaching our decision, we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the varied permit will ensure that a high level of protection is provided for the environment and human health.

The Consolidated Variation Notice contains many conditions taken from our standard Environmental Permit template including the relevant annexes. We developed these conditions in consultation with industry, having regard to the legal requirements of the Environmental Permitting Regulations and other relevant legislation. This document does not therefore include an explanation for these standard conditions. Where they are included in the Notice, we have considered the techniques identified by the operator for the operation of their installation, and have accepted that the details are sufficient and satisfactory to make those standard conditions appropriate. This document does, however, provide an explanation of our use of "tailor-made" or installation-specific conditions, or where our Permit template provides two or more options.

2 How we reached our decision

2.1 Requesting information to demonstrate compliance with BAT Conclusion techniques

We issued a Notice under Regulation 61(1) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (a Regulation 61 Notice) on 11/03/2022 requiring the Operator to provide information to demonstrate where the operation of their installation currently meets, or how it will subsequently meet, the revised standards described in the relevant BAT Conclusions document.

The Notice required that where the revised standards are not currently met, the operator should provide information that:

- describes the techniques that will be implemented before 4 December 2023, which will then ensure that operations meet the revised standards, or
- justifies why standards will not be met by 4 December 2023, and confirmation of the date when the
 operation of those processes will cease within the Installation or an explanation of why the revised BAT
 standards are not applicable to those processes, or
- justifies why an alternative technique will achieve the same level of environmental protection equivalent to the revised BAT standards described in the BAT Conclusions.

Where the Operator proposed that they were not intending to meet a BAT standard that also included a BAT Associated Emission Level (BAT-AEL) described in the BAT Conclusions Document, the Regulation 61 Notice required that the Operator make a formal request for derogation from compliance with that BAT-AEL (as provisioned by Article 15(4) of IED). In this circumstance, the Notice identified that any such request for derogation must be supported and justified by sufficient technical and commercial information that would enable us to determine acceptability of the derogation request.

The Regulation 61 Notice response from the Operator was received on 10/06/2022.

We considered it was in the correct form and contained sufficient information for us to begin our determination of the permit review but not that it necessarily contained all the information we would need to complete that determination.

The Operator made no claim for commercial confidentiality. We have not received any information in relation to the Regulation 61 Notice response that appears to be confidential in relation to any party.

2.2 Review of our own information in respect to the capability of the Installation to meet revised standards included in the BAT Conclusions document

Based on our records and previous experience in the regulation of the installation we consider that the Operator will be able to comply with the techniques and standards described in the BAT Conclusions other than for those techniques and requirements described in BAT Conclusion 6. In relation to this BAT Conclusions, we do not fully agree with the Operator in respect of their current stated capability as recorded in their response to the Regulation 61 Notice. We have therefore included Improvement Condition IC2 in the Consolidated Variation Notice to ensure that the requirements of the BAT Conclusions are delivered within 3 months of the variation being issued.

2.3 Requests for further information during determination

Although we were able to consider the Regulation 61 Notice response generally satisfactory at receipt, we did in fact need more information in order to complete our permit review assessment, and issued a further information request on 05/12/2023 and 22/02/2024 regarding BAT Conclusion 3, 6, 7, 11, 14, 33, RHS Assessment, Climate change adaptation and Containment. A copy of further information request was placed on our public register, which was received on 12/12/2023 and 05/03/2024.

3 The legal framework

The Consolidated Variation Notice will be issued under Regulations 18 and 20 of the EPR. The Environmental Permitting regime is a legal vehicle which delivers most of the relevant legal requirements for activities falling within its scope. In particular, the regulated facility is:

- an installation as described by the IED;
- subject to aspects of other relevant legislation which also have to be addressed.

We consider that, in issuing the Consolidated Variation Notice, it will ensure that the operation of the Installation complies with all relevant legal requirements and that a high level of protection will be delivered for the environment and human health.

We explain how we have addressed specific statutory requirements more fully in the rest of this document.

Annex 1: decision checklist regarding relevant BAT Conclusions

BAT Conclusions for the Food, Drink and Milk Industries, were published by the European Commission on 4 December 2019.

There are 37 BAT Conclusions.

BAT 1 – 15 are General BAT Conclusions (Narrative BAT) applicable to all relevant Food, Drink and Milk Installations in scope.

