Notice of variation and consolidation with introductory note

The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016

United Utilities Water Limited

Stockport Wastewater Treatment Works Sludge Treatment Installation
Heathside Park Road
Cheadle Heath
Stockport
SK3 0PT

Variation application number

EPR/SP3231LR/V009

Permit number

EPR/SP3231LR

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Introductory note

This introductory note does not form a part of the notice

Under the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016 (schedule 5, part 1, paragraph 19) a variation may comprise a consolidated permit reflecting the variations and a notice specifying the variations included in that consolidated permit.

Schedule 1 of the notice specifies the conditions that have been varied and schedule 2 comprises a consolidated permit which reflects the variations being made. All the conditions of the permit have been varied and are subject to the right of appeal.

Changes introduced by this variation notice/statutory review

The Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) came into force on 7 January 2014 with the requirement to implement all relevant Best Available Techniques (BAT) Conclusions as described in the Commission Implementing Decision. The schedule of waste management activities includes the recovery of non-hazardous waste with a capacity exceeding 75 tonnes per day (or 100 tonnes per day if the only waste treatment activity is anaerobic digestion) involving biological treatment, but excludes activities covered by the Urban Waste Water Treatment Regulations (UWWTR). However, UK environmental regulators concluded that the biological treatment of waste sewage sludge is not an activity covered by the UWWTR and is therefore within the scope of the IED.

Article 21(3) of the 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 of updated decisions on Best Available Techniques (BAT) Conclusions. The BAT Conclusions for Waste Treatment (the BREF) was published on 17 August 2018 following a European Union wide review of BAT, implementing decision (EU) 2018/1147 of 10 August 2018.

The scope of the permit review covers the assessment of:

- the bioaerosols monitoring and compliance with M9 bioaerosols monitoring requirements;
- the design and construction of secondary containment and storage lagoons;
- the available storage facilities and measures to reduce ammonia emissions from storage; and
- information on existing medium combustion plant and/or specified generators on site.

This variation has been issued following a statutory review of the permits in the industry sector for biowaste treatment and to bring the biological treatment of sewage sludge within the scope of IED. The opportunity has also been taken to consolidate the original permit and subsequent variations.

The schedules specify the changes made to the permit.

Brief description of the process

United Utilities Water Limited (UUW) operates a non-hazardous wastewater treatment facility at Stockport Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW). The associated sludge treatment activities were originally permitted as disposal activities (biological treatment and physico-chemical treatment) under Section 5.4 A(1)(a)(i) and (ii) of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (the EPR 2016). Due to the de-commissioning of the off-site incinerator, the biological treatment of sludge at this facility will now be regulated as a recovery activity under Section 5.4 A(1)(b)(i) of the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016.

Up to 1,387,730 wet tonnes of indigenous and imported sludge can be accepted on site per year. Imported sewage sludge from other UUW sludge treatment sites may be tankered in for discharge into the imported sludge storage tank.

The process operates under certified environmental and quality management systems and consists of the storage, screening and dewatering of sewage sludge before treatment of the sludge in three primary digester tanks. Heat within the digesters encourages the biological breakdown of the sludge under anaerobic conditions and produces a biogas consisting largely of methane. The biogas is captured and stored in a gas bag prior to being utilised via combustion plant (two combined heat and power (CHP) engines and dual fuel boiler) which convert the gas into heat for the digesters and electricity for the installation and WwTW. Siloxanes and other silicon compounds are removed through the biogas pre-treatment system.

Digested sludge is further dewatered via the centrifuge plant to produce sludge cake. The digested cake is then transported off-site for recovery to land. Sludge liquors, emanating from the dewatering process, and condensate collected from the biogas pipework are returned to the Stockport WwTW for further treatment before being returned to the environment under an Environment Agency discharge consent. Stockport WwTW does not form part of this permit and as such the return of emissions to the WwTW is an indirect discharge to water.

The main emissions from the installation are exhaust gases from the combustion plant (CHP engines, boiler and emergency flare) and the venting of unburned biogas via pressure relief valves (PRVs) serving the gas bag and primary digester tanks. Exhaust emissions from the combustion plant are controlled by limits set within the permit. Occasionally there will be releases of biogas via the safety PRVs. When necessary, excess biogas will be flared using the standby safety flare.

The installation operates under an Odour Management Plan (OMP). This includes details on control measures to minimise odour emissions from the permitted activities and actions to be taken in the event of an odour complaint. There are seven odour control units (consisting of catalytic iron filter and carbon filters) serving the inlet area, sludge area, sludge thickening area, sludge consolidation tanks and post digestion tanks. There are no direct discharges to surface waters from the installation.

The installation is made up of an area located within Stockport WwTW site. The permitted activities are centred approximately at National Grid Reference NGR SJ 86920 89820. To the north lies the River Mersey, to the south and east, the M60 motorway and to the west, open farmland. The closest human receptors are users of the Trans-Pennine Trail and Vale Road Farm, both of which lie on the north banks of the River Mersey approximately 0.1 km and 0.2 km from the installation boundary. The significant residential area of Cheadle Heath, beginning with Kenilworth Road, is located 0.2 km to the south of the installation while the larger conurbation of Heaton Mersey, beginning with Craig Road is located 0.4 km to the north and east. Both these localities incorporate open public areas including playing fields at Cheadle Heath, approximately 0.15 km south east of the installation. There are also numerous schools within the vicinity, the closest being Cheadle Heath Primary located 0.75 km south east, and the Mersey Vale Primary School located approximately 0.95 km to the north east. The nearest statutory designated ecological site is Cotteril Clough SSSI, which is located approximately 8 km to the south and west.

The status log of a permit sets out the permitting history, including any changes to the permit reference number.

Status log of the permit		
Description	**Date**	**Comments**
Request for further information	Various dates	Additional information responses' received, 22/09/2006; 12/09/2006; 22/09/2006; 22/09/2006; 29/09/2006; 25/10/2006; 16/10/2006; 25/10/2006 email; 06/12/2006; 23/11/2006; 29/11/2006; 03/01/2007 email; 18/06/2007; 24/08/2007 and 17/10/2007 letter Generic response.
		05/07/2007 email, Addendum summary and Figs 6, 10 (Phase 2, Issue C); and Fig 3B (Phase 2, Issue D).
Request to extend determination	25/10/2006	25/10/2006
Permit EPR/SP3231LR determined	24/10/2007	Issued to United Utilities Water PLC.

Status log of the permit		
Description	**Date**	**Comments**
Application EPR/SP3231LR/V002	06/04/2009	
Variation determined EPR/SP3231LR	15/07/2009	
Application EPR/SP3231LR/V003	10/09/2009	
Variation determined EPR/SP3231LR	21/09/2009	
Application EPR/SP3231LR/V004	04/10/2010	
Variation determined EPR/SP3231LR	02/02/2011	
Application EPR/SP3231LR/V005	04/03/2013	
Variation determined EPR/SP3231LR	24/05/2013	
Environment Agency initiated EPR/SP3231LR/V006 determined	19/06/2013	Agency variation to implement the changes introduced by IED.
Application EPR/SP3231LR/V007	11/08/2014	Application to relocate and replace the final dewatering centrifuge system with a higher capacity system.
Request for further information	16/09/2014	Additional information received on 01/10/2014.
Request for increased fee	28/10/2014	Email sent confirming outstanding fee and application to be a normal variation.
Additional fee received	Duly made 05/11/2014	
Variation determined EPR/SP3231LR	30/01/2015	
Application EPR/SP3231LR/V008 (variation)	Duly made 19/12/2014	Application to include biogas treatment system for siloxane removal and change company name.
Variation determined EPR/SP3231LR	16/03/2015	Varied permit issued.
Regulation 61 Notice sent to Operator	01/04/2021	Regulation 61 Notice requiring information for statutory review of permit.
Regulation 61 Notice response	01/10/2021	Response received from the operator.
Additional information received	20/08/2024	Response to request for further information dated 23/07/2024
Additional information received	15/01/2025	Updated non-technical summary and site emission points plan.
Additional information received	28/02/2025	Updated site emission points plan and clarification regarding combustion plant and emission points to air and sewer.
Application EPR/SP3231LR/V009 (variation and consolidation)	Environment Agency Initiated Variation	Statutory review of permit occasioned by Waste Treatment BAT Conclusions published on 17 August 2018.
Environment Agency Water and Sewerage Companies Review Permit reviewed	13/03/2025	Varied and consolidated permit issued.

Status log of the permit		
Description	**Date**	**Comments**
Variation determined EPR/SP3231LR		

End of introductory note

Notice of variation and consolidation

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016

The Environment Agency in exercise of its powers under regulation 20 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 varies and consolidates

Permit number

EPR/SP3231LR

Issued to

United Utilities Water Limited ("the operator")

whose registered office is

Haweswater House
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Great Sankey
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WA5 3LP

company registration number 02366678

to operate a regulated facility at

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to the extent set out in the schedules.

The notice shall take effect from 13/03/2025.

Name	Date
Marcus Woodward	**13/03/2025**

Authorised on behalf of the Environment Agency.

Schedule 1

All conditions have been varied by the consolidated permit as a result of an Environment Agency initiated variation.

Schedule 2 – consolidated permit

Consolidated permit issued as a separate document.

Permit

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to the extent authorised by and subject to the conditions of this permit.

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Conditions

1 Management

1.1 General management

1.1.1 The operator shall manage and operate the activities:

(a) in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances, closure and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints; and

(b) using sufficient competent persons and resources.

1.1.2 Records demonstrating compliance with condition 1.1.1 shall be maintained.

1.1.3 Any person having duties that are or may be affected by the matters set out in this permit shall have convenient access to a copy of it kept at or near the place where those duties are carried out.

1.1.4 The operator shall comply with the requirements of an approved competence scheme.

1.2 Energy efficiency

1.2.1 The operator shall:

(a) take appropriate measures to ensure that energy is used efficiently in the activities;

(b) review and record at least every four years whether there are suitable opportunities to improve the energy efficiency of the activities; and

(c) take any further appropriate measures identified by a review.

1.3 Efficient use of raw materials

1.3.1 The operator shall:

(a) take appropriate measures to ensure that raw materials and water are used efficiently in the activities;

(b) maintain records of raw materials and water used in the activities;

(c) review and record at least every four years whether there are suitable alternative materials that could reduce environmental impact or opportunities to improve the efficiency of raw material and water use; and

(d) take any further appropriate measures identified by a review.

1.4 Avoidance, recovery and disposal of wastes produced by the activities

1.4.1 The operator shall take appropriate measures to ensure that:

(a) the waste hierarchy referred to in Article 4 of the Waste Framework Directive is applied to the generation of waste by the activities; and

(b) any waste generated by the activities is treated in accordance with the waste hierarchy referred to in Article 4 of the Waste Framework Directive; and

(c) where disposal is necessary, this is undertaken in a manner which minimises its impact on the environment.

1.4.2 The operator shall review and record at least every four years whether changes to those measures should be made and take any further appropriate measures identified by a review.

2 Operations

2.1 Permitted activities

2.1.1 The operator is only authorised to carry out the activities specified in schedule 1 table S1.1 (the "activities").

2.1.2 The activities shall be undertaken in accordance with best available techniques.

2.1.3 All process plant and equipment shall be commissioned, operated and maintained and shall be fully documented and recorded in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

2.1.4 Waste authorised by this permit shall be clearly distinguished from any other waste on the site.

2.2 The site

2.2.1 The activities shall not extend beyond the site, being the land shown edged in red on the site plan at schedule 7 to this permit.

