Site Visit Report

The site visit process is a sample on a particular day of an installation's compliance with some of its licence conditions. Where non-compliance against a particular condition has not been reported, this should not be construed to mean that there is full compliance with that condition of the licence.

Instructions and actions arising from the visit shall be addressed, or where applicable noted, by the licensee in order to ensure compliance, to improve the environmental performance of the installation and to provide clarification on certain issues.

The licensee shall take the actions specified to close out the non-compliances and observations raised in this Site Visit Report.

The licensee may also be requested to provide a response to the Environmental Protection Agency (hereafter referred to as the Agency) in relation to the site visit report findings.

Licensee

Name of Installation	Bord na Mona Biomass Limited
Licensee	Bord na Mona Biomass Limited
Licence Register No.	P0503-01
CRO Number	303311
Site Address	Allen Group, c/o Derrygreenagh Works, Rochfordbridge, Westmeath
Site Visit Reference No.	SV27731

Report Detail

Issue Date	28/04/2023
Prepared By	Billy Shanahan

Site Visit Detail

Date Of Inspection	19/04/2023		
Time In	11:30	**Time Out**	13:40
EPA Inspector(s)	Billy Shanahan Brendan Kissane		
Additional Visitors			
Licensee Personnel and Role	N/A		

Summary

This site visit was undertaken to Derryounce bog to confirm the area of land within the Bord na Móna licence which was transacted to a third party operator, the area within which the third party is operating and to establish any drainage connections between the two areas.

Site Areas Inspected

The following site areas were inspected at Derryounce bog:

- Third party operator area
- Bord na Móna drainage in southern area of bog

Documents Inspected

No documents were inspected during this site visit.

1. Site Specific Issues

		Answer	Condition Number	Non Compliance	Observation
1.1	Derryounce Bog	Yes			Yes

Comment / Action Required

Inspectors walked the boundary of the Bord na Móna area of Derryounce Bog and the area of land within the licence boundary which Bord an Móna transacted to a third-party. The Agency noted that there were stockpiles of peat within the Bord na Mona lands. Subsequent to the visit Bord an Mona confirmed that these belong to the third-party operator.

During the walk of the boundary inspectors noted that there was evidence of peat extraction having occurred and areas being prepared for peat extraction within the boundary of the Bord na Móna lands and that had not been transacted to the third party. Subsequent to the visit Bord an Mona confirmed that this activity was not being carried out by them. These areas are indicated in Figure 1 (**Note**: Figure 1 is indicative and not to scale).

It was noted that the drains in the third-party owned lands were linked to the Bord an Móna drainage infrastructure. Further to this, there were no silt control measure noted within the area of land that was transacted to the third-party operator. Subsequent to the site visit Bord na Móna confirmed that there were control measures in the third-party area, but these were not sufficient to Bord na Móna standards for silt control.

Attachments

Figure 1: Derryounce Bog Map

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

The licensee is required to complete the actions outlined in this site visit report within the specified timeframes. Where required, the licensee shall also respond to actions specified in Compliance Investigations and/or submit a response to this site visit report via the EDEN system. The licensee shall maintain a documentary evidence, for review by the Agency, that the prescribed actions were completed within the required timeframe.

(i) Compliance Investigations

The Agency may generate a Compliance Investigation through the EDEN system and issue instructions and actions to the licensee. The licensee will receive notification when an instruction or action is issued and the licensee must respond to the actions within the Compliance Investigation within the specified timeframe.

(ii) Response to Site Visit Report

Where the licensee is requested to (or wishes to) respond to the Agency in relation to this site visit report, the licensee may select the 'Make a Response' link on the actions taken by the licensee to address the issues raised in this site visit report and the target completion dates. This Licensee Public Response provides the licensee with an opportunity to inform both the Agency and the public about the implementing of actions set out in the Agency site visit report. The response must be submitted **within 21 calendar days** of the issue date of this site visit report.

(iii) Publication of Reports

This site visit report will be published on the EPA's website, www.epa.ie, 30 calendar days after the site visit report issue date.

Any licensee response to this site visit report will be published on the EPA's website simultaneously (i.e. 30 calendar days after the site visit report issue date).

Please note that licensees are required to comply with the conditions of the licence at all times, and where non-compliance occurs, compliance must be restored within the shortest possible time. These actions will be verified during subsequent Agency visits. Please quote the above Inspection Reference Number in any correspondence in relation this Report.