BAT 16 – 37 are sector-specific BAT Conclusions, including Best Available Techniques Associated Emissions Levels (BAT-AELs) and Associated Environmental Performance Levels (BAT-AEPLs):

BAT 16 & 17	BAT Conclusions for Animal Feed
BAT 18 – 20	BAT Conclusions for Brewing
BAT 21 – 23	BAT Conclusions for Dairies
BAT 24	BAT Conclusions for Ethanol Production
BAT 25 & 26	BAT Conclusions for Fish and Shellfish Processing
BAT 27	BAT Conclusions for Fruit and Vegetable Processing
BAT 28	BAT Conclusions for Grain Milling
BAT 29	BAT Conclusions for Meat Processing
BAT 30 – 32	BAT Conclusions for Oilseed Processing and Vegetable Oil Refining
BAT 33	BAT Conclusions for Soft Drinks and Nectar/Fruit Juice Processed from
	Fruit and Vegetables
BAT 34	BAT Conclusions for Starch Production
BAT 35 – 37	BAT Conclusions for Sugar Manufacturing

This annex provides a record of decisions made in relation to each relevant BAT Conclusion applicable to the installation. This annex should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Variation Notice.

The overall status of compliance with the BAT conclusion is indicated in the table as:

NA - Not Applicable

CC - Currently Compliant

FC - Compliant in the future (within 4 years of publication of BAT Conclusions)

NC - Not Compliant

BATC No.	Summary of BAT Conclusion requirement for Food, Drink and Milk Industries	Status NA/ CC / FC / NC	Assessment of the installation capability and any alternative techniques proposed by the operator to demonstrate compliance with the BAT Conclusion requirement
GEN	IERAL BAT CONCLUSIONS (BAT 1-15)		
1	Environmental Management System - Improve overall environmental performance. Implement an EMS that incorporates all the features as described within BATc 1.	cc	The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 1. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 1. The operator has a developed an EMS that has been created and maintained in line with the ISO14001 standard.
2	EMS Inventory of inputs & outputs. Increase resource efficiency and reduce emissions. Establish, maintain and regularly review (including when a significant change occurs) an inventory of water, energy and raw materials consumption as well as of waste water and waste gas streams, as part of the environmental management system (see BAT 1), that incorporates all of the features as detailed within the BATCs.	cc	The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 2. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 2. The operator has provided a summary of the EMS contents.
3	Monitoring key process parameters at key locations for emissions to water. For relevant emissions to water as identified by the inventory of waste water streams (see BAT 2), BAT is to monitor key process parameters (e.g. continuous monitoring of waste water flow, pH and temperature) at key locations (e.g. at the inlet and/or outlet of the pre-treatment, at the inlet to the final treatment, at the point where the emission leaves the installation).	СС	The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 3. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 3. The operator has stated that wastewater is monitored on Anglian water requirements.
4	Monitoring emissions to water to the required frequencies and standards. BAT is to monitor emissions to water with at least the frequency given [refer to BAT 4 table in BATc] and in accordance with EN standards. If EN standards are not available, BAT is to use ISO, national or other international standards that ensure the provision of data of an equivalent scientific quality.	NA	We are satisfied that BATc 4 is not applicable to this Installation. The Operator doesn't discharge directly to watercourse.
5	Monitoring channelled emissions to air to the required frequencies and standards.	NA	We are satisfied that BATc 5 is not applicable to this Installation.

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	BAT is to monitor channelled emissions to air with at least the frequency given [refer to BAT5 table in BATc] and in accordance with EN standards.		There are no relevant emissions to air in relation to BAT 5.
6	Energy Efficiency In order to increase energy efficiency, BAT is to use an energy efficiency plan (BAT 6a) and an appropriate combination of the common techniques listed in technique 6b within the table in the BATc.	FC	The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 6. We have assessed the information provided and we are not satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 6. The operator has stated that they are implementing the following techniques: - Equipment switched off when not in use Loads on motors and drives will be reduced by ensuring all machines are regularly serviced and routinely maintained (e.g. lubrication) in line with manufacturers recommendations. For example, lubrication schedules in place for the lines and will be regularly audited Variable speed drives and frequency controllers in use in various areas across the installation Pipework and vessels carrying or storing hot or cold media insulated Condensate recovered from the syrup room and the can pasteuriser through dedicated condensate recovery units and returned to the boilers.
			The Operator has not provided an energy efficiency plan. IC 2 has been included in the variation for the operator to meet the narrative BAT.
7	Water and wastewater minimisation	СС	The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 7. We have assessed the information provided and we are

