

# **Environment Agency permitting decisions**

## **Variation**

We have decided to issue the variation for Saltbox Farm Poultry Unit operated by Moy Park Limited.

The variation number is EPR/MP3134MA/V004

We consider in reaching that decision we have taken into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements and that the permit will ensure that the appropriate level of environmental protection is provided.

## **Purpose of this document**

This decision document:

- explains how the application has been determined
- provides a record of the decision-making process
- shows how all relevant factors have been taken into account
- justifies the specific conditions in the permit other than those in our generic permit template.

Unless the decision document specifies otherwise we have accepted the applicant's proposals.

## **Structure of this document**

- Key issues
- Annex 1 the decision checklist

## **Key issues of the decision**

This variation is to change the position of two of the 18 biomass boilers on site.

The biomass boiler for house 17 will now be located at grid reference TF 08469 42821.

The biomass boiler for house 18 will now be located at grid reference TF 08456 42931.

New site plan submitted.

And to update the permit to include previous minor changes:

- Clarification of position of generators on site
- Identify position of gable end fans
- Update position of discharge points on site
- Submission of new site emission plan to include the above
- Removal of LPG tank vents from Table S3.1, in line with current guidance for intensive farming.

## Annex 1: decision checklist

This document should be read in conjunction with the Duly Making checklist, the application and supporting information and permit/notice.

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
Operator		
Control of the facility	We are satisfied that the applicant (now the operator) is the person who will have control over the operation of the facility after the grant of the permit. The decision was taken in accordance with EPR RGN 1 Understanding the meaning of operator.	✓
European Directives		
Applicable directives	All applicable European directives have been considered in the determination of the application.	✓
The site		
Extent of the site of the facility	The operator has provided a plan which we consider is satisfactory, showing the extent of the site of the facility A plan is included in the permit and the operator is required to carry on the permitted activities within the site boundary.	✓
Biodiversity, Heritage, Landscape and Nature Conservation	The application is within the relevant distance criteria of a site of heritage, landscape or nature conservation, and/or protected species or habitat . As the changes to the positions of the biomass boilers are further away from the sensitive sites the previous assessment is deemed adequate. That assessment showed no significant impact at the sensitive receptors, therefore no further assessment was necessary.  We have not formally consulted on the application. The decision was taken in accordance with our guidance.	✓
The permit conditions		
Incorporating the application	We have specified that the applicant must operate the permit in accordance with descriptions in the application, including all additional information received as part of the determination process.  These descriptions are specified in the Operating Techniques table in the permit.	✓

Aspect considered	Justification / Detail	Criteria met
		Yes
<b>Operator Competence</b>		
Environment management system	There is no known reason to consider that the operator will not have the management systems to enable it to comply with the permit conditions. The decision was taken in accordance with RGN 5 on Operator Competence.	✓
Relevant convictions	The National Enforcement Database has been checked to ensure that all relevant convictions have been declared. No relevant convictions were found. The operator satisfies the criteria in RGN 5 on Operator Competence.	✓