

Operating licence

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Licence number	OL000010025
Issue date	20 October 1989
Last amended	31 August 2023
Expiry date	31 December 9999
Licence holder	ARGUS TALLOW MERCHANTS PTY LTD
ACN	005662591
Activity site(s)	60 - 62 Ordish Rd, Dandenong South, VIC, 3175, AU
Prescribed permission activities	A01 (Reportable priority waste management)

Issued under section 74(1)(a) of the *Environment Protection Act 2017* (the Act).



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Context

Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) is Victoria's environmental regulator acting in accordance with the *Environment Protection Act 2017* (the Act). Our regulatory role is to work with community, industry and business to prevent and reduce the harmful effects of pollution and waste on Victoria's environment and people.

Why we issue operating licences

A range of operating activity types are prescribed in the Environment Protection Regulations 2021 (the Regulations) because they give rise to risks of harm to human health or the environment. We issue operating licences so applicants can lawfully undertake prescribed operating activities. Section 45 of the Act provides that a person must not engage in a prescribed operating activity except as authorised by an operating licence in respect of that activity.

When we issue operating licences

EPA can issue an operating licence under section 74(1) of the Act. When issuing an operating licence, EPA takes into account a number of factors, including the measures an applicant has taken or proposes to take in order to comply with the Act when engaging in the prescribed permission activity.

EPA can amend, suspend or revoke a licence for a range of reasons. This can include in response to changes in activities, risks or licence holder performance. All operating licence details are publicly accessible via the EPA Public Register.

Key information and obligations

Interpretation

For the purposes of this operating licence "You" means the "licence holder" identified on the first page. Unless a contrary intention appears, words or terms used in the conditions of your licence have the same meaning as in the Act, and in any regulations made pursuant to the Act.

Compliance

Your licence is subject to conditions. These conditions confer legal obligations on you as the licence holder. Some of these are general in nature, while others require you to do (or not to do) specific things. The requirements of these conditions do not detract from each other in any way, nor do they affect any other duties or obligations with which you are required to comply by law. You must fulfil all duties and perform all obligations set out in this licence or otherwise required by law.

Strict penalties apply for non-compliance with any part of your .

You must comply with the Act and regulations administered by EPA. This includes, but is not limited to, compliance with the general environmental duty (GED).

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Duties under the Act

Under the Act, you have legal obligations in relation to your prescribed and non-prescribed activities. These legal obligations exist to minimise risks of harm to human health and the environment from pollution and waste.

You may be committing an offence and be liable to a penalty under the Act if your actions or omissions constitute a breach of these legal obligations.

General environmental duty

The Act places the onus on you to understand the risks associated with your operation or activity and requires you to minimise the risk of harm. This is called the general environmental duty (GED).

Sections 6 and 25 of the Act provide the legal basis for the GED. These sections state that a person engaging in an activity which may give rise to risks of harm to human health or the environment from pollution or waste must eliminate or minimise those risks, as far as reasonably practicable.

Duty to notify EPA of notifiable incidents

A notifiable incident is a pollution incident that causes or threatens to cause material harm to human health or the environment or is a prescribed notifiable incident. Under section 32 of the Act, you have an obligation to notify EPA of a notifiable incident as soon as practicable after you become aware of the incident.

Duty to take action to respond to harm caused by pollution incident

Under section 31 of the Act, if a pollution incident has occurred as a result of an activity (whether by act or omission) and the pollution incident causes or is likely to cause harm to human health or the environment, a person who is engaging in that activity must, so far as reasonably practicable, restore the affected area to the state it was in before the pollution incident occurred.

Duty to notify of contaminated land

Under section 40(1) of the Act, a person in management or control of land must notify EPA if the land has been contaminated by notifiable contamination as soon as practicable after the person becomes aware of the notifiable contamination.

Notifiable contamination means contamination which is prescribed in the Regulations, or contamination for which the cost of action to remediate the land is likely to exceed \$50,000, or any other prescribed amount.

Duties relating to industrial waste, priority wastes and reportable priority wastes

Under parts 6.4 and 6.5 of the Act, a person has obligations in relation to the generation, receiving, recording, managing, transporting, and disposal of industrial, priority wastes and reportable priority wastes. These duties include:

- Duties of persons depositing industrial waste.

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- Duties of persons receiving industrial waste.
- Duty of persons involved in transporting industrial waste.
- Duties of persons managing priority waste.
- Duty to investigate alternatives to waste disposal.
- Duty to notify of transaction in reportable priority waste.
- Duty of persons transporting reportable priority waste.

For further information on waste classifications see schedule 5 of the Regulations.