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BATC No.	Summary of BAT Conclusion requirement for Food, Drink and Milk Industries	Status NA/ CC / FC / NC	Assessment of the installation capability and any alternative techniques proposed by the operator to demonstrate compliance with the BAT Conclusion requirement
	In order to reduce water consumption and the volume of waste water discharged, BAT is to use BAT 7a and one or a combination of the techniques b to k given below. [for detail of each technique, refer BAT 7 table in BATc] (a) water recycling and/or reuse (b) Optimisation of water flow (c) Optimisation of water nozzles and hoses (d) Segregation of water streams Techniques related to cleaning operations: (e) Dry cleaning (f) Pigging system for pipes (g) High-pressure cleaning (h) Optimisation of chemical dosing and water use in cleaning-in-place (CIP) (i) Low-pressure foam and/or gel cleaning (j) Optimised design and construction of equipment and process areas (k) Cleaning of equipment as soon as possible		satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 7. The operator has stated that they have implemented the following techniques: BREEAM assessed - Rated Very Good Rain water harvesting CIP Optimisation Clean as you go (Clean as soon as possible)
8	Prevent or reduce the use of harmful substances In order to prevent or reduce the use of harmful substances, e.g. in cleaning and disinfection, BAT is to use one or a combination of the techniques given below. (a) Proper selection of cleaning chemicals and/or disinfectants (b) Reuse of cleaning chemicals in cleaning-in-place (CIP) (c) Dry cleaning (d) Optimised design and construction of equipment and process areas [for detail of each technique, refer BAT 8 table in BATc]	cc	The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 8. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 8. The operator has stated that they are using the following technique: CIP and Chemicals by 3rd party company. CCIP system chemicals monitored for efficiency, chemical free cleaning used where possible based on food safety and contamination.
9	Refrigerants In order to prevent emissions of ozone-depleting substances and of substances with a high global warming potential from cooling and freezing, BAT is to use	CC	The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 9. We have assessed the information provided and we are

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	refrigerants without ozone depletion potential and with a low global warming potential.		satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 9.
			The operator stated that Ammonia is used for all product chilling and production processes which has zero GWP.
10	Resource efficiency In order to increase resource efficiency, BAT is to use one or a combination of the techniques given below: (a) Anaerobic digestion (b) Use of residues (c) Separation of residues (d) Recovery and reuse of residues from the pasteuriser (e) Phosphorus recovery as struvite (f) Use of waste water for land spreading	CC	The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 10. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 10. The operator has stated that product is tested and can be adjusted prior to filling final containers allowing very low volumes of product waste. Waste not fit for human
11	Waste water buffer storage In order to prevent uncontrolled emissions to water, BAT is to provide an appropriate buffer storage capacity for waste water.	NA	consumption is sent for anaerobic digestion. We are satisfied that BATc 11 is not applicable to this Installation.
			The operator has stated that wastewater is not held on site; all wastewater is sent direct to Anglian water waste water treatment. The discharge volume is not significant.
12	Emissions to water – treatment In order to reduce emissions to water, BAT is to use an appropriate combination of the techniques given below. Preliminary, primary and general treatment	NA	We are satisfied that BATc 12 is not applicable to this Installation. The operator has stated that wastewater is not
	 (a) Equalisation (b) Neutralisation (c) Physical separate (eg screens, sieves, primary settlement tanks etc) Aerobic and/or anaerobic treatment (secondary treatment) (d) Aerobic and/or anaerobic treatment (eg activated sludge, aerobic lagoon etc) (e) Nitification and/or denitrification 		held on site; all wastewater is sent direct to Anglian water waste water treatment. The discharge volume is not significant.

