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Natural Resources Wales in exercise of its powers under section 41 of the Environment Act 1995 and article 12A of the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Establishment) Order 2012, as amended by the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order 2013, and with the approval of the Welsh Ministers makes the following Charging Scheme.

A. Commencement and citation

This Charging Scheme shall;

- (a) be referred to as the Environmental Permitting Charging Scheme 2024/25 onward;
- (b) come into force on 1 April 2024;
- (c) remain in force until revoked.

B. Interpretation

In this Scheme;

“the 1989 Act” means the Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989;

“the 1990 Act” means the Environmental Protection Act 1990;

“the 2007 Regulations” means the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2007;

“the 2011 Regulations” means the Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011;

“the 2019 Regulations” means the Transfrontier Shipment of Radioactive Waste and Spent Fuel (EU Exit) Regulations 2019;

"NRW" means Natural Resources Wales;

“Annual compliance monitoring charge” is also known as ‘subsistence charge’

“the Batteries Regulations” means the Waste Batteries and Accumulators Regulations 2009 and expressions used in paragraph C5 and Schedule 1, paragraph 6 of this Charging Scheme have the same meaning as in the Batteries Regulations;

“the Regulations” means the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 as amended and, unless otherwise specified, expressions used in this Charging Scheme have the same meaning as those used in the Regulations;

“the TFS Regulations” means the Transfrontier Shipment of Waste Regulations 2007;

“the WEEE Regulations” means the Waste Electrical and Electronic Regulations 2013 and expressions used in paragraph C4 and Schedule 1, paragraph 5 of this Charging Scheme, have the same meaning as those used in the WEEE Regulations;

“accredited farming installation” has the meaning given in Schedule 1;

“additional assessment charge” means a supplementary charge, in addition to the base charge, for specific additional assessments of a permit requiring determination, dependant on location or activity-specific criteria;

“base charge” means a core charge which includes common determination activities undertaken for a given permit type;

“compliance rating” means the compliance rating which has been accorded to a regulated facility – on the 31st December in the calendar year preceding the year in which the subsistence charge in question is payable, or

in the year the permit is first granted, the date of grant of the permit, if later;

“farming installation” has the meaning given in Schedule 1;

“financial year” means the 12 months ending on 31 March;

“fixed condition licence” has the meaning given in Schedule 1;

“fixed condition registration” means a permit which was originally a registration under section 7 of the Radioactive Substances Act 1993 granted as or varied to become, a fixed condition registration in respect of radioactive material in the form of sealed sources where each radioactive source, and all radioactive sources taken together, fall within source category 5;

“flood risk activity” has the meaning given in Schedule 25 of the Regulations;

“installation group” has the meaning given in Schedule 2;

“low level radioactive waste” means radioactive waste having a radionuclide content not exceeding 4 gigabecquerels per tonne (GBq/te) of alpha or 12 GBq/te of beta/gamma radioactivity;

“nuclear site” has the meaning given in the Regulations but also includes a site which would require a nuclear site licence under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965 were it not exempt from this requirement by virtue of other legislation;

“OPRA charging score” means the score applicable to a tier 3 Installations facility in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 2;

“OPRA Scheme” means the most up to date scheme referenced by NRW titled “Environmental Permitting Regulations Operational Risk Appraisal Scheme (OPRA for EPR)”¹;

“permit” means an environmental permit, and references to a permit being issued shall be taken to mean granted by NRW under regulation 13 of the Regulations or transferred to NRW regulation by a direction made under regulation 33 of the Regulations;

“relevant compliance rating adjustment” means –

(a) in relation to a tier 2 facility the relevant percentage figure set out below which is attributable to the compliance rating for that facility, or

(b) in relation to a tier 3 facility the relevant percentage figure set out below which is

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attributable to the compliance rating for that facility, or

(c) in relation to all waste operation facilities, the relevant percentage figure