Further information and resources

To aid compliance with the Act and the Regulations, Environment Reference Standards (ERS), Compliance Codes, Position Statements and Guidelines have been developed to address a range of environmental objectives, permitted and non-permitted activities and risks.

You should understand how the Victorian environment protection framework applies to you and your activity, operation or business by making yourself familiar with the Act, Regulations, Compliance Codes and other relevant guidance material.

To assist you with understanding your obligations refer to www.epa.vic.gov.au.

Amendment

You can apply at any time to EPA for an amendment to your licence under section 57 of the Act. EPA may also decide to amend a licence under its own initiative according to section 58 of the Act.

Transfer

A person may apply to EPA for the transfer of this licence to a new licence holder pursuant to section 56 of the Act.

Duration of licence

This operating licence is subject to the expiry date identified on the first page. It will remain in force until that time unless it is first surrendered by the licence holder (with consent from EPA), or it is suspended or revoked by EPA.

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Operating licence structure

Your operating licence has multiple parts:

- Conditions
- Appendix 1 – locality plan
- Appendix 2 – activity plan
- Appendix 3 – contour plan
- Appendix 4 – waste acceptance table
- Appendix 5 – air discharge table
- Appendix 6 – water discharge table
- Appendix 7 – landfill cell table

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Conditions

General conditions

OL_G01	A copy of this licence must be kept at the activity site and be easily accessible to persons who are engaging in an activity conducted at the activity site. Information regarding the requirements of the licence and the Act duties must be included in site induction and training information.
OL_G02	<p>You must immediately notify the Authority by calling 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842) in the event of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) A discharge, emission or deposit which gives rise to, or may give rise to, actual or potential harm to human health or the environment;b) A malfunction, breakdown or failure of risk control measures at the activity site which could reasonably be expected to give rise to actual or potential harm to human health or the environment; orc) Any breach of the licence.
OL_G03	<p>You must notify the Authority within 48 hours of the occurrence of any the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) Any change to your name or address (including your registered address and activity site as applicable);(b) You become, or are likely to become, an insolvent under administration;(c) You become, or are likely to become, an externally administered company under the Corporations Act; or(d) A change to an officer (as defined in the Act). <p>You must update your information in the EPA Interaction Portal if any other relevant administrative details for your business change.</p>
OL_G04a	You must provide to the Authority with a Permission Information and Performance Statement (PIPS) in the form determined by the Authority within 2 months of receiving notification in writing from the Authority. The PIPS may be released to the public (in whole or in part).
OL_G04b	<p>Information and monitoring records used for the preparation of, inclusion in, or support of, any reporting or notification that is required of you by the Authority (including data reporting, performance reporting, documents evidencing any risk and monitoring program) must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) retained for five years; andb) made available to the Authority on request.
OL_G05	<p>1. You must develop a risk management and monitoring program for your activities which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) identifies all the risks of harm to human health and the environment which may arise from the activities you are engaging in at your activity site;(b) clearly defines your environmental performance objectives;(c) clearly defines your risk control performance objectives;(d) describes how the environmental and risk control performance objectives are being achieved;

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	<p>(e) identifies and describes how you will continue to eliminate or minimise the risks in 1(a) (above) so far as reasonably practicable (SFARP); and</p> <p>(f) describes how the information collated in compliance with this clause, is or will be disseminated, used or otherwise considered by you or any other entity.</p> <p>2. The risk management and monitoring program must be:</p> <p>(a) documented in writing;</p> <p>(b) signed by a duly authorised officer of the licensed entity; and</p> <p>(c) made available to the Authority on request.</p>
OL_G07	<p>You must:</p> <p>(a) develop and maintain a decommissioning plan that is in accordance with the current decommissioning guidelines published by the Authority;</p> <p>(b) provide the decommissioning plan to the Authority upon request;</p> <p>(c) supply to the Authority an updated detailed decommissioning plan 40 business days prior to commencement of decommissioning, if you propose to divest a section of the licensed site, cease part or all of the licensed activity or reduce the basis upon which the licence was granted to a point where licensing is no longer required; and</p> <p>(d) decommission the licensed site in accordance with the detailed decommissioning plan, to the satisfaction of the Authority and within any reasonable timeframe which may be specified by the Authority.</p>