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	(f) Partial nitration - anaerobio	ammonium oxidation			
	Phosphorus recovery and/or r	removal			
	(g) Phosphorus recovery as s	truvite			
	(h) Precipitation				
	(i) Enhanced biological phosp	horus removal			
	Final solids removal				
	(j) Coagulation and flocculation	n			
	(k) Sedimentation				
	(I) Filtration (eg sand filtration	, microfiltration, ultrafiltration)			
	(m) Flotation				
12	Emissions to water – treatm	nent		NA	We are satisfied that BATc 12 is not applicable
	BAT-associated emission levels (BAT-AELs) for direct emissions to a receiving water body				to this Installation.
	Parameter	BAT-AEL (15) (16) (daily average)			The operator has stated that they discharge treated process effluent to the Anglian water sewer for further treatment.
	Chemical oxygen demand (COD) (17) (18)	25-100 mg/1 (¹⁹)			
	Total suspended solids (TSS)	4-50 mg/1 (²⁰)			
	Total nitrogen (TN)	2-20 mg/1 (²¹) (²²)			
	Total phosphorus (TP)	0,2-2 mg/1 (²³)			
	 (16) The BAT-AELs may not apply to the production of citric acid or yeast (17) No BAT-AEL applies for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD). As an indication, the yearly average BOD5 level in the effluent from a biological waste water treatment plant will generally be ≤ 20 mg/l. (18) The BAT-AEL for COD may be replaced by a BAT-AEL for TOC. The correlation between COD and TOC is determined on a case-by-case basis. The BAT-AEL for TOC is the preferred option because TOC monitoring does not rely on the use of very toxic compounds. (20) The lower end of the range is typically achieved when using filtration (e.g. sand filtration, microfiltration, membrane bioreactor), while the upper end of the range is typically achieved when using sedimentation only. (21) The upper end of the range is 30 mg/l as a daily average only if the abatement efficiency is ≥ 80 % as a yearly average or as an average over the production period. (22) The BAT-AEL may not apply when the temperature of the waste water is low (e.g. below 12 °C) for prolonged periods. 				

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13	Noise management plan In order to prevent or, where that is not practicable, to reduce noise emissions, BAT is to set up, implement and regularly review a noise management plan, as part of the environmental management system (see BAT 1), that includes all of the following elements: - a protocol containing actions and timelines; - a protocol for conducting noise emissions monitoring; - a protocol for response to identified noise events, eg complaints; - a noise reduction programme designed to identify the source(s), to measure/estimate noise and vibration exposure, to characterise the contributions of the sources and to implement prevention and/or reduction measures.	NA	We are satisfied that BATc 13 is not applicable to this Installation. A noise management plan is only required where noise nuisance at sensitive receptors is expected or has been substantiated. There have been no substantiated noise nuisance from the site therefore an NMP is not a requirement for this site.
14	Noise management In order to prevent or, where that is not practicable, to reduce noise emissions, BAT is to use one or a combination of the techniques given below. (a) Appropriate location of equipment and buildings (b) Operational measures (c) Low-noise equipment (d) Noise control equipment (e) Noise abatement [for detail of each technique, refer BAT 14 table in BATCs]	CC	The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 10. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 14. The operator has stated that they have implemented the following steps and techniques: i) Appropriate location - Site situated in industrial area ii) Equipment operated internally
15	Odour Management In order to prevent or, where that is not practicable, to reduce odour emissions, BAT is to set up, implement and regularly review an odour management plan, as part of the environmental management system (see BAT 1), that includes all of the following elements: - a protocol containing actions and timelines; - a protocol for conducting odour monitoring a protocol for response to identified odour incidents eg complaints;	NA	We are satisfied that BATc 15 is not applicable to this Installation. The operator has stated that given the distance of the site from residential properties (>1km) and other odour-sensitive receptors, the risks associated with odour from this installation is considered to be low.

