



Government of Western Australia
Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Once completed, please submit this form either via email to info-der@dwer.wa.gov.au, or to the below postal address:

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
Locked Bag 33 Cloisters Square
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Section A – Licence Details

Licence number:	L6977/1997/10	Licence file number:	DEC2319
Licence holder:	Shire of Northam – Old Quarry Road Waste Management Facility		
Trading as:	Shire of Northam		
ACN:	826 617 380		
Registered address:	395 Fitzgerald Street, Northam, WA, 6404		
Reporting period:	1/07/2018 to 30/06/2019		

Section B – Statement of Compliance with Licence Conditions

Did you comply with all of your licence conditions during the reporting period?
(please tick the appropriate box)

- ☐ Yes – please complete:
- section C;
 - section D if required; and
 - sign the declaration in Section F.
- ☒ No – please complete:
- section C;
 - section D if required;
 - section E; and
 - sign the declaration at Section F.

Section C – Statement of Actual Production

Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.

Prescribed Premises Category	Actual Production Quantity
64 – Class II Putrescible Landfill Site (50,000T)	22,605T
62 – Solid Waste Facility (350T)	1,021T
61 – Liquid Waste Facility (7000T)	1960T

Section D – Statement of Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity

Provide the actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.

Prescribed Premises Category	Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity
N/A	N/A

Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	a) 4 (iv) b) 9 c) 1	Date(s) of non-compliance:	a) 13.03.2019 b) 13.03.2019 c) 4.06.2019
Details of non-compliance:			
<p>a) Cover waste with at least 230mm of cover material at least weekly or where continuous cover techniques are used, cover the waste with at least 100mm of cover daily, so not waste is exposed.</p> <p>b) The licensee shall collect any waste that has been washed or blown away from the tipping area and return it to the tipping area on a weekly basis.</p> <p>c) The licensee shall accept and bury only the following types of waste at the premises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) clean fill; (ii) inert Waste type 1; (iii) inert Waste type 2; (iv) putrescible waste; (v) special waste type 1; (vi) special waste type 2; and (vii) other wastes meeting waste acceptance criteria specified for Class II landfills as detailed in the current version of the document titled ' Landfill Waste Classification and Waste Definitions 1996 (As amended). <p>Steel drums and plastic containers of diesel, herbicide and possibly other chemicals were hidden in a waste load and deposited at the landfill face without consent of the facility. The loader operator pushed the waste up resulting in the breaking of some of the drums and contaminating the soil and rubbish underneath the area.</p>			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance?			
NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
<p>a) The required 100mm of daily cover material was not applied resulting in windblown waste contaminating the area around the landfill cell.</p> <p>b) Windblown waste was contaminating the land surrounding the waste cell and could potentially move off side if it is not addressed on a weekly basis.</p> <p>c) Soil and rubbish become contaminated when some of the noncompliant waste was pushed up and crushed at the landfill face.</p>			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
<p>a) Contractor not applying 100mm of cover material to the landfill face on a daily basis.</p> <p>b) Although windblown waste was picked within the week before, windy conditions, working at the peak of the site and not enough daily cover resulted in windblown waste around the perimeter of the landfill cell.</p> <p>c) Contractor did not see steel drums and chemical containers under rubbish at the landfill face. When the waste was pushed up by the loader some of the drums where crushed resulting in contaminated soil and waste.</p>			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			

Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition

- a) Requested contractor to cover the landfill face with 100mm of clean fill daily.
- b) Requested contractor to ensure windblown waste is collected immediately after windy days and ensure adequate cover material is applied to the face daily.
- c) The contaminated soil and waste was removed from the landfill face, deposited into a bin, transported to Avon Wastes yard in York, will be allowed to evaporate and is awaiting testing and final disposal. Written correspondence was sent to the site contractor regarding the seriousness of the non-compliance of the material and that it should have been removed from the face prior to it being pushed up. The contractor educated their gatehouse staff to look for this type of waste in incoming loads, the two waste companies which were likely responsible for the waste were advised to notify the site manager of they see any non-complaint waste deposited at the face and not to drop their waste load on top of any non-compliant rubbish. The site manager was advised to ensure the waste being dropped at the face as supervised adequately at all times.

Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?

☐ Yes, and

☐ Reported to DWER verbally

Date: / /

☐ Reported non-compliance (a) to DWER
in writing


Date: 13/03/2019 & 4/06/2019

☒ Where part of a DWER issued
Environmental Field Report

Section F – Declaration

I / We declare that the information in this Annual Audit Compliance Report is true and correct and is not false or misleading in a material particular¹.

I / We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.

Signature ² :		Signature:	
Name: (printed)	Jason Whiteaker	Name: (printed)	
Position:	CEO	Position:	
Date:	15.07.19	Date:	
Seal (if signing under seal):			

¹ It is an offence under section 112 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for a person to give information on this form that to their knowledge is false or misleading in a material particular.

² AACRs can only be signed by the licence holder or an authorised person with the legal authority to sign on behalf of the licence holder.