2.3 Operating techniques

2.3.1 The activities shall, subject to the conditions of this permit, be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in the documentation specified in schedule 1, table S1.2, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

2.3.2 If notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution, the operator shall submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a revision of any plan or other documentation ("plan") specified in schedule 1, table S1.2 or otherwise required under this permit which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution relevant to that plan, and shall implement the approved revised plan in place of the original from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

2.3.3 Any raw materials or fuels listed in schedule 2 table S2.1 shall conform to the specifications set out in that table.

2.3.4 Waste shall only be accepted if:

(a) it is of a type and quantity listed in schedule 2 table S2.2; and

(b) it conforms to the description in the documentation supplied by the producer and holder.

(c) the facility has sufficient free capacity to store and treat the waste.

2.3.5 The operator shall ensure that where waste produced by the activities is sent to a relevant waste operation, that operation is provided with the following information, prior to the receipt of the waste:

(a) the nature of the process producing the waste;

(b) the composition of the waste;

(c) the handling requirements of the waste;

(d) the hazardous property associated with the waste, if applicable; and

(e) the waste code of the waste.

2.3.6 The operator shall ensure that where waste produced by the activities is sent to a landfill site, it meets the waste acceptance criteria for that landfill.

2.3.7 Waste pre-acceptance and acceptance procedures shall be undertaken in accordance with best available techniques.

2.3.8 For the following activities referenced in schedule 1, table S1.1 (AR4):

(a) each MCP must be operated in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions and records must be made and retained to demonstrate this.

(b) the operator must keep periods of start-up and shut-down of each combustion plant as short as possible.

(c) there must be no persistent emission of 'dark smoke' as defined in section 3(1) of the Clean Air Act 1993.

2.4 Improvement programme

2.4.1 The operator shall complete the improvements specified in schedule 1 table S1.3 by the date specified in that table unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

2.4.2 Except in the case of an improvement which consists only of a submission to the Environment Agency, the operator shall notify the Environment Agency within 14 days of completion of each improvement.

3 Emissions and monitoring

3.1 Emissions to water, air or land

3.1.1 There shall be no point source emissions to water, air or land except from the sources and emission points listed in schedule 3 tables S3.1, S3.2 and S3.6.

3.1.2 The limits given in schedule 3 shall not be exceeded.

3.1.3 Periodic monitoring shall be carried out at least once every 5 years for groundwater and 10 years for soil, unless such monitoring is based on a systematic appraisal of the risk of contamination.

3.2 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits

3.2.1 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits (excluding odour, but including ammonia) shall not cause pollution. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved emissions management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, those emissions.

3.2.2 The operator shall:

(a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, an emissions management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits;

(b) implement the approved emissions management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

3.2.3 Subject to condition 3.2.4, below, all liquids in containers, whose emission to water or land could cause pollution, shall be provided with adequate secondary containment, unless other appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, leakage and spillage from the primary container have been agreed in writing with the Environment Agency.

3.2.4 Condition 3.2.3, above, shall apply unless the operator strictly complies in full with IC19 below.

3.2.5 Subject to condition 3.2.6, below, all liquid wastes in storage tanks and lagoons shall be fully enclosed, with emissions collected and directed to an appropriate abatement system, unless other appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, emissions of waste gases from storage tanks and lagoons have been agreed in writing with the Environment Agency.

3.2.6 Condition 3.2.5, above, shall apply unless the operator strictly complies in full with IC20 below.

3.2.7 Subject to condition 3.2.8, below, the anaerobic treatment of all wastes shall take place within fully enclosed vessels. Combustible biogas or biomethane produced during biological treatment shall be utilised as a fuel or stored for utilisation off site, unless other appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, emissions of biogas or biomethane from treatment/storage vessels have been agreed in writing with the Environment Agency. There shall be no uncontrolled emissions of biogas to the environment. This excludes the venting of biogas in an emergency using pressure release valves.

3.2.8 Condition 3.2.7, above, shall apply unless the operator strictly complies in full with IC20 below.

3.2.9 Subject to condition 3.2.10, below, the operator shall use buffer storage to store waste water and digestate to prevent waste water or digestate being discharged off site during the receiving waste water treatment works storm overflow operating, unless other appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, emissions during waste water treatment works storm overflow operation, have been agreed in writing with the Environment Agency.

3.2.10 Condition 3.2.9, above, shall apply unless the operator strictly complies in full with IC22 below.

3.2.11 The operator shall implement a leak detection and repair (LDAR) programme to detect and mitigate the release of volatile organic compounds, including methane from diffuse sources.

3.3 Odour

3.3.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from odour at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Environment Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved odour management plan, to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the odour.

3.4 Noise and vibration

3.4.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from noise and vibration at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of the Environment Agency, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved noise and vibration management plan to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the noise and vibration.

3.4.2 The operator shall:

(a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to pollution outside the site due to noise and vibration, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a noise and vibration management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from noise and vibration;

(b) implement the approved noise and vibration management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

3.5 Monitoring

3.5.1 The operator shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, undertake the monitoring specified in the following tables in schedule 3 to this permit:

(a) point source emissions specified in tables S3.1, S3.2 and S3.6;

(b) process monitoring specified in tables S3.3 and S3.4;

(c) bioaerosols monitoring specified in table S3.5

3.5.2 The operator shall maintain records of all monitoring required by this permit including records of the taking and analysis of samples, instrument measurements (periodic and continual), calibrations, examinations, tests and surveys and any assessment or evaluation made on the basis of such data.

3.5.3 Monitoring equipment, techniques, personnel and organisations employed for the emissions monitoring programme and the environmental or other monitoring specified in condition 3.5.1 shall have either MCERTS certification or MCERTS accreditation (as appropriate), where available, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

3.5.4 Permanent means of access shall be provided to enable sampling/monitoring to be carried out in relation to the emission points specified in schedule 3 tables S3.1, S3.2, S3.3, S3.4 and S3.6 unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

3.5.5 For the following activities referenced in Schedule 1 Table S1.1 (AR4):

(a) For existing MCP, monitoring measurements shall be carried out before the relevant compliance date or within four months of the issue date of the permit whichever is the later.

(b) In the case of new medium combustion plant, the first monitoring measurements shall be carried out within four months of the issue date of the permit or the date when the MCP is first put into operation, whichever is later.

3.5.6 Monitoring of MCP shall not take place during periods of start up or shut down.

3.6 Bioaerosols

3.6.1 The operator shall take all appropriate measures, to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the release of bioaerosols. Emissions of bioaerosols from the operational activities shall not exceed the emission action levels specified in table S3.5.

3.6.2 The operator shall where the emission action levels are exceeded:

(a) notify the Environment Agency and investigate and take remedial action;

(b) submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a bioaerosols management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from bioaerosols; and

(c) implement the bioaerosols management plan from the date of approval and revise the plan periodically, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

3.7 Pests

3.7.1 The activities shall not give rise to the presence of pests which are likely to cause pollution, hazard or annoyance outside the boundary of the site. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved pests management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise the presence of pests on the site.

3.7.2 The operator shall:

(a) only use approved products for pest control;

(b) treat pest infestations promptly;

(c) reject pest-infected incoming waste;

(d) if notified by the Environment Agency, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a pests management plan which identifies and minimises risks of pollution from pests;

(e) implement the pests management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

3.8 Fire prevention

3.8.1 The operator shall take all appropriate measures to prevent fires on site and minimise the risk of pollution from them including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved fire prevention plan.

3.8.2 The operator shall:

(a) if notified by the Environment Agency that the activities are giving rise to a risk of fire, submit to the Environment Agency for approval within the period specified, a fire prevention plan which prevents fires and minimises the risk of pollution from fires;

(b) implement the fire prevention plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

3.8.3 The operator shall undertake a DSEAR assessment and maintain an accident management plan.

4 Information

4.1 Records

4.1.1 All records required to be made by this permit shall:

(a) be legible;

(b) be made as soon as reasonably practicable;

(c) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original and any subsequent amendments remain legible, or are capable of retrieval; and

(d) be retained, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, for at least 6 years from the date when the records were made, or in the case of the following records until permit surrender:

(i) off-site environmental effects; and

(ii) matters which affect the condition of the land and groundwater.

4.1.2 The operator shall keep on site all records, plans and the management system required to be maintained by this permit, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.

4.2 Reporting

4.2.1 The operator shall send all reports and notifications required by the permit to the Environment Agency using the contact details supplied in writing by the Environment Agency.

4.2.2 A report or reports on the performance of the activities over the previous year shall be submitted to the Environment Agency by 31 January (or other date agreed in writing by the Environment Agency) each year. The report(s) shall include as a minimum:

(a) a review of the results of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the permit including an interpretive review of that data;

(b) the annual production/treatment data set out in schedule 4 table S4.2; and

(c) the performance parameters set out in schedule 4 table S4.3 using the forms specified in table S4.4 of that schedule.

4.2.3 Within 28 days of the end of the reporting period the operator shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Environment Agency, submit reports of the monitoring and assessment carried out in accordance with the conditions of this permit, as follows:

(a) in respect of the parameters and emission points specified in schedule 4 table S4.1;

(b) for the reporting periods specified in schedule 4 table S4.1 and using the forms specified in schedule 4 table S4.4; and

(c) giving the information from such results and assessments as may be required by the forms specified in those tables.

4.2.4 The operator shall, unless notice under this condition has been served within the preceding four years, submit to the Environment Agency, within six months of receipt of a written notice, a report assessing whether there are other appropriate measures that could be taken to prevent, or where that is not practicable, to minimise pollution.

4.2.5 Within 1 month of the end of each quarter, the operator shall submit to the Environment Agency using the form made available for the purpose, the information specified on the form relating to the site and the waste accepted and removed from it during the previous quarter.

4.2.6 The operator shall keep records of non-waste materials leaving the site, including the type of material, the batch number, the date of export off-site and the tonnage exported on that date. These records shall be maintained for at least 2 years.

4.2.7 The operator shall submit an annual report detailing the efficiency of removal of non-digestible materials from feedstock prior to processing and the level of contamination in the final recovered digestate.

4.3 Notifications

4.3.1 In the event:

(a) that the operation of the activities gives rise to an incident or accident which significantly affects or may significantly affect the environment, the operator must immediately—

(i) inform the Environment Agency,

(ii) take the measures necessary to limit the environmental consequences of such an incident or accident, and

(iii) take the measures necessary to prevent further possible incidents or accidents;

(b) of a breach of any permit condition the operator must immediately—

(i) inform the Environment Agency, and

(ii) take the measures necessary to ensure that compliance is restored within the shortest possible time;

(c) of a breach of permit condition which poses an immediate danger to human health or threatens to cause an immediate significant adverse effect on the environment, the operator must immediately suspend the operation of the activities or the relevant part of it until compliance with the permit conditions has been restored.

4.3.2 Any information provided under condition 4.3.1 (a)(i), or 4.3.1 (b)(i) where the information relates to the breach of a limit specified in the permit, shall be confirmed by sending the information listed in schedule 5 to this permit within the time period specified in that schedule.

4.3.3 Following the detection of an issue listed in condition 4.3.1, the operator shall review and revise the management system and implement any changes as necessary to minimise the risk of re-occurrence of the issue.

4.3.4 Where the Environment Agency has requested in writing that it shall be notified when the operator is to undertake monitoring and/or spot sampling, the operator shall inform the Environment Agency when the relevant monitoring and/or spot sampling is to take place. The operator shall provide this information to the Environment Agency at least 14 days before the date the monitoring is to be undertaken.

4.3.5 The Environment Agency shall be notified within 14 days of the occurrence of the following matters, except where such disclosure is prohibited by Stock Exchange rules:

Where the operator is a registered company:

(a) any change in the operator's trading name, registered name or registered office address; and

(b) any steps taken with a view to the operator going into administration, entering into a company voluntary arrangement or being wound up.