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BATC No.	Summary of BAT Conclusion requirement for Food, Drink and Milk Industries				Status NA/ CC / FC / NC	Assessment of the installation capability and any alternative techniques proposed by the operator to demonstrate compliance with the BAT Conclusion requirement
	source(s of the so BAT 15 i	- an odour prevention and reduction programme designed to identify the source(s); to measure/estimate odour exposure: to characterise the contributions of the sources; and to implement prevention and/or reduction measures. BAT 15 is only applicable to cases where an odour nuisance at sensitive receptors is expected and/or has been substantiated.				
		S AND NECTAR/ JUICE MA S BAT CONCLUSIONS (BA		D FRUIT AND		
33	Energy efficiency – Soft drinks and nectar/ juice made from processed fruit and vegetables In order to increase energy efficiency, BAT is to use an appropriate combination of the techniques specified in BAT 6 and of the techniques given below.				СС	The operator has provided information to support compliance with BATc 33. We have assessed the information provided and we are satisfied that the operator has demonstrated compliance with BATc 33.
		Technique	Description	Applicability		The operator has stated they are implementing
	(a)	Single pasteuriser for nectar/juice production	Use of one pasteuriser for both the juice and the pulp instead of using two separate pasteurisers.	May not be applicable due to the pulp particle size.		the following techniques: (a) Single pasteuriser used for production.
	(b)	Hydraulic sugar transportation	Sugar is transported to the production process with water. As some of the sugar is already dissolved during the transportation, less energy is needed in the process for dissolving sugar.	Generally applicable.		(b) Hydraulic Sugar transportation used.
	(c)	Energy-efficient homogeniser for nectar/juice production	See BAT 21b.			
	Applicable in addition to BAT6 See Tables below for the EPL figures					
	oft Drinks and Nectar/ Juice made from processed fruit and vegetables sector avironmental Performance Levels					

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		e Level – Energy consumption for the Soft ade from processed fruit and vegetables sec	tor		The current performance is 0.06 MWh/hl, which is not within the specified range.
EPL	Unit	Specific energy consumption (yearly average)			The operator has stated limited plant runtime;
ř	MWh/hl of products	0.01 – 0.035			increases seen as plant volume increases and
					becomes more efficient.
		e Level – Specific waste water discharge for			The current performance is 0.41 m³/hl, which
ш	Soft Drinks and Nectar/ Juice made from processed fruit and vegetables sector		S		is not within the specified range.
P	Unit	Specific waste water discharge (yearly average)			The operator has stated limited plant runtime; increases seen as plant volume increases and
	m ³ /hl of products	0.08 – 0.20			becomes more efficient.

Annex 2: Review and assessment of changes that are not part of the BAT Conclusions derived permit review

Updating permit during permit review consolidation

- Activity name
- Introductory note
- Site plan
- Table S1.1 overhaul
 - o Activity Reference (AR) renumbering
 - Updated listed activities
 - Addition of production capacity
 - o Directly associated activities (DAAs) standardisation

We have updated permit conditions to those in the current generic permit template as a part of permit consolidation. The conditions will provide the same level of protection as those in the previous permit.

Capacity Threshold

The Environment Agency is looking to draw a "line in the sand" for permitted production capacity; a common understanding between the Operator and regulator for the emissions associated with a (maximum) level of production, whereby the maximum emissions have been demonstrated as causing no significant environmental impact.

We have included a permitted production level (capacity) within table S1.1 of the permit for the section 6.8 listed activity and we need to be confident that the level of emissions associated with this production level have been demonstrated to be acceptable.

The Operator has completed a H1 assessment of emissions for typical figures of production at the time of permitting.

The existing H1 assessment of emissions to water remains valid for the capacity threshold now placed within table S1.1 of the permit.

Emissions to Air

We asked the operator to list all emission points to air from the installation in the Regulation 61 notice. And to provide a site plan indicating the locations of all air emission points.

The operator has provided an up to date air emission plan.

Implementing the requirements of the Medium Combustion Plant Directive

Existing Medium Combustion Plant (1MW-50MW)

We asked the Operator to provide information on all combustion plant on site in the Regulation 61 Notice as follows:

- Number of combustion plant (CHP engines, back-up generators, boilers);
- Size of combustion plant rated thermal input (MWth)

Date each combustion plant came into operation

The Operator provided the information in the table(s) below:

Boilers

Rated thermal input (MW) of the medium combustion plant.	Boiler 1: 3.3 MWth
	Boiler 2: 3.3 MWth
2. Type of the medium combustion plant (diesel engine, gas turbine, dual fuel engine, other engine or other medium combustion plant).	Boiler
3. Type and share of fuels used according to the fuel categories laid down in Annex II.	Natural Gas 100%
4. Date of the start of the operation of the medium combustion plant or, where the	Boiler 1: Nov 2017
exact date of the start of the operation is unknown, proof of the fact that the operation started before 20 December 2018.	Boiler 2: Nov 2017

We have reviewed the information provided and we consider that the declared combustion plant qualify as "existing" medium combustion plant.

