



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Section A – Licence Details			
Licence number:	L9127/2018/1	Licence file number:	
Licence holder:	City of Greater Geraldton		
Trading as:	Meru Waste Disposal Facility		
ACN:			
Registered address:	Meru Waste Disposal Facility 61 Landfill Road Narngulu WA 6532		
Reporting period:	01/01/2023 to 31/12/2023		

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)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• section C;• section D if required; and• sign the declaration in Section F.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No – please complete: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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
Category 13: Crushing of building Material	0.00 tonnes (t) of building materials were crushed.
Category 57: Used tyre storage (general)	15,131 tyres were received on-site, with 14,256 tyres taken off-site.
Category 61: Liquid waste facility	A total of 6,497.77 t was received.
Category 61A: Solid waste facility	The following was received: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5,399.20 t of inert waste (stockpiled)• 22.64 t scrap metal (stockpiled), of which 1,513.22 t were transported off-site for recycling• 2,845 mattresses• 1,848 bulk items (couch/lounge)• 477 metal drums

<p>Category 64: Class II or Class III putrescible landfills</p>	<p>The following was received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28,677.16 t of Putrescible waste • 15,152.50 t of mixed waste • 870.29 t of special waste • 3,492.53 t of contaminated waste • 5,871.63 t of clean fill • 0.36 t of hazardous household waste, of which 15.12 t were transported off-site. • 1.13 t of plastic, of which 1.02 t were transported off-site • 114 animal carcasses.
<p>Category 67A: Compost manufacturing and soil blending</p>	<p>The following was received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18,094.89 t of Greenwaste was received. • 164.39 t was received of FOGO, with 1.72 t found to be contaminated. • 88.62 t was received of cardboard, of which 15.24 t was transported off-site for recycling.

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:	2	Date(s) of non-compliance:	6 October 2024
Details of non-compliance:			
The site exceeded the Category 61 liquid waste Licenced capacity of 6,000 tonnes/year, with 6,497.77 t received. In addition, the site accepted multiple 'K' categories and L150 into the ponds, while the Licence only states acceptance for K210 (septage).			
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.			
The site, pond size, and adjacent overflow ponds can accommodate the additional waste and retain its freeboard requirements per the licence. The ponds are plastic-lined, and the overflow ponds are clay-lined, mitigating any potential environmental impact.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Increase of mining activities from surrounding Local Government Areas without consultation with the City of Greater Geraldton, resulting in a 50%-60% increase in liquid waste received. Furthermore, operator/ carrier error (regarding waste types accepted), such as categories not accepted according to the Licence, are available for selection in the tracking system.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
The City did not accept any liquid waste generated from mining and resources from 9 October 2023, and it increased the residential and commercial liquid waste fees from surrounding LGAs to mitigate the annual volume received (and breach of Licence). The City is also looking into feasibility studies/ designs to increase its liquid waste infrastructure. Procedure changes at the Weighbridge were implemented to avoid incorrect acceptance of waste. Complete and submit a CW25 form to remove controlled waste that is not accepted at the Meru Landfill Site. Submit a Licence amendment to demonstrate all 'K' instead of K210 only.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: 06/10/2023	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 06/10/2023	

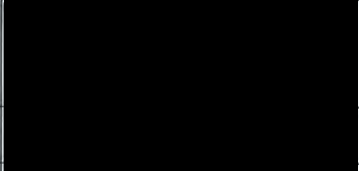

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Condition no:	24	Date(s) of non-compliance:	31 October and 4 November 2023
Details of non-compliance:			
Members of the public had raised complaints about dust generation and dust impacts on-site			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental 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.			
Dust generation caused reduced visibility, poor air quality and visible contamination (waste)			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Sustained periods of high winds, dry and loose material, and under the use of the water cart for dust suppression.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Increased use of the water cart to mitigate dry, dust-generating conditions on-site.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: / /	

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Condition no:	18	Date(s) of non-compliance:	23 May 2023
Details of non-compliance:			
A fire was reported on 23 May 2023 after the driver opened the rear door on the slide lifter. The driver noticed dust or smoke emanating and asked the attending loader driver to inspect. The loader driver confirmed that the load was smouldering.			
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.			
The smoke and odorous fumes associated with the fire may have led to a deterioration in air quality in the downwind direction.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Incompatible material collected in the side lifter spontaneously combusted.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
A load of sand was applied, and water from the Watertruck cannon. The compactor was used to extinguish the fire. The load remained quarantined until confirmed to have been extinguished and cooled, posing no further risk.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 24/05/2023	

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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:	46	Date(s) of non-compliance:	Multiple
Details of non-compliance:			
Incorrect disposal of asbestos-containing material (ACM) via illegally disposed of within the C&D disposal area or main shed, with material often hidden beneath other waste or building waste material during inspection			
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.			
The ACM was generally inappropriately wrapped and exposed to the environment due to illegal disposal in incorrect areas; therefore, site workers and the public could have potentially been exposed to asbestos fibres through disturbance or crushing of materials.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Inappropriately wrapped or unwrapped ACM disposed of in incorrect areas.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
The area was closed to the public (e.g., within the main disposal shed and C&D disposal area), and the material was watered down, awaiting a Licensed asbestos contractor to remove ACM finds and make the area safe before re-opening. As a preventative measure, an awareness and education campaign regarding asbestos disposal, in the form of flyers, was distributed to the community.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
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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)		Name: (printed)	
Position:	CEO	Position:	
Date:	27/2/24.	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.