Where the operator is a corporate body other than a registered company:

(a) any change in the operator's name or address; and

(b) any steps taken with a view to the dissolution of the operator.

In any other case:

(a) the death of any of the named operators (where the operator consists of more than one named individual);

(b) any change in the operator's name(s) or address(es); and

(c) any steps taken with a view to the operator, or any one of them, going into bankruptcy, entering into a composition or arrangement with creditors, or, in the case of them being in a partnership, dissolving the partnership.

4.3.6 Where the operator proposes to make a change in the nature or functioning, or an extension of the activities, which may have consequences for the environment and the change is not otherwise the subject of an application for approval under the Regulations or this permit:

(a) the Environment Agency shall be notified at least 14 days before making the change; and

(b) the notification shall contain a description of the proposed change in operation.

4.3.7 The Environment Agency shall be given at least 14 days' notice before implementation of any part of the site closure plan.

4.3.8 The operator shall notify the Environment Agency as soon as is practicable, in writing of any change of medium combustion plant.

4.4 Interpretation

4.4.1 In this permit the expressions listed in schedule 6 shall have the meaning given in that schedule.

4.4.2 In this permit references to reports and notifications mean written reports and notifications, except where reference is made to notification being made "immediately", in which case it may be provided by telephone.

Schedule 1 – Operations

Table S1.1 activities			
Activity reference	**Activity listed in Schedule 1 of the EP Regulations**	**Description of specified activity and WFD Annex I and II operations**	**Limits of specified activity and waste types**
AR1	S5.4 A(1) (b) (i) Recovery or a mix of recovery and disposal of non-hazardous waste with a capacity exceeding 75 tonnes per day (or 100 tonnes per day if the only waste treatment activity is anaerobic digestion) involving biological treatment	R3: Recycling /reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents	From receipt of waste through to digestion and recovery of by-products (waste treated by anaerobic digestion). Anaerobic digestion of waste in three primary digester tanks followed by burning of biogas produced from the process. Anaerobic digestion shall be limited to 576 tonnes/day. Waste types suitable for acceptance are limited to those specified in Table S2.2.
Directly Associated Activity			
AR2	Storage of waste pending recovery or disposal	R13: Storage of waste pending the operations numbered R1 and R3 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced)	From the receipt of permitted waste to pre-treatment and despatch for anaerobic digestion on site. Storage of residual wastes from pre-treatment to despatch off-site for recovery. Storage of waste in enclosed equipment and tanks fitted with appropriate odour abatement and on an impermeable surface with a sealed drainage system. Waste types suitable for acceptance are limited to those specified in Table S2.2.
AR3	Physical treatment for the purpose of recycling	R3: Recycling /reclamation of organic substances which are not used as solvents	From the receipt of waste to despatch for anaerobic digestion or despatch off site for recovery. Dilution of incoming wastes using final waste waters from the wastewater treatment works to aid pre-treatment and digestion only. Pre-treatment of waste in enclosed equipment and tanks fitted with appropriate odour abatement and on an impermeable surface with a sealed drainage system, including shredding, sorting, screening, compaction, baling, mixing and maceration. Post-treatment of digestate in enclosed equipment and tanks or an enclosed

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			building fitted with appropriate odour abatement and on an impermeable surface with a sealed drainage system, including separation, screening to remove contraries, centrifuge or pressing and addition of thickening agents (polymers) or drying for use as a fertiliser or soil conditioner (drying for the purpose of use as a fuel is not permitted). Biogas cleaning by biological or physical (catalytic iron filtration and carbon filtration) or chemical scrubbing. Waste types suitable for acceptance are limited to those specified in Table S2.2.
AR4	Steam and electrical power supply	R1: Use principally as a fuel to generate energy	From the receipt of biogas produced at the on-site anaerobic digestion process to combustion with the release of combustion gases. Combustion of biogas in two combined heat and power (CHP) engines with an aggregated thermal input of 2.8 MW. Combustion of biogas and/or gas oil in one auxiliary boiler with a thermal input of 2.1 MW.
AR5	Emergency flare operation	D10: Incineration on land	From the receipt of biogas produced at the on-site anaerobic digestion process to incineration with the release of combustion gases. There shall be no venting or flaring of gas for disposal. Use of one auxiliary flare required only during periods of breakdown or maintenance of the CHP engines and/or auxiliary boiler.
AR6	Raw material storage	Storage of raw materials including lubrication oil, antifreeze, propane, ferric chloride, activated carbon and diesel.	From the receipt of raw materials to despatch for use within the facility.
AR7	Gas storage	R13: Storage of waste pending any of the operations	Storage of biogas produced from on-site anaerobic digestion of permitted waste in

Table S1.1 activities			
Activity reference	**Activity listed in Schedule 1 of the EP Regulations**	**Description of specified activity and WFD Annex I and II operations**	**Limits of specified activity and waste types**
		numbered R1 to R12 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced)	one stand-alone gas bag and/or roof space of digesters. From the receipt of biogas produced at the on-site anaerobic digestion process to despatch for use within the facility. Emissions of unburnt biogas shall be minimised.
AR8	Digestate storage	R13: Storage of waste pending any of the operations numbered R1 to R12 (excluding temporary storage, pending collection, on the site where it is produced)	From the receipt of processed digestate produced from the on-site anaerobic digestion process to despatch for use off-site. Storage of processed liquid digestate in seven storage tanks (two secondary digester tanks, two centrifuge feed buffer tanks and three sludge consolidation tanks). Storage of processed solid digestate in one uncovered sludge cake storage area and on an impermeable surface with sealed drainage system.
AR9	Surface water collection and storage	Collection of uncontaminated roof and site surface water	From the collection of uncontaminated roof and site surface water from non-operational areas only to re-use within the facility or discharge to sewer.
AR10	Air abatement	Collection and treatment of air from the buildings or plant using abatement system – [catalytic iron filter & carbon filters] prior to release to atmosphere.	From the collection of air from site processes to treatment and release of treated air to atmosphere. Collection and treatment of air from the buildings, tanks or plant using abatement system – [1x catalytic iron filter & carbon filter and 6x carbon filters]

Table S1.2 Operating techniques		
Description	**Parts**	**Date Received**
Application	The response to sections 2.1 and 2.2 in the Application but excluding B2.2.34	30/06/2006
Letter from United Utilities Water PLC dated 22/09/06 Re: Agency letter dated 23/08/2006	Answers – 6,10 and 10	22/09/2006

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Description	**Parts**	**Date Received**
Letter from United Utilities Water PLC dated 22/09/06 Re: Agency letter dated 08/09/2006	Answers – 12 and 13	22/09/2006
Letter from United Utilities Water PLC dated 23/11/06 Re: Agency letter dated 07/10/2006	Answers – All	23/11/2006
Variation application	As detailed in Application form part C, section 2	02/12/2008
Variation application EPR/SP3231LR/V004	Responses to the questions in Part C2 & C3 of the application form.	04/10/2010
Variation application EPR/SP3231LR/V005	Responses to the questions in Part C2 & C3 of the application form.	04/03/2013
Application	Form EPC: Application for an environmental permit – Part C3 varying a bespoke installation permit response to question 3: Table 3- Technical standards; Appendix 5. Sections 2, 3, 4, 8 & 9 of Application Support Document entitled – "Stockport WwTW Sludge Treatment Installation, Centrifuge Relocation, Application Support Document, August 2014".	08/08/2014
Response to Request for further information dated 16/09/2014	Reply to all questions and inclusive of attachments.	01/10/2014
Variation application EPR/SP3231LR/V008	Form EPC: Application for an environmental permit – Part C3 varying a bespoke installation permit response to question 3 (all parts including Tables). Application Support Document– Environmental Permit Variation Application for Biogas Pre-treatment at Stockport Wastewater Treatment Works (WwTW) (Ref: EPR/SP3231LR). Supplementary Technical Information Report, Final Report, December 2014.	19/12/2014
Response to Regulation 61 Notice dated 01/04/2021	• Annex 1 Returns Spreadsheet • Compliance and operating techniques identified in response to BAT Conclusions 1 to 8, 10 to 24 and 33 to 38 in the Waste Treatment BREF published on 17 August 2018.	Received 01/10/2022
Response to Request for additional information dated 23/07/2024	Response to Questions 1 to 20.	20/08/2024
Additional information received	Response to request for information detailing wastewater treatment discharged into and associated surface waters.	11/10/2024
Additional information received	Updated non-technical summary and site emission points plan.	15/01/2025
Additional information received	Updated site emission points plan and clarification regarding combustion plant and emission points to air and sewer.	28/02/2025

Table S1.3 Improvement programme requirements		
Reference	**Requirement**	**Date**
IC1 - IC18	Improvement conditions completed.	Completed
Improvement condition for secondary containment design		
IC19	The operator shall submit a written 'secondary containment implementation plan' and shall obtain the Environment Agency's written approval to it. The plan shall contain the finalised designs and an implementation schedule for a secondary containment system for all liquids that could cause pollution from tanks, sumps and containers. The finalised design(s) and specifications shall be produced by appropriate competent individuals (qualified civil or structural engineer), in accordance with BAT 19 of the Waste Treatment BREF and the risk assessment methodology detailed within CIRIA C736 (2014) guidance or an equivalent standard that will provide an equivalent level of environmental protection. The plan shall include but not be limited to the following components: • An assessment of the suitability for providing containment when subjected to the dynamic and static loads caused by catastrophic tank failure. • Finalised designs and specifications of the proposed secondary containment proposal completed by appropriate competent individuals. • A program of works with timescales for the commissioning of the secondary containment systems to comply with CIRIA C736 (2014) guidance, or equivalent standard. • An updated site and infrastructure plan. • A preventative maintenance and inspection regime. The plan shall be implemented in accordance with the Environment Agency's prior written approval. (Note that approval of reports under this improvement condition does not preclude the need for permit variation applications to implement the improvements identified in the report. Any variation may include the insertion of necessary emission limit values).	31/03/2025 Implementation of all required and approved containment improvements must be completed by 31/03/2025.
Improvement conditions for enclosure of tanks storing (or treating) digestate		
IC20	The operator shall submit a written 'post anaerobic digestion vessel cover' plan and obtain the Environment Agency's written approval to it. The plan shall contain the final designs and an implementation schedule for the installation of covers for vessels storing and/or treating digestate in tanks identified as the Centrifuge Feed Buffer Tanks (1 and 2). The plan shall also contain a detailed description of the proposed gas utilisation/abatement plant, gas storage infrastructure for the biogas produced during anaerobic digestion, pressure relief valves and gas pipework. The plan shall include but not be limited to the following components:	31/03/2025 Implementation of all required and approved containment improvements must be

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	• Evidence that the pollutants of the waste gas (including methane) produced in the Centrifuge Feed Buffer Tanks (1 and 2) will be controlled and/or abated either by the proposed gas utilisation plant or proposed abatement system. • Evidence that the vessel covers, gas utilisation/ abatement plant and ancillary equipment have been designed by appropriately qualified engineers. • Evidence that the vessel covers, and gas utilisation/abatement plant will be designed and installed in accordance with guidance, *Biological waste treatment: appropriate measures for permitted facilities*. • An updated Hazard and Operability Study (HAZOP) and DSEAR risk assessment. • An assessment of gas storage capacity and gas utilisation/abatement capacity including proposals for additional gas utilisation/ abatement plant. • A program of works with timescales for the commissioning of the vessel cover(s), gas utilisation/ abatement infrastructure and ancillary equipment. The plan shall be implemented in accordance with the Environment Agency's prior written approval. (Note that approval of reports under this improvement condition does not preclude the need for permit variation applications to implement the improvements identified in the report. Any variation may include the insertion of necessary emission limit values).	completed by 31/03/2025.
Improvement conditions for primary containment tanks		
IC21	The operator shall submit a written 'primary containment plan' and shall obtain the Environment Agency's written approval to it. The plan shall contain the results of an inspection and program of works undertaken by an appropriately qualified engineer and shall assess the extent, design specification and condition of primary containment systems (including associated pipework) where polluting liquids and solids are being stored, treated, and/or handled. The plan shall include, but not be limited to: • An assessment of the physical condition of all primary containment systems (storage and treatment vessels and associated pipework) using a Written Scheme of Examination and their suitability for providing primary containment when subjected to dynamic and static loads. • A program of works with timescales for the implementation of individual improvement measures necessary to demonstrate that the primary containment is fit for purpose or alternative appropriate measures to ensure all polluting materials will be contained on site. • A preventative maintenance and inspection regime.	13/03/2026 or such other date as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency.