For existing MCP with a rated thermal input of less than or equal to 5 MW, the emission limit values set out in tables 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Annex II MCPD shall apply from 1 January 2030.

We have included the appropriate emission limit values for existing medium combustion plant as part of this permit review. See Table S3.1 in the permit. We have also included a new condition 3.1.4 within the permit which specifies the monitoring requirements for the combustion plant in accordance with the MCPD.

<u>Emissions to Water and implementing the requirements of the Water</u> Framework Directive

We asked the Operator to provide information on all emissions to water at the installation in the Regulation 61 Notice as follows;

- Identify any effluents which discharge directly to surface or groundwater;
- Provide an assessment of volume and quality, including results of any monitoring data available;
- and for any discharges to water / soakaway whether a recent assessment of the feasibility of connection to sewer has been carried out.

The operator has previously provided assessments for all emissions to water at the installation. The operator declares there has been no change to activities and subsequent effluents generated at the installation since this risk assessment was taken. Consequently, we agree that the original risk assessments remain valid at this time.

Soil & groundwater risk assessment (baseline report)

The IED requires that the operator of any IED installation using, producing or releasing "relevant hazardous substances" (RHS) shall, having regarded the possibility that they might cause pollution of soil and groundwater, submit a "baseline report" with its permit application. The baseline report is an important reference document in the assessment of contamination that might arise during the operational lifetime of the regulated facility and at cessation of activities. It must enable a quantified comparison to be made between the baseline and the state of the site at surrender.

At the definitive cessation of activities, the Operator has to satisfy us that the necessary measures have been taken so that the site ceases to pose a risk to soil or groundwater, taking into account both the baseline conditions and the site's current or approved future use. To do this, the Operator has to submit a surrender application to us, which we will not grant unless and until we are satisfied that these requirements have been met.

The Operator submitted a site condition report during the original application received on 16/02/2018. The site condition report included a report on the baseline conditions as required by Article 22. We reviewed that report and considered that it adequately described the condition of the soil and groundwater at that time.

The Operator submitted a summary report which referenced the site condition report and baseline report. We have reviewed the information and we consider that it adequately describes the current condition of the soil and groundwater. Consequently, we are satisfied that the baseline conditions have not changed.

We consider the risk assessment is satisfactory as it adequately describes the current condition of the site.

Hazardous Substances

Hazardous substances are those defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures

The operator has provided a short risk assessment on the hazardous substances stored and used at the installation. The risk assessment was a stage 1-3 assessment as detailed within EC Commission Guidance 2014/C 136/03.

Looking at what has been provided we do not agree with the Operator's statement and consider that a new assessment of risk for hazardous substances is required. We need to see a list of the hazardous substances at the site (stage 1), the next stage (stage 2) considers whether those identified substances are capable of causing pollution and the final stage (stage 3) is for the Operator to identify what measures are in place to prevent those substances from causing pollution.

The Environmental risk assessment doesn't seem to cover this. The operator is required to submit a risk assessment for the relevant hazardous substances for review to the Environment Agency via improvement condition IC3.

Climate Change Adaptation

The operator has considered if the site is at risk of impacts from adverse weather (flooding, unavailability of land for land spreading, prolonged dry weather / drought).

The operator has stated that the installation is not likely to be or has previously not been affected by climate change and there are 2 silos on site for water used in production.

Containment

We asked the Operator via the Regulation 61 Notice to provide details of the each above ground tanks which contain potentially polluting liquids at the site, including tanks associated with the effluent treatment process where appliable.

The Operator provided details of all tanks;

- Tank reference/name
- Contents
- Capacity (litres)
- Location
- Construction material(s) of each tank
- The bunding specification including
 - Whether the tank is bunded
 - If the bund is shared with other tanks
 - The capacity of the bund
 - The bund capacity as % of tank capacity
 - Construction material of the bund
 - Whether the bund has a drain point
 - o Whether any pipes penetrate the bund wall
- Details of overfill prevention
- Drainage arrangements outside of bunded areas
- Tank filling/emptying mitigation measures (drips/splashes)
- Leak detection measures
- Details of when last bund integrity test was carried out
- Maintenance measures in place for tank and bund (inspections)
- How the bund is emptied
- Details of tertiary containment

and whether the onsite tanks currently meet the relevant standard in the Ciria "Containment systems for the prevention of pollution (C736)" report.