Standard conditions

OL_WA01	<p>You must ensure all of the following:</p> <p>a) Only waste of a type shown in Appendix 4 of this licence is accepted at the activity site; and</p> <p>b) If it is identified that any waste has been received at the activity site that is of a type not shown in Appendix 4 in contravention of paragraph a) above, such waste must be placed in a designated and sign-posted temporary storage area and sent for disposal to a site licensed by the Authority to receive such waste within 21 days of the date it was received.</p>
OL_WA02	<p>Wastes accepted at the activity site may only be treated or disposed of in accordance with Appendix 4.</p>
OL_WM01	<p>You can store up to 1,198,000 litre of waste at the activity site at any time.</p>
OL_WM02	<p>Each container holding waste at the activity site must be labelled so that the contents and the waste producer can be identified.</p>
OL_WM11	<p>For all wastes of a type listed in Appendix 4, you must keep records of:</p> <p>(a) incoming and outgoing movements of waste;</p> <p>(b) the current location of waste at your activity site; and</p> <p>(c) the waste type of any waste located at your activity site.</p> <p>These records must be retained for five years and be made available to the Authority on request.</p>

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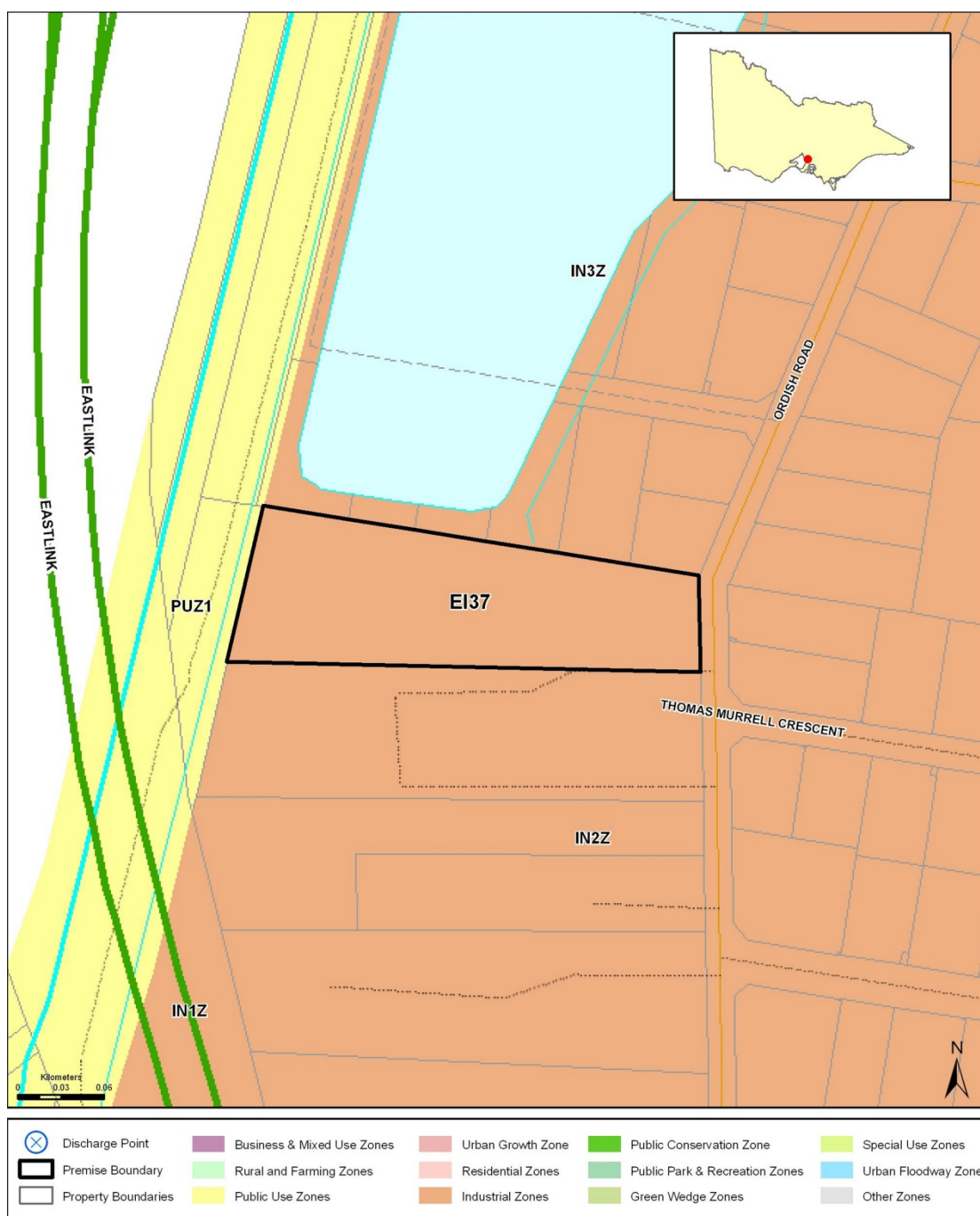
OL_WM14	All plant and equipment must be maintained and operated in proper working condition, in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
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Specific conditions

