

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
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Licence Register No.	P0503-01
CRO Number	303311
Site Address	Allen Group, c/o Derrygreenagh Works, Rochfordbridge, Westmeath
Site Visit Reference No.	SV27827

Report Detail	
Issue Date	07/06/2023
Prepared By	Billy Shanahan

Site Visit Detail			
Date Of Inspection	10/05/2023		
Time In	11:30	Time Out	12:20
EPA Inspector(s)	Billy Shanahan		
Additional Visitors			
Licensee Personnel and Role	Enda McDonagh - Environmental Marnager		

> Summary

The Agency carried out this follow up site visit to Garrymore bog with the licensee to review the activity onsite and the findings of the previous site visit on 16/03/2023 (site visit ref. no: SV27811).

> Site Areas Inspected

The following site areas were inspected:

- Stockpile area
- Yard area
- Silt pond

> Documents Inspected

No documents were inspected during this site visit

> 1. Site Specific Issues

	Answer	Condition Number	Non Compliance	Observation
1.1	Garrymore Bog	Checked		
Comment / Action Required				
<p>During the site visit the licensee outlined that the bog had been drained for peat extraction by Bord na Móna but they contracted a third-party to carry out the extraction on their behalf. Subsequently the bog was leased to the third party to carry out the activity. The licensee stated that in 2021 Bord na Móna instructed the third-party operator that all activities were to cease on the bog.</p> <p>The following was noted during this site visit to Garrymore bog:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Multiple stockpiles milled peat and sod peat were noted on the western side of the site. No machinery was noted on the site during this site visit. The machine noted to be working on one of the stockpiles on 16/03/2023 had been removed.• A loading bay was noted to have been constructed of stone in the vicinity of the stockpiles.• A pile of black plastic was noted onsite adjacent to the yard area• A pile of tyres were noted in the yard area of the site <p>Action Required</p> <p>The licensee shall, via return on the EDEN portal, confirm the status of the activity occurring at Garrymore bog. This shall be submitted no later than 14/06/2023.</p>				

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.