We reviewed the information provided by the operator and their findings. We are not satisfied that the existing tanks and containment measures on site meet the standards set out in CIRIA C736 as some tanks shown in the Reg. 61 Response are not bunded. The operator has confirmed that there are other tanks on site which contain solids, gas or potable water but the waste water tank is not in use.

We have set an improvement condition in the permit to address the deficiencies in the existing tanks and containment measures on site (IC4). See Improvement conditions in Annex 3 of this decision document.

Annex 3: Improvement Conditions

Based on the information in the Operator's Regulation 61 Notice response and our own records of the capability and performance of the installation at this site, we consider that we need to set improvement conditions so that the outcome of the techniques detailed in the BAT Conclusions are achieved by the installation. These improvement conditions are set out below - justifications for them is provided at the relevant section of the decision document (Annex 1 or Annex 2).

Previous improvement conditions marked as complete in the previous permit.

-	Superseded Improvement Conditions – Removed from permit as marked as "complete"					
Reference	Improvement Condition	Date				
IC1	The operator shall carry out a noise assessment using BS 4142:2014 based on monitoring of the operational plant. The operator shall submit a report to the Environment Agency summarising the findings of the assessment and compare the results to the assessments submitted in the application. In the event that the levels are higher than those predicted in the application further control measures shall be proposed and a noise management plan shall be submitted. A timescale for implementing the proposals shall be submitted to the Environment Agency for approval.	Complete				

Since the following pre-operational conditions have been completed, they are not included in the original permit.

Table S1.4A P	Table S1.4A Pre-operational measures				
Reference	Pre-operational measures				
PO1	No effluent shall be discharged into the retention and effluent treatment tanks of the effluent treatment plant until secondary containment has been installed and agreed as appropriate in writing by the Environment Agency.				
PO2	Prior to installation of the secondary containment in PO1 above, the operator shall submit a report on the design and maintenance of the secondary containment for approval in writing by the Environment Agency.				

The following improvement conditions have added to the permit as a result of the variation.

Improvement programme requirements		
Reference	Reason for inclusion	Justification of deadline
IC2	The operator shall confirm, achievement of the 'Narrative' BAT conclusions as identified in the Food, Drink and Milk Bref published on 4 December 2019 where BAT is currently not demonstrated or achieved with respect to BATc 6. Refer to BAT Conclusions for a full description of the BAT requirement.	3 months from date of issue or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency
IC3	The operator shall submit to the Environment Agency for approval a risk assessment considering the possibility of soil and groundwater contamination at the installation where the activity involves the use, production or release of a hazardous substances (as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EC) No. 1272/2008 on classification, labelling and packaging of substances and mixtures). A stage 1-3 assessment should be completed (as detailed within the EC Commission Guidance 2014/C 136/-3) as follows; Stage 1 – Identify hazardous substance(s) used / stored on site. Stage 2 – Identify if the hazardous substance(s) are capable of causing pollution. If they are capable of causing pollution, they are then termed Relevant Hazardous Substances (RHS). Stage 3 – Identify if pollution prevention measures & drains are fit for purpose in areas where hazardous substances are used / stored. If the outcomes of Stage 3 identifies that pollution of soil / ground water to be possible. The operator shall produce and submit a monitoring plan to the Environment Agency for approval detailing how the substance(s) will be monitored to demonstrate no pollution. The operator shall commence monitoring of	or as agreed in writing by the Environment
	the RHS within a timescale as agreed by the Environment Agency.	
IC4	The Operator shall undertake a survey of the primary, secondary and tertiary containment at the site and review measures against relevant standard including: • CIRIA Containment systems for the prevention of pollution (C736) – Secondary, tertiary and other measures for industrial and commercial premises,	12 months from permit issue

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The operator shall submit a written report to the Environment Agency approval which outlines the results of the survey and the review of standard and provide details of

- current containment measures
- any deficiencies identified in comparison to relevant standards,
- improvements proposed
- time scale for implementation of improvements.

The operator shall implement the proposed improvements in line with the timescales agreed by the Environment Agency.