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Reference	**Requirement**	**Date**
	The plan shall be implemented in accordance with the Environment Agency's written approval.	
Improvement conditions for operational storage buffer capacity		
IC22	The operator shall submit a written "waste water and digestate buffer storage plan" and shall obtain the Environment Agency's written approval to it. The plan shall contain the results of a review of the current storage of waste water and digestate produced from site operations. The review shall propose and describe site contingency arrangements to provide appropriate storage capacity or other appropriate measures to prevent or minimise emissions of waste water or digestate being discharged off site during any occasions when the receiving wastewater treatment works is in storm overflow operating conditions. The storage plan shall include but not be limited to: • Proposals for additional storage capacity with secondary containment within the site boundary for wastewater and/or other digestate during any occasions when the receiving wastewater treatment works is in storm overflow operating conditions. • Procedures to cease discharges during these conditions. • Calculation of a reasonable contingency capacity of waste water and/or other digestate during any occasions when the receiving wastewater treatment works is in storm overflow operating conditions. • A description and design specification of the buffer storage infrastructure and secondary containment measures. The design shall be completed by an appropriately qualified engineer and secondary containment shall be designed in line with CIRIA C736. • A program of works with timescales for the implementation and construction of the buffer storage. • A preventative maintenance and inspection regime. The plan shall be implemented in accordance with the Environment Agency's prior written approval.	31/03/2025 Implementation of all required and approved containment improvements must be completed by 31/03/2025.
Improvement conditions for establishing an inventory of liquid waste water discharged from anaerobic digestion and associated activities (AR1 – AR10)		
IC23a	The operator shall submit a sampling programme in relation to waste water streams and shall obtain the Environment Agency's written approval to it. The sampling programme shall be designed to fully characterise the waste waters discharged to Stockport WwTW from emission points S1, S2, S4, S10 and S11 in (table S3.2 of this permit). The programme shall include but not be limited to a methodology for a minimum of one 24-hour flow proportional sample a month, for	Within 2 months of issue of this permit or such other date as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency

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Reference	**Requirement**	**Date**
	each emission point, for a period of 12 months. The programme shall detail the sampling methods/standards used. Sampling methods shall be in accordance with BAT conclusion 20 of the Waste Treatment BREF. The programme shall include the National Grid Reference (NGR) of the sampling point(s) location(s). The programme shall establish the characteristics of the liquid waste water streams and shall include as a minimum for each emission point: • Average values and variability of flow, pH, temperature and conductivity. • Average concentration and load values of all relevant substances and their variability. • Data on bioeliminability. The programme shall sample for all relevant substances and must include: • Hydrocarbon oil index (HOI) (mg/l) • Free cyanide (CN^-) (mg/l) • Adsorbable organically bound halogens (AOX) (mg/l) • Metals and metalloids; arsenic (expressed as As), cadmium (expressed as Cd), chromium (expressed as Cr), hexavalent chromium (expressed as Cr(VI)), copper (expressed as Cu), lead (expressed as Pb), nickel (expressed as Ni), mercury (expressed as Hg), zinc (expressed as Zn) (µg/l) The operator shall submit the collected monitoring data in writing to the Environment Agency according to agreed reporting periods. The sampling programme shall be produced in accordance with Environment Agency guidance: • Specific substances and priority hazardous substances – *Surface water pollution risk for your environmental permit* Surface water pollution risk assessment for your environmental permit - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). • *Monitoring discharges to water: guidance on selecting a monitoring approach* Monitoring discharges to water: guidance on selecting a monitoring approach - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) The monitoring programme shall be carried out and the monitoring data submitted in accordance with the Environment Agency's written approval.	
Improvement conditions for indirect discharges to water discharged from anaerobic digestion and associated activities (AR1 – AR10)		
IC23b	The operator shall submit a report for approval by the Environment Agency, following completion of the sampling programme approved under IC23a. The report shall include but not be limited to; a summary of the sample results, a completed H1 risk assessment(s) and modelling outputs where appropriate. The operator shall provide conclusions on whether the waste waters discharged from S1, S2, S4, S10 and S11 will have any adverse	Within 15 months of the Environment Agency's written approval of the sampling programme

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Reference	**Requirement**	**Date**
	impact on the receiving waters once discharged from Stockport WwTW. An assessment shall be made against the parameters specified in the relevant environmental standards as specified within Environment Agency guidance as follows: • Specific substances and priority hazardous substances – *Surface water pollution risk for your environmental permit* Surface water pollution risk assessment for your environmental permit - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). • Sanitary substances – *H1 annex D2: assessment of sanitary and other pollutants in surface water discharges* 1076_14 H1 Annex D2 - Assessment of sanitary and other pollutants within Surface Water Discharges (publishing.service.gov.uk) The report shall include any proposals and/or additional measures required to prevent or minimise any significant emissions from the installation along with timescales for implementation.	submitted under IC23a or such other date as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency
IC23c	The operator shall implement any improvements identified within the report approved under IC23b in accordance with the Environment Agency's written approval and provide written confirmation to the Environment Agency that the improvements have been completed. (Note, approval of reports under this improvement condition does not preclude the need for permit variation application(s) to operate the improvements identified in the report and/or include any necessary emission limit values).	Within 6 months of the report in relation to IC23b being approved by the Environment Agency or such other date as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency
Improvement condition to address methane slip emissions from gas engines burning biogas		
IC24	The operator shall submit a written plan for approval by the Environment Agency which establishes the methane emissions in the exhaust gas from engines burning biogas and or biomethane and compare these to the manufacturer's specification and benchmark levels. The plan shall develop proposals to assess the potential for methane slip and take corrective actions where emissions of methane above the manufacturer's specification are identified. The operator shall establish methane emissions in the exhaust gas and methane slip using the following standards: • EN ISO 25139 • EN ISO 25140	13/09/2025 or such other date as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency
Improvement condition for establishing a Leak detection and repair programme		
IC25	The operator shall establish a site-specific leak detection and repair (LDAR) programme to detect and mitigate the release of volatile organic compounds, including methane from diffuse sources. The programme shall include, but not be limited to an LDAR survey, diffuse emissions source inventory and associated monitoring	13/09/2025 or such other date as agreed in writing with the

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Reference	**Requirement**	**Date**
	arrangements. The programme shall be submitted to the Environment Agency for approval. The programme shall take into account the appropriate measures for LDAR plans specified in Section 11.9 of *Environment Agency guidance, Biological waste treatment: appropriate measures for permitted facilities*. The operator shall also have regard to BS EN 17628 when designing the LDAR programme and consider the use of optical gas imaging cameras and/or application of 'sniffer' techniques according to BS EN 15446.	Environment Agency
Improvement condition for review of effectiveness of abatement plant		
IC26	The operator shall carry out a review of the abatement plant A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6 and A7 on site, to determine whether the measures have been effective and adequate to prevent, or where this is not possible to minimise, emissions released to air (including but not limited to odour and ammonia, HCl, and TVOC). The operator shall submit a written report to the Environment Agency following this review for assessment and approval. The report shall include but not be limited to the following aspects: • Full investigation and characterisation of the waste gas streams. • Evidence that the emission of pollutants in the waste gas stream is being prevented or where this is not possible minimised by the abatement plant. • Abatement stack monitoring results (including but not limited to odour and ammonia, HCl, and TVOC). • Abatement process monitoring results (including but not limited to odour and ammonia, HCl, and TVOC). • Details of air quality quantitative impact assessment including modelling and a proposal for site-specific "action levels" (including but not limited to odour concentration, hydrogen sulphide and ammonia, HCl, and TVOC) • Odour monitoring results at the site boundary. • Records of odour complaints and odour related incidents. • Recommendations for improvement including the replacement or upgrading of the abatement plant. • Timescales for implementation of improvements to the abatement plant. The operator shall implement any improvements in line with the timescales as approved by the Environment Agency. (Note that approval of reports under this improvement condition does not preclude the need for permit variation applications to implement the improvements identified in the report. Any variation may include the insertion of necessary emission limit values).	13/09/2025 or such other date as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency

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Reference	**Requirement**	**Date**
Improvement condition for monitoring digestate stability		
IC27	The operator shall submit a written report, with supporting evidence, on the stability of whole digestate, (i.e. prior to dewatering), stored within the installation (secondary digester tanks, consolidation tanks and centrifuge buffer feed tanks) and obtain the Environment Agency's written approval to it. The report shall assess whether biogas emissions from post digestion storage or treatment of digestate is likely to have been minimised. The report shall include but not be limited to: • An assessment of residual biogas potential in accordance with the OFW004-005 [N6] methodology specified by *BSI PAS 110: Producing Quality Anaerobic Digestate* or an equivalent methodology for assessing residual biogas potential of the digestate.	13/09/2025 or such other date as agreed in writing with the Environment Agency

Schedule 2 – Waste types, raw materials and fuels

Table S2.1 Raw materials and fuels	
Raw materials and fuel description	**Specification**
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Table S2.2 Permitted waste types and quantities for anaerobic digestion	
Maximum quantity	**Annual throughput shall not exceed 1,387,730 tonnes**
Exclusions	Wastes having any of the following characteristics shall not be accepted: • Biodegradable wastes that is significantly contaminated with non-compostable or digestible contaminants, in particular plastic and litter shall be no more than 5% w/w and shall be as low as reasonably practicable by 31 December 2025. • Wastes containing wood-preserving agents or other biocides and post-consumer wood. • Wastes containing persistent organic pollutants. • Wastes containing Japanese Knotweed or other invasive plant species listed in the Invasive Species (Amendment etc.) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019. • Manures, slurries and spoiled bedding and straw from farms where animals have notifiable diseases as stipulated in the Animal By-Products (Enforcement) (England) Regulations 2013. • Pest infested waste.
Waste code	**Description**
19	**Wastes from waste management facilities, off-site waste water treatment plants and the preparation of water intended for human consumption and water for industrial use**
19 02	**wastes from physico/chemical treatments of waste (including dechromatation, decyanidation, neutralisation)**
19 02 06	sludges from physico/chemical treatment other than those mentioned in 19 02 05 (sewage sludge only)
19 06	**wastes from anaerobic treatment of waste**
19 06 06	digestate from anaerobic treatment of animal and vegetable waste (digested sewage sludge only)
19 08	**wastes from waste water treatment plants not otherwise specified**
19 08 05	sludges from the treatment of urban waste water

Schedule 3 – Emissions and monitoring

Table S3.1 Point source emissions to air – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	**Source**	**Parameter**	**Limit (including unit)**	**Reference period**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**
Point A1 on site plan in Schedule 7	Channelled emissions such as odour abatement stack or vent – carbon filter serving sludge inlet area chamber and pumping station [note 1]	Hydrogen sulphide	No limit set	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	CEN TS 13649 for sampling NIOSH 6013 for analysis
		Ammonia	20 mg/m^3	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN ISO 21877
		Odour concentration	No limit set	--	Once every 6 months	BS EN 13725
	Channelled emissions to air from treatment of water-based liquid waste	Hydrogen chloride (HCl)	5 mg/m^3 [note 2]	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN 1911
		TVOC	20 mg/m^3 [note 2]	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN 12619
Point A2 on site plan in Schedule 7	Channelled emissions such as odour abatement stack or vent – carbon filter serving sludge balance tank and three strain presses [note 1]	Hydrogen sulphide	No limit set	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	CEN TS 13649 for sampling NIOSH 6013 for analysis
		Ammonia	20 mg/m^3	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN ISO 21877
		Odour concentration	No limit set	--	Once every 6 months	BS EN 13725
	Channelled emissions to air from treatment of water-based liquid waste	Hydrogen chloride (HCl)	5 mg/m^3 [note 2]	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN 1911
		TVOC	20 mg/m^3 [note 2]	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN 12619
Point A3 on site plan in Schedule 7	Channelled emissions such as odour abatement stack or vent – carbon filter serving post-screening day	Hydrogen sulphide	No limit set	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	CEN TS 13649 for sampling NIOSH 6013 for analysis

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Emission point ref. & location	**Source**	**Parameter**	**Limit (including unit)**	**Reference period**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**
	tank; gravity thickener belt 1 and 2 and filtrate pumping station [note 1]	Ammonia	20 mg/m^3	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN ISO 21877
		Odour concentration	No limit set	--	Once every 6 months	BS EN 13725
	Channelled emissions to air from treatment of water-based liquid waste	Hydrogen chloride (HCl)	5 mg/m^3 [note 2]	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN 1911
		TVOC	20 mg/m^3 [note 2]	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN 12619
Point A4 on site plan in Schedule 7	Channelled emissions such as odour abatement stack or vent – carbon filter serving post digestion storage tank 1 [note 1]	Hydrogen sulphide	No limit set	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	CEN TS 13649 for sampling NIOSH 6013 for analysis
		Ammonia	20 mg/m^3	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN ISO 21877
		Odour concentration	No limit set	--	Once every 6 months	BS EN 13725
	Channelled emissions to air from treatment of water-based liquid waste	Hydrogen chloride (HCl)	5 mg/m^3 [note 2]	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN 1911
		TVOC	20 mg/m^3 [note 2]	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN 12619
Point A5 on site plan in Schedule 7	Channelled emissions such as odour abatement stack or vent – carbon filter serving post digestion storage tank 2 [note 1]	Hydrogen sulphide	No limit set	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	CEN TS 13649 for sampling NIOSH 6013 for analysis
		Ammonia	20 mg/m^3	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN ISO 21877
		Odour concentration	No limit set	--	Once every 6 months	BS EN 13725

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Emission point ref. & location	**Source**	**Parameter**	**Limit (including unit)**	**Reference period**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**
	Channelled emissions to air from treatment of water-based liquid waste	Hydrogen chloride (HCl)	5 mg/m^3 [note 2]	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN 1911
		TVOC	20 mg/m^3 [note 2]	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN 12619
Point A6 on site plan in Schedule 7	Channelled emissions such as odour abatement stack or vent – catalytic iron filter and carbon filter serving sludge consolidation tanks (x3), import sludge blending tank and return liquor pump well [note 1]	Hydrogen sulphide	No limit set	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	CEN TS 13649 for sampling NIOSH 6013 for analysis
		Ammonia	20 mg/m^3	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN ISO 21877
		Odour concentration	No limit set	--	Once every 6 months	BS EN 13725
	Channelled emissions to air from treatment of water-based liquid waste	Hydrogen chloride (HCl)	5 mg/m^3 [note 2]	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN 1911
		TVOC	20 mg/m^3 [note 2]	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN 12619
Point A7 on site plan in Schedule 7	Channelled emissions such as odour abatement stack or vent – carbon filter serving gravity thickener 3 [note 1]	Hydrogen sulphide	No limit set	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	CEN TS 13649 for sampling NIOSH 6013 for analysis
		Ammonia	20 mg/m^3	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN ISO 21877
		Odour concentration	No limit set	--	Once every 6 months	BS EN 13725
	Channelled emissions to air from treatment of water-based liquid waste	Hydrogen chloride (HCl)	5 mg/m^3 [note 2]	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN 1911
		TVOC	20 mg/m^3 [note 2]	Average over sample period	Once every 6 months	EN 12619

Table S3.1 Point source emissions to air – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	**Source**	**Parameter**	**Limit (including unit)**	**Reference period**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**
Point A8 on site plan in Schedule 7	Gas Bag pressure release valve	Biogas release and operational events	No limit set	Recorded duration and frequency	Daily inspection	--
Point A9 on site plan in Schedule 7	Emergency flare [note 3]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO_2 expressed as NO_2)	150 mg/m^3	Average over sample period	[note 4]	BS EN 14792
		Carbon monoxide	50 mg/m^3			BS EN 15058
		Total VOCs	10 mg/m^3			BS EN 12619
Point A10 on site plan in Schedule 7	Pressure vacuum release valve next to condensate pit of the Gas Bag	Biogas release and operational events	No limit set	Recorded duration and frequency	Daily inspection	--
Point A11 on site plan in Schedule 7	Boiler No.1 stack [when fired on biogas] [note 3]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO_2 expressed as NO_2)	250 mg/m^3 [note 5]	Average over sample period	Annual	BS EN 14792
		Sulphur dioxide	200 mg/m^3 [note 5]			BS EN 14791 or CEN TS 17021 or by calculation based on fuel sulphur
		Carbon monoxide	No limit set [note 5]			BS EN 15058
	Boiler No.1 stack [when fired on gas oil] [note 3]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO_2 expressed as NO_2)	200 mg/m^3 [note 5]	Average over sample period	Annual	BS EN 14792
		Carbon monoxide	No limit set [note 5]			BS EN 15058
Point A12A on site plan in Schedule 7	CHP engine stack 1 [note 3]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO_2 expressed as NO_2)	500 mg/m^3	Average over sample period	Annual	BS EN 14792

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Emission point ref. & location	**Source**	**Parameter**	**Limit (including unit)**	**Reference period**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**
		Sulphur dioxide	350 mg/m^3 [note 6]			BS EN 14791 or CEN TS 17021 or by calculation based on fuel sulphur
		Sulphur dioxide	162 mg/m^3 [note 5]			
		Carbon monoxide	1400 mg/m^3			BS EN 15058
		Total VOCs	No limit set	--	--	BS EN 12619
Point A12B on site plan in Schedule 7	CHP engine stack 2 [note 3]	Oxides of Nitrogen (NO and NO_2 expressed as NO_2)	500 mg/m^3	Average over sample period	Annual	BS EN 14792
		Sulphur dioxide	350 mg/m^3 [note 6]			BS EN 14791 or CEN TS 17021 or by calculation based on fuel sulphur
		Sulphur dioxide	162 mg/m^3 [note 5]			
		Carbon monoxide	1400 mg/m^3			BS EN 15058
		Total VOCs	No limit set	--	--	BS EN 12619
Point A13A, A13B, A13C, A13D, A13E, A13F on site plan in Schedule 7	Digester pressure vacuum release valves	Biogas release and operational events	No limit set	Recorded duration and frequency	Daily inspection	--

Note 1 – The monitoring of NH_3 and H_2S can be used as an alternative to the monitoring of the odour concentration subject to the outcome of IC26.

Note 2 – Monitoring and limits only apply where the substance concerned is identified as relevant in the waste gas inventory IC26.

Note 3 – These emission limits are based on normal operating conditions and load - temperature 0°C (273 K); pressure 101.3 kPa and oxygen 5% (for gas engines burning biogas) and oxygen 3% (for emergency flares and medium combustion plants other than engines and gas turbines burning biogas such as boilers).

Note 4 – Monitoring to be undertaken in the event the emergency flare has been operational for more than 10 per cent of a year (876 hours). Record of operating hours to be submitted annually to the Environment Agency.

Note 5 – This emission limit applies from 1 January 2030, unless otherwise advised by the Environment Agency.

Note 6 – This emission limit applies until 31 December 2029, unless the gas engine is replaced.

Table S3.2 Point source emissions to sewer, effluent treatment plant or other transfers off-site – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	**Source**	**Parameter [Note 1]**	**Limit (incl. unit) [Note 1]**	**Reference Period**	**Monitoring frequency [Note 2]**	**Monitoring standard or method**
Point S1, S2, S4, S10, S11, on site plan in schedule 7 emission to River Mersey via Stockport waste water treatment works	S1 Centrate drainage, drainage off cake pad and rainwater drainage area S2 Centrate well; S4 GBT filtrate sampling point S10 Surface water from consolidation and import tanks area S11 Foul drain near to engines	Oil and grease	No visible oil or grease	--	Weekly	Visual assessment
		Benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene (BTEX)	--	Spot sample or flow-proportional composite sample	Once every month	EN ISO 15680
		Hydrocarbon oil index (HOI)	10 mg/l		Once every day	EN ISO 9377-2
		Free cyanide (CN^-)	0.1 mg/l			EN ISO 14403-1 or EN ISO 14403-2
		Adsorbable organically bound halogens (AOX)	1 mg/l			EN ISO 9562
		Arsenic (As)	0.1 mg/l	Spot sample or flow-proportional composite sample	Once every day	EN ISO 11885, EN ISO 17294-2 or EN ISO 15586
		Cadmium (Cd)	0.1 mg/l			
		Chromium (Cr)	0.3 mg/l			
		Copper (Cu)	0.5 mg/l			
		Lead (Pb)	0.3 mg/l			
		Nickel (Ni)	1 mg/l			
		Zinc (Zn)	2 mg/l			
		Mercury (Hg)	10 µg/l	Spot sample or flow-proportional composite sample	Once every day	EN ISO 17852 or EN ISO 12846
		Manganese (Mn)	--			EN ISO 11885, EN ISO 17294-2 or EN ISO 15586
		Hexavalent chromium (Cr(VI))	0.1 mg/l			EN ISO 10304-3 or EN ISO 23913

Table S3.2 Point source emissions to sewer, effluent treatment plant or other transfers off-site – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	**Source**	**Parameter [Note 1]**	**Limit (incl. unit) [Note 1]**	**Reference Period**	**Monitoring frequency [Note 2]**	**Monitoring standard or method**
		PFOA and PFOS	--		Once every six months	--
Point S3 on site plan in schedule 7 emission to River Mersey via Stockport waste water treatment works	Digester condensate pots (x3)	--	--	--	--	--
Point S5 on site plan in schedule 7 emission to River Mersey via Stockport waste water treatment works	Gas bag condensate pots (x3 in well)	--	--	--	--	--
Point S6 on site plan in schedule 7 emission to River Mersey via Stockport waste water treatment works	Flare line condensate pot (x1)	--	--	--	--	--
Point S7 on site plan in schedule 7 emission to River Mersey via Stockport waste water treatment works	Gas bag condensate and surface water drain	--	--	--	--	--
Point S8 on site plan in schedule 7 emission to River Mersey via Stockport waste water treatment works	Siloxane skid condensate pot	--	--	--	--	--
Point S9 on site plan in schedule 7 emission to River Mersey	CHP engine condensate pots (x3)	--	--	--	--	--

Table S3.2 Point source emissions to sewer, effluent treatment plant or other transfers off-site – emission limits and monitoring requirements						
Emission point ref. & location	**Source**	**Parameter [Note 1]**	**Limit (incl. unit) [Note 1]**	**Reference Period**	**Monitoring frequency [Note 2]**	**Monitoring standard or method**
via Stockport waste water treatment works						
Note 1 – Monitoring and limits only apply where the substance concerned is identified as relevant in the waste water inventory as determined by improvement condition IC23a and IC23b. Note 2 – Monitoring frequency as specified unless the Environment Agency has agreed in writing other alternative appropriate monitoring frequencies.						

Table S3.3 Process monitoring requirements				
Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement	**Parameter**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**	**Other specifications**
Digester feed (digestion process)	pH	As described in site operating techniques	As described in site operating techniques	Process monitoring to be recorded using a SCADA system where relevant.
	Alkalinity			
	Temperature			
	Hydraulic loading rate			
	Organic loading rate			
	Volatile fatty acids concentration			
	Ammonia			
	Liquid /foam level			
Biogas in digester & biogas storage holders	Flow	Continuous	In accordance with EU weights and measures Regulations	Process monitoring to be recorded using a SCADA system where relevant. Gas monitors to be calibrated every 6 months or in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
	Methane	Continuous	None specified	
	CO_2	Continuous	None specified	
	O_2	Continuous	None specified	
	Hydrogen sulphide	Daily	None specified	
	Pressure	Continuous	None specified	
Digestate batch	Volatile fatty acids concentration	One sample at the end of each batch (hydraulic retention time) cycle.	As described in site operating techniques	--
	Ammonia			

Table S3.3 Process monitoring requirements				
Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement	**Parameter**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**	**Other specifications**
Digesters and storage tanks	Integrity checks	Weekly	Visual assessment	In accordance with design specification and tank integrity checks.
Digesters	Agitation /mixing	Continuous	Systems controls	Records maintained in daily operational records.
	Tank capacity and sediment assessment	Once every 5 years from date of commission	Non-destructive pressure testing integrity assessment every 5 years or as specified by manufacturers technical specification.	In accordance with design specification and tank integrity checks.
Waste reception building or area; Digesters and storage tanks	Odour	Daily	Olfactory monitoring	Odour detection at the site boundary.
Diffuse emissions from all sources identified in the Leak Detection and Repair (LDAR) programme	VOCs including methane	Every 6 months or otherwise agreed in accordance with the LDAR programme	'Sniffing' and/or Optical Gas Imaging techniques in accordance with BS EN 15446 & BS EN 17628	Monitoring points as specified in a DSEAR risk assessment and LDAR programme. Limit as agreed with the Environment Agency as a percentage of the overall gas production.
CHP engine stacks (emission points A12A and A12B)	VOCs including methane	Annually	BS EN 12619	Total annual VOCs emissions from the CHP engines to be calculated and submitted to the Environment Agency.
	Exhaust gas temperature		Traceable to National Standards	--

Table S3.3 Process monitoring requirements				
Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement	**Parameter**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**	**Other specifications**
	Exhaust gas pressure		Traceable to National Standards	--
	Exhaust gas water vapour content		BS EN 14790-1	Unless gas is dried before analysis of emissions.
	Exhaust gas oxygen		BS EN 14789	--
	Exhaust gas flow		BS EN 16911-1	--
Meteorological conditions	Wind speed, air temperature, wind direction	Continuous	Method as specified in management system	Conditions to be recorded in operational diary and records. Equipment shall be calibrated on a 4 monthly basis, in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
Emergency flare (emission point A9)	Operating hours	Continuous	Recorded duration and frequency. Recording using a SCADA system or similar system	Date, time and duration of use of auxiliary flare shall be recorded.
	Quantity of gas sent to emergency flare			Quantity can be estimated from gas flow composition, heat content, ratio of assistance, velocity, purge gas flow rate, pollutant emissions.
Pressure relief valves and vacuum systems (emission point A8, A10, A13A to A13F)	Gas pressure	Continuous	Recording using a SCADA system	Continuous gas pressure shall be monitored.
	Re-seating	Weekly inspection	Visual	Operator must ensure that valves are re-seated after release in accordance with the

Table S3.3 Process monitoring requirements				
Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement	**Parameter**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**	**Other specifications**
				manufacturer's design.
	Inspection, maintenance, calibration, repair and validation	Following foaming or overtopping or at 3 yearly intervals whichever is sooner	Written scheme of examination in accordance with condition 1.1.1	After a foaming event or sticking, build-up of debris, obstructions or damage, operator must ensure that pressure relief valve function remains within designed gas pressure in accordance with the manufacturer's design by suitably trained and qualified personnel.
	Inspection, calibration and validation report	In accordance with design and construction specifications or after over topping or foaming event	Written scheme of examination in accordance with condition 1.1.1	Operator must ensure that valves are re-seated after release, after a foaming event or sticking, build-up of debris, obstructions or damage. Operator must ensure that PRV function remains within designed operation gas pressure in accordance with the manufacturer's design by suitably trained/qualified personnel. Inspection, calibration and validation report. In accordance with industry Approved Code of Practice
Storage lagoons and storage tanks	Volume	Daily	Visual or flow meter measurement	Records of volume must be maintained.

Table S3.4 Process monitoring requirements – odour abatement				
Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement	**Parameter**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**	**Other specifications**
Odour abatement plant				
Carbon filters				
Carbon filters – (emission points A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7)	Carbon bed temperature – inlet and outlet	Continuous	Temperature probe	Odour abatement plant shall be managed in accordance with permit condition 3.3, the odour management plan and manufacturer's recommendations. Carbon filters to be replaced in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations. Equipment shall be calibrated on a 4 monthly basis, or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
	Gas flow rate – inlet and outlet	Continuous	Gas flow meter	
	Moisture or humidity	Daily	Moisture meter	
	Back pressure	Weekly	Recognised industry method	
	Efficiency assessment	Annual	Emission removal efficiency (BS EN 13725 for odour removal)	
	Hydrogen sulphide – inlet and outlet gas stream	Every 6 months or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.	CEN TS 13649 for sampling NIOSH 6013 for analysis	Action levels to be agreed on completion of IC26 as approved in writing by the Environment Agency. Action levels to be achieved in accordance with permit condition 3.2 and the odour management plan.
	Ammonia – inlet	Every 6 months or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.	EN ISO 21877	Action levels to be agreed on completion of IC26 as approved in writing by the Environment Agency.

Table S3.4 Process monitoring requirements – odour abatement				
Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement	**Parameter**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**	**Other specifications**
				Action levels to be achieved in accordance with permit condition 3.2 and the odour management plan.
	Odour concentration – inlet and outlet gas stream	Every 6 months or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.	BS EN 13725	Action levels to be agreed on completion of IC26 as approved in writing by the Environment Agency. Action levels to be achieved in accordance with permit condition 3.2 and the odour management plan.
Catalytic iron filters				
Catalytic iron filter – (emission point A6)	Catalyst bed temperature	Daily	Temperature probe	Odour abatement plant shall be regularly checked and maintained to ensure appropriate temperature and moisture content. Odour abatement plant shall be managed in accordance with permit condition 3.3, the odour management plan and manufacturer's recommendations. Equipment shall be calibrated on a 4 monthly basis, or as agreed in
	Gas temperature – inlet and outlet	Continuous	Temperature sensor or temperature probe	
	Gas moisture or humidity	Daily	Moisture meter or humidity sensor	
	Pressure drop across the catalyst bed	Weekly [Note 1]	Pressure gauges or differential pressure sensors	
	Gas flow rate – inlet	Continuous and weekly checks for calibration accuracy	Gas flow meter	
	Oxygen concentration - inlet	Continuous and daily checks	Paramagnetic sensors (BS EN 14789 for oxygen concentration)	

Table S3.4 Process monitoring requirements – odour abatement				
Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement	**Parameter**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**	**Other specifications**
			Manual review of oxygen data daily to verify oxygen levels are within parameters specified in manufacturers' instructions.	writing by the Environment Agency.
	Sulphur deposition	Monthly	Visual assessment	
	Sulphur deposition analysis	Every 6 months or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	Periodic laboratory analysis of catalyst samples	
	Catalyst activity	Every 3 months or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	As specified by manufacturer's instructions or periodic laboratory analysis of catalyst samples	Odour abatement plant shall be regularly checked and maintained to ensure appropriate temperature and moisture content. Odour abatement plant shall be managed in accordance with permit condition 3.3, the odour management plan and manufacturer's recommendations. Equipment shall be calibrated on a 4 monthly basis, or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.
	Efficiency assessment	Annual	Air-flow distribution and emission removal efficiency (BS EN 13725 for odour removal)	
	Hydrogen sulphide – inlet and outlet gas stream	Daily or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.	Gas analysers or as agreed in the odour management plan and approved by	Action levels to be agreed on completion of IC26 as approved in writing by the

Table S3.4 Process monitoring requirements – odour abatement				
Emission point reference or source or description of point of measurement	**Parameter**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**	**Other specifications**
			the Environment Agency	Environment Agency. Action levels to be achieved in accordance with permit condition 3.2 and the odour management plan.
	Odour concentration – inlet and outlet gas stream	Every 6 months or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.	BS EN 13725	Action levels to be agreed on completion of IC26 as approved in writing by the Environment Agency. Action levels to be achieved in accordance with permit condition 3.2 and the odour management plan.
	Ammonia – inlet	Monthly or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency.	Gas analysers calibrated for ammonia detection or as agreed in the odour management plan and approved by the Environment Agency	Action levels to be agreed on completion of IC26 as approved in writing by the Environment Agency. Action levels to be achieved in accordance with permit condition 3.2 and the odour management plan.
Note 1 – An additional pressure drop monitoring check shall also be completed after maintenance or after operational changes.				

Table S3.5 Bioaerosols monitoring requirements – ambient monitoring					
Location or description of point of measurement	**Parameter**	**Bioaerosols action levels (CFU m^{-3})**	**Monitoring frequency**	**Monitoring standard or method**	**Other specifications**
Upwind of the operational area, as described in the Technical Guidance Note M9 Downwind of the operational area, as described in the Technical Guidance Note M9	Total bacteria	1000 Note 1	Quarterly for the first year of operation and twice a year thereafter, unless another frequency is agreed in writing by the Environment Agency Note 2	In accordance with Technical Guidance Note M9 – Environmental monitoring of bioaerosols at regulated facilities.	As described in the Technical Guidance Note M9, including all the additional data requirements specified therein.
	Aspergillus Fumigatus	500 Note 1			
Note 1 – The bioaerosols action levels are only applicable at downwind sampling locations equivalent to the distance of the nearest sensitive receptor. Where these action levels are elevated, the operator must take action to mitigate the impact on sensitive receptors. Assessment of compliance will be based on risk and in line with guidance. Note 2. Where the bioaerosols action levels are exceeded, then monitoring remain quarterly until such time that it is demonstrated that the site has adequate mitigation for a 12-month period.					

Table S3.6 Emissions to sewer, effluent treatment plant or other transfers off-site – Monitoring points			
Effluent(s) and discharge point(s)	**Monitoring type**	**Monitoring point NGR**	**Monitoring point reference**
Point S1 on site plan in Schedule 7, emission to River Mersey via Stockport waste water treatment works	Effluent monitoring	SJ 86787 89760	Point S1 [Discharge to Stockport WwTW] in Schedule 7.
Point S2 on site plan in Schedule 7, emission to River Mersey via Stockport waste water treatment works	Effluent monitoring	SJ 86815 89770	Point S2 [Discharge to Stockport WwTW] in Schedule 7.
Point S4 on site plan in Schedule 7, emission to River Mersey via Stockport waste water treatment works	Effluent monitoring	SJ 86886 89767	Point S4 [Discharge to Stockport WwTW] in Schedule 7.
Point S10 on site plan in Schedule 7, emission to River Mersey via Stockport waste water treatment works	Effluent monitoring	SJ 86846 89797	Point S10 [Discharge to Stockport WwTW] in Schedule 7.

Table S3.6 Emissions to sewer, effluent treatment plant or other transfers off-site – Monitoring points			
Effluent(s) and discharge point(s)	**Monitoring type**	**Monitoring point NGR**	**Monitoring point reference**
Point S11 on site plan in Schedule 7, emission to River Mersey via Stockport waste water treatment works	Effluent monitoring	SJ 86890 89672	Point S11 [Discharge to Stockport WwTW] in Schedule 7.

Schedule 4 – Reporting

Parameters, for which reports shall be made, in accordance with conditions of this permit, are listed below.

Table S4.1 Reporting of monitoring data			
Parameter	**Emission or monitoring point/reference**	**Reporting period**	**Period begins**
Emissions to air from CHP engines, boiler and emergency flare Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1.	A9, A11, A12A, A12B	Every 12 months	1 January
Emissions to air from odour abatement plant Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1.	A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7	Every 6 months	1 January, 1 July
Emissions to air from abatement systems for waste gas treatment plant Reporting only applies where the substance concerned is identified as relevant in the waste gas inventory IC26 Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1.	A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, A6, A7	Every 6 months	1 January, 1 July
Emissions to sewer Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	S1, S2, S4, S10, S11	Upon completion of IC23a and IC23b	Upon completion of IC23a and IC23b
Process monitoring – digester tank integrity Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	As specified in schedule 3 table S3.3	Every 5 years from the date of commissioning or as per the manufacturer's recommendation, whichever is sooner	1 January
Process monitoring – under and over pressure relief systems Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	As specified in schedule 3 table S3.3	Every 12 months Yearly summary report of over-pressure and under-pressure events detailing mass balance release	1 January
Process monitoring – pressure relief systems - leak detection and repair (inspection, calibration and maintenance) Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	As specified in schedule 3 table S3.3	Every 3 years	1 January
Process monitoring – leak detection and repair surveys Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	As specified in schedule 3 table S3.3	Every 12 months LDAR report to be submitted annually	1 January

Table S4.1 Reporting of monitoring data			
Parameter	**Emission or monitoring point/reference**	**Reporting period**	**Period begins**
Process monitoring – use of emergency flare Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	As specified in schedule 3 table S3.3	Every 12 months	1 January
Non-compostable contamination removal efficiency Parameters as required by conditions 2.3.4 and 2.3.7	--	Every 12 months Yearly report of detailing contamination removal efficiency and progress with plastic reduction contamination	1 January
Total annual VOCs emissions from gas engines (calculated)	As specified in schedule 3 table S3.4	Every 12 months	1 January
Bioaerosols monitoring Parameters as required by condition 3.5.1	As specified in schedule 3 table S3.5	Every 3 months or as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	1 January, 1 April, 1 July, 1 October

Table S4.2 Annual production/treatment	
Parameter	**Units**
Electricity generated	MWh
Liquid digestate	m^3
Solid digestate	tonnes
Recovered outputs	tonnes or m^3

Table S4.3 Performance parameters		
Parameter	**Frequency of assessment**	**Units**
Water usage	Annually	tonnes or m^3
Energy usage	Annually	MWh
Raw material usage	Annually	tonnes or m^3
Emergency flare operation	Annually	hours
CHP engine usage	Annually	hours
CHP engine efficiency	Annually	%
Auxiliary boiler usage	Annually	hours

Table S4.4 Reporting forms		
Media/parameter	**Reporting format**	**Date of form**
Air	Form air 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	V1, 08/03/2021
Bioaerosols	As specified in the Technical Guidance Note M9 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	--
Process monitoring	Form process 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	V1, 08/03/2021
Sewer	Form sewer 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	V1, 08/03/2021
Water usage	Form water usage 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	V1, 08/03/2021
Energy usage	Form energy 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	V1, 08/03/2021
Other performance indicators	Form performance 1 or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	V1, 08/03/2021
Waste returns	E-waste Return Form or other form as agreed in writing by the Environment Agency	--

Schedule 5 – Notification

These pages outline the information that the operator must provide.

Units of measurement used in information supplied under Part A and B requirements shall be appropriate to the circumstances of the emission. Where appropriate, a comparison should be made of actual emissions and authorised emission limits.

If any information is considered commercially confidential, it should be separated from non-confidential information, supplied on a separate sheet and accompanied by an application for commercial confidentiality under the provisions of the EP Regulations.

Part A

Permit Number	
Name of operator	
Location of Facility	
Time and date of the detection	

(a) Notification requirements for any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
Date and time of the event	
Reference or description of the location of the event	
Description of where any release into the environment took place	
Substances(s) potentially released	
Best estimate of the quantity or rate of release of substances	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop any emission	
Description of the failure or accident.	

(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection unless otherwise specified below	
Emission point reference/ source	
Parameter(s)	
Limit	
Measured value and uncertainty	
Date and time of monitoring	

(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection unless otherwise specified below	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop the emission	

Time periods for notification following detection of a breach of a limit	
Parameter	**Notification period**

(c) Notification requirements for the detection of any significant adverse environmental effect	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
Description of where the effect on the environment was detected	
Substances(s) detected	
Concentrations of substances detected	
Date of monitoring/sampling	

Part B – to be submitted as soon as practicable

Any more accurate information on the matters for notification under Part A.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to prevent a recurrence of the incident	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to rectify, limit or prevent any pollution of the environment which has been or may be caused by the emission	
The dates of any unauthorised emissions from the facility in the preceding 24 months.	

Name*	
Post	
Signature	
Date	

* authorised to sign on behalf of the operator

Schedule 6 – Interpretation

“accident” means an accident that may result in pollution.

“anaerobic digestion” means a process of controlled decomposition of biodegradable materials under managed conditions where free oxygen is absent, at temperatures suitable for naturally occurring mesophilic or thermophilic anaerobes and facultative anaerobe bacteria species, which convert the inputs to a methane-rich biogas and whole digestate.

“animal waste” means any waste consisting of animal matter that has not been processed into food for human consumption.

“application” means the application for this permit, together with any additional information supplied by the operator as part of the application and any response to a notice served under Schedule 5 to the EP Regulations.

“appropriate abatement system” means the appropriate treatment technique for channelled emissions to air defined in 6.6.1 ‘Channelled emissions to air’ from the ‘Best Available Techniques (BAT) Reference Document for Waste Treatment’.

“authorised officer” means any person authorised by the Environment Agency under section 108(1) of The Environment Act 1995 to exercise, in accordance with the terms of any such authorisation, any power specified in section 108(4) of that Act.

“Best available techniques” means the most effective and advanced stage in the development of activities and their methods of operation which indicates the practical suitability of particular techniques for providing the basis for emission limit values and other permit conditions designed to prevent and, where that is not practicable, to reduce emissions and the impact on the environment as a whole:

(a) ‘techniques’ includes both the technology used and the way in which the installation is designed, built, maintained, operated and decommissioned;

(b) ‘available techniques’ means those developed on a scale which allows implementation in the relevant industrial sector, under economically and technically viable conditions, taking into consideration the costs and advantages, whether or not the techniques are used or produced inside the Member State in question, as long as they are reasonably accessible to the operator;

(c) ‘best’ means most effective in achieving a high general level of protection of the environment as a whole.

“bioaerosols action levels” mean the acceptable bioaerosols concentrations at the nearest sensitive receptor, or at an equivalent distance downwind of the biowaste treatment operations, which are attributable to the biowaste treatment operations. The acceptable concentrations are respectively 1000 and 500 CFU m^{-3} for total bacteria and Aspergillus fumigatus. Where these action levels are elevated, the operator must take action to mitigate the impact on sensitive receptors.

“Biodegradable” means a material is capable of undergoing biological anaerobic or aerobic degradation leading to the production of CO_2, H_2O, methane, biomass, and mineral salts, depending on the environmental conditions of the process.

“building” means a construction that has the objective of providing sheltering cover and minimising emissions of noise, particulate matter, odour and litter.

“BREF” means Best Available Techniques (BAT) Reference Document.

“Capacity” means the potential capacity and not historical or actual production levels or throughput. This means that the designed capacity is the maximum rate at which the site can operate. Biological treatment of waste usually takes place over more than one day, so the physical daily capacity can be calculated by dividing the maximum quantity of waste that could be subject to biological treatment at any one time by the minimum residence time. For in-vessel composting, the residence time for sanitisation should be calculated separately and then aggregated to the complete composting time. Further guidance ‘RGN2: Understanding the meaning of regulated facility Definition of regulated facility’ is available.

“channelled emissions” means the emissions of pollutants into the environment through any kind of duct, pipe, stack, etc. This also includes emissions from open top biofilters.

“combined heat and power” (CHP) or Cogeneration means the simultaneous generation in one process of thermal energy and electrical or mechanical energy.

“competent persons and resources” means that a technically competent person accredited to a relevant scheme must attend site and record their attendance, and that all roles and responsibilities are clearly stated in the management systems along with records of operatives’ training. See the guidance on the level of competence and duration of attendance

“direct discharge” means discharge to a receiving water body.

“diffuse emissions” mean non-channelled emissions (e.g. of dust, organic compounds, odour) which can result in ‘area’ sources (e.g. tanks) or ‘point’ sources (e.g. pipe flanges). This also includes emissions from open-air windrow composting.

“digestate” means material resulting from an anaerobic digestion process.

“disposal” means any of the operations provided for in Annex I to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

“DSEAR” means the Dangerous Substances and Explosive Atmospheres Regulations 2002.

“emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits” means emissions of substances to air, water or land from the activities, either from the emission points specified in schedule 3 or from other localised or diffuse sources, which are not controlled by an emission limit.

“emissions to land” includes emissions to groundwater.

“EP Regulations” means The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2016 No.1154 and words and expressions used in this permit which are also used in the Regulations have the same meanings as in those Regulations.

“existing medium combustion plant” means an MCP which was put into operation before 20 December 2018.

“generator” means any combustion plant which is used to generate electricity, excluding mobile, unless it is connected to the national grid.

“groundwater” means all water, which is below the surface of the ground in the saturation zone and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil.

“head of works” means the discharge location where imported wastes are discharged into the WwTW. The waste operations associated with the head of works is either via the direct discharge of tankered waste into the WwTW or the temporary storage of waste in a storage tank before discharge of waste into the WwTW. The waste water treatment works are operated under the requirements of the Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive.

“impermeable surface” means a surface or pavement constructed and maintained to a standard sufficient to prevent the transmission of liquids beyond the pavement surface.

“Indirect discharge” means a discharge to a sewer or off-site waste water treatment plant.

“Industrial Emissions Directive” and/or “IED” means DIRECTIVE 2010/75/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL of 24 November 2010 on industrial emissions, as read in accordance with Schedule 1A to the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

“Leak detection and repair (LDAR) programme’’ means a structured approach to reduce fugitive emissions of organic compounds by detection and subsequent repair or replacement of leaking components. Currently, sniffing (described by EN 15446) and optical gas imaging methods are available for the identification of leaks as set out in BAT 14 and section 6.6.2 of the Waste Treatment BAT Conclusions.

“MCERTS” means the Environment Agency’s Monitoring Certification Scheme.

“medium combustion plant” or ”MCP” means a combustion plant with a rated thermal input equal to or greater than 1 MW but less than 50 MW.

“Medium Combustion Plant Directive” or “MCPD” means Directive 2015/2193/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from medium combustion plants, as read in accordance with Schedule 1A to the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

“new medium combustion plant” means an MCP which was put into operation after 20 December 2018. This includes replacement MCP and Generators.

“operational area” means any part of a facility used for the handling, storing and treatment of waste.

“operator” means in relation to a regulated facility:

(a) the person who has control over the operation of the regulated facility,

(b) if the regulated facility has not yet been put into operation, the person who will have control over the regulated facility when it is put into operation, or

(c) if a regulated facility authorised by an environmental permit ceases to be in operation, the person who holds the environmental permit

“pests” means Birds, Vermin and Insects.

“PFOA” means Perfluorooctanoic acid.

“PFOS” means Perfluorooctanesulphonic acid.

“pollution” means emissions as a result of human activity which may—

(a) be harmful to human health or the quality of the environment,

(b) cause offence to a human sense,

(c) result in damage to material property, or

(d) impair or interfere with amenities and other legitimate uses of the environment.

“quarter” means a calendar year quarter commencing on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July or 1 October.

“recovery” means any of the operations provided for in Annex II to Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste.

“sanitisation” means the actively managed and intensive stage of composting, lasting for at least 5 days, characterised by high oxygen demand and temperatures of over 55^0C, during which biological processes, together with conditions in the composting mass, eradicate human and animal pathogens or reduce them to acceptably low levels. The operator also needs to meet ABPR requirements.

“sealed drainage system” in relation to an impermeable surface, means a drainage system with impermeable components which does not leak and which will ensure that:

- no liquids will run off the surface otherwise than via the system
- all liquids entering the system are collected in a sealed sump, except where liquids may be lawfully discharged to foul sewer.

“specified generator” means a group of generators other than excluded between 1 and 50 megawatts or less than 50 megawatts as defined in Schedule 25B(2) of SI 2018 No.110 of the EPR.

“VOC” means Volatile organic compounds as defined in Article 3(45) of Directive 2010/75/EU – ‘volatile organic compound’ means any organic compound as well as the fraction of creosote, having at 293.15K a vapour pressure of 0.01 kPa or more, or having a corresponding volatility under the particular conditions of use.

“Waste code” means the six-digit code referable to a type of waste in accordance with the List of Wastes (England)Regulations 2005, or List of Wastes (Wales) Regulations 2005, as appropriate, and in relation to hazardous waste, includes the asterisk.

“Waste Framework Directive” and/or “WFD” means Waste Framework Directive 2008/98/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council on waste, as read in accordance with Schedule 1A to the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016.

Where a minimum limit is set for any emission parameter, for example pH, reference to exceeding the limit shall mean that the parameter shall not be less than that limit.

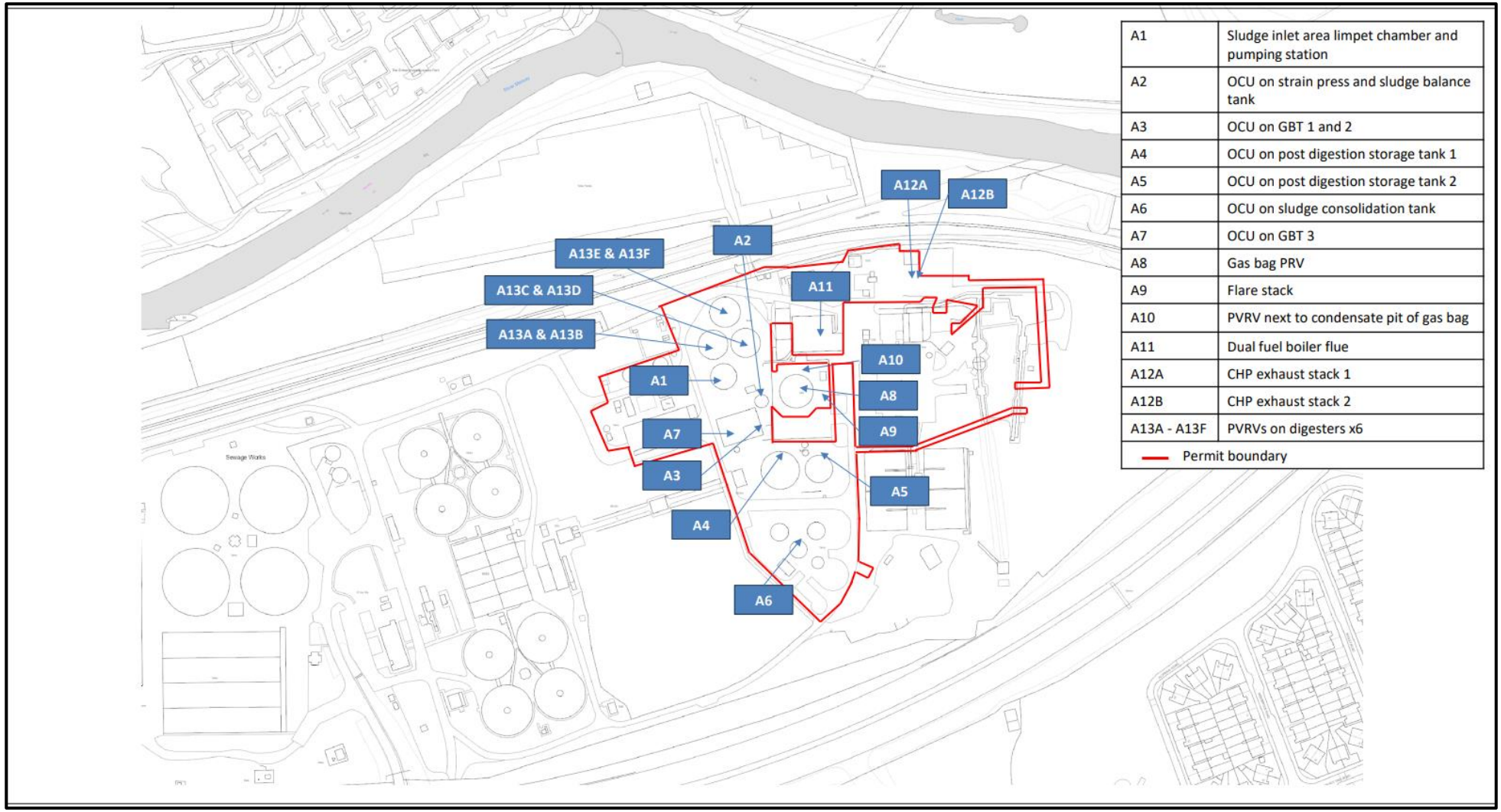
Unless otherwise stated, any references in this permit to concentrations of substances in emissions into air means:

- in relation to emissions from combustion processes, the concentration in dry air at a temperature of 273K, at a pressure of 101.3 kPa and with an oxygen content of 3% dry for liquid fuels and gaseous fuels, 6% dry for solid fuels; and/or
- in relation to emissions from non-combustion sources, the concentration at a temperature of 273K and at a pressure of 101.3 kPa, with no correction for water vapour content.

“year” means a calendar year ending on 31 December.

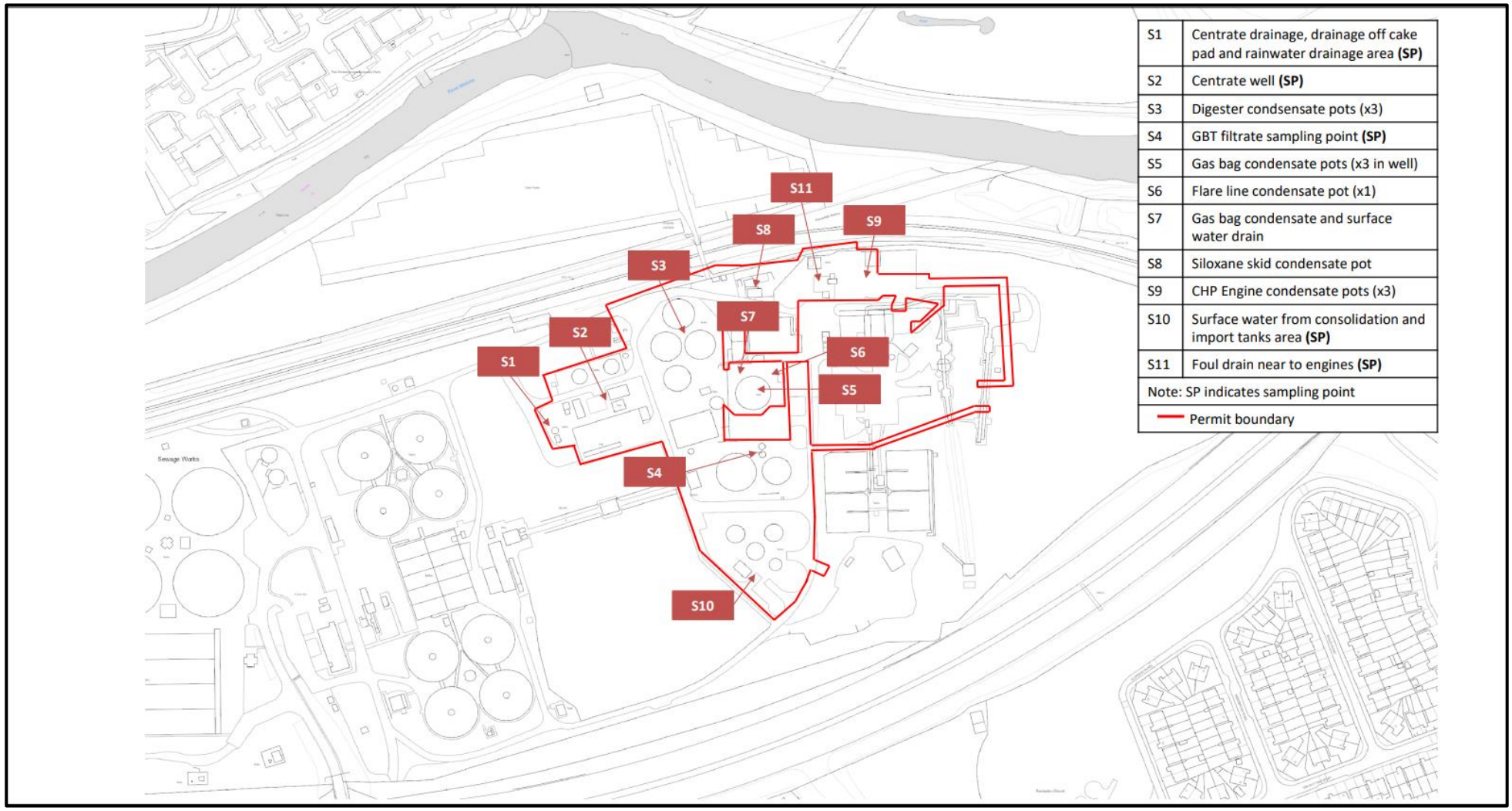
Schedule 7 – Site plan

Site plan – points source emissions to air



A1	Sludge inlet area limpet chamber and pumping station
A2	OCU on strain press and sludge balance tank
A3	OCU on GBT 1 and 2
A4	OCU on post digestion storage tank 1
A5	OCU on post digestion storage tank 2
A6	OCU on sludge consolidation tank
A7	OCU on GBT 3
A8	Gas bag PRV
A9	Flare stack
A10	PVRV next to condensate pit of gas bag
A11	Dual fuel boiler flue
A12A	CHP exhaust stack 1
A12B	CHP exhaust stack 2
A13A - A13F	PVRVs on digesters x6
Permit boundary	

Site plan – points source emissions to sewer



S1	Centrate drainage, drainage off cake pad and rainwater drainage area **(SP)**
S2	Centrate well **(SP)**
S3	Digester condsensate pots (x3)
S4	GBT filtrate sampling point **(SP)**
S5	Gas bag condensate pots (x3 in well)
S6	Flare line condensate pot (x1)
S7	Gas bag condensate and surface water drain
S8	Siloxane skid condensate pot
S9	CHP Engine condensate pots (x3)
S10	Surface water from consolidation and import tanks area **(SP)**
S11	Foul drain near to engines **(SP)**
Note: SP indicates sampling point	
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