

Permitting decisions- Surrender

We have decided to accept the surrender of the permit for Runcorn Iron Salts operated by Industrial Chemicals Limited (ICL).

The permit number is EP3635TU.

The decision was issued on 15th July 2025.

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid any pollution risk and to return the site to a satisfactory state. We consider in reaching this decision that we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements.

Purpose of this document

This decision document provides a record of the decision making process. It summarises the decision-making process to show how the main relevant factors have been taken into account.

Read the permitting decisions in conjunction with the environmental permit and the surrender notice.

Decision considerations

The permit is for the iron salts (ferrous and ferric chloride) production plant at Weston Point, Runcorn.

The application is for the surrender of the permit.

The applicant has provided sufficient evidence in the Site Condition Report that following completion of decommissioning and demolition, the land at the ICL Runcorn facility is considered to be in a satisfactory state and suitable for surrender of the permit.

The Regulatory Officer also completed a final site inspection on 20th November 2024 that confirmed that all pollution risks had been removed from the site. The outstanding actions were closed by the officer on 4th July 2025.

Confidential information

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

Identifying confidential information

We have not identified information provided as part of the application that we consider to be confidential.

The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance on confidentiality.

Pollution risk

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to avoid a pollution risk resulting from the operation of the regulated facility.

Satisfactory state

We are satisfied that the necessary measures have been taken to return the site of the regulated facility to a satisfactory state, having regard to the state of the site before the facility was put into operation.

Growth duty

We have considered our duty to have regard to the desirability of promoting economic growth set out in section 108(1) of the Deregulation Act 2015 and the guidance issued under section 110 of that Act in deciding whether to accept this permit surrender.