OL_G06.02	You must: (a) provide the Authority with a financial assurance in a form and for an amount determined by the Authority, by a date specified by the Authority; and (b) maintain such financial assurance (including any part of such assurance) so that it can be claimed on, utilised or realised by the Authority as and when required.
OL_WM04	You must ensure that waste does not burn at the activity site.
OL_WM05	The polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) content of waste oil must be assessed to ensure that it may be accepted at the activity site.
OL_WM06	Before dispatching waste oil from the activity site it must be assessed to ensure that the polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) content may be accepted by the recipient.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – locality plan

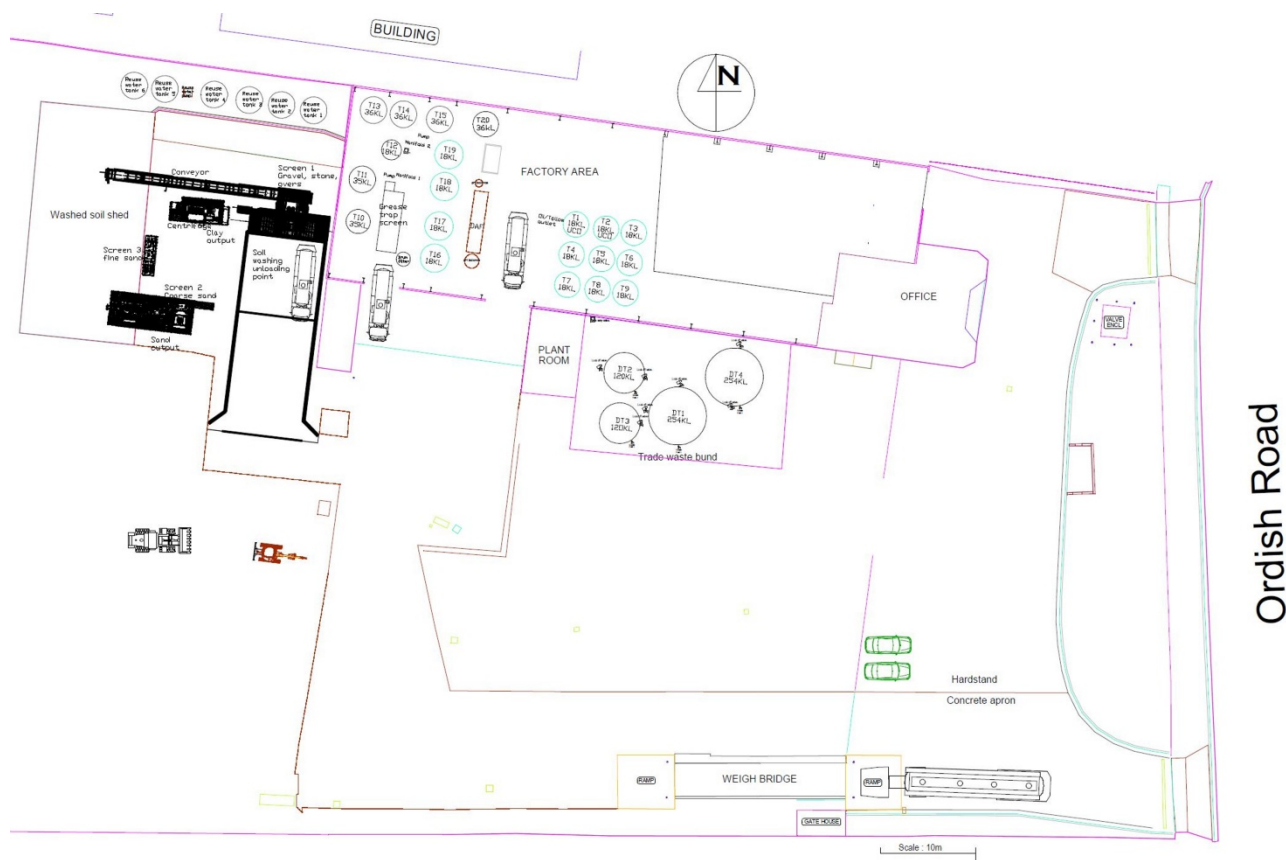


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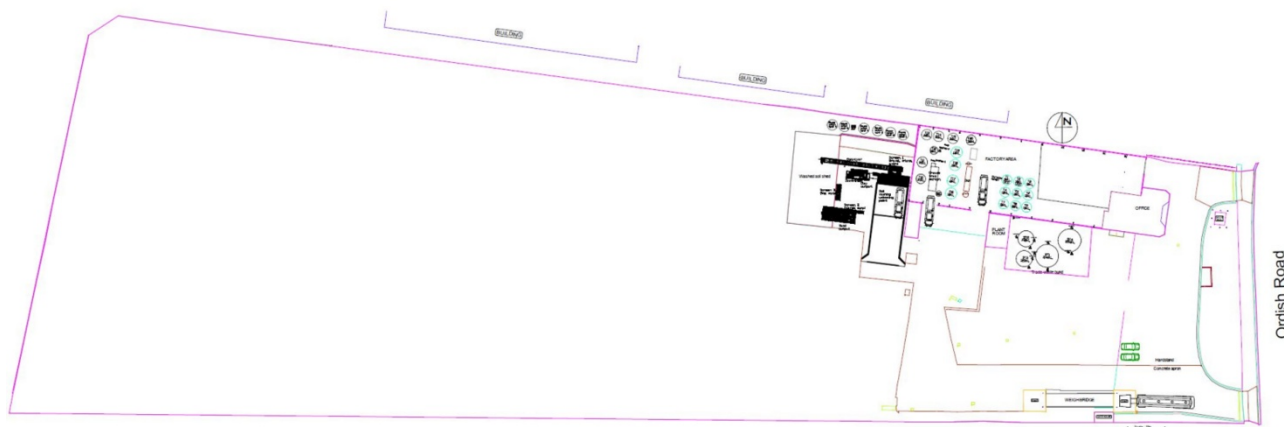
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Appendix 2 – activity plan



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Appendix 3 – contour plan

There is no contour plan for this licence.

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Appendix 4 - waste acceptance table

Waste Code	Waste Description	Treatment Code	Treatment Description
J100	Waste oils, hydrocarbons, emulsions and transformer fluids excluding polychlorinated biphenyls	D15	Storage pending any permissioned activity
J120	Waste oil/water, hydrocarbons/water mixtures or emulsions	D15	Storage pending any permissioned activity
J130	Triple interceptor waste and stormwater contaminated with oil or hydrocarbon	D15	Storage pending any permissioned activity
K100	Animal effluent and residues, including abattoir wastes and other wastes from animal processing	R13	Accumulation of material intended for any permissioned activity
		R3	Recycling/reclamation of organic waste materials which are not used as solvents
K110	Grease trap waste	R13	Accumulation of material intended for any permissioned activity
		R3	Recycling/reclamation of organic waste materials which are not used as solvents
K140	Tannery wastes (not containing chromium)	R13	Accumulation of material intended for any permissioned activity
		R3	Recycling/reclamation of organic waste materials which are not used as solvents

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K190	Wool scouring wastes	R13	Accumulation of material intended for any permitted activity
		R3	Recycling/reclamation of organic waste materials which are not used as solvents
K200	Liquid organic wastes including commercial food, not containing other priority wastes listed in items 50 to 53 or 55 to 63 of "Schedule 5—Waste Classification" of the Environment Protection Regulations 2021	R13	Accumulation of material intended for any permitted activity
		R3	Recycling/reclamation of organic waste materials which are not used as solvents
L100	Car and truck washwaters	D15	Storage pending any permitted activity
		R13	Accumulation of material intended for any permitted activity
		R3	Recycling/reclamation of organic waste materials which are not used as solvents
L200-H	Industrial wastewater (excluding sewage) not otherwise specified in "Schedule 5—Waste Classification" of the Environment Protection Regulations 2021	D15	Storage pending any permitted activity
		R13	Accumulation of material intended for any permitted activity
		R3	Recycling/reclamation of organic waste materials which are not used as solvents
L200-NH	Industrial wastewaters (excluding sewage) which meets conditions relating to	D15	Storage pending any permitted activity

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	wastewater reuse in a permission	R13	Accumulation of material intended for any permissioned activity
		R3	Recycling/reclamation of organic waste materials which are not used as solvents
T130-H	Sludges or slurries, including drilling muds containing hazardous substances	D15	Storage pending any permissioned activity
T330	Leachate from waste treatment/disposal operations	D13	Blending, mixing or diluting prior to any permissioned activity
		D15	Storage pending any permissioned activity
		D9C	Physical treatment not otherwise specified

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Appendix 5 – air discharge table

There are no air discharge points for this licence.

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Appendix 6 –water discharge table

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Appendix 7 – landfill cells

There are no landfill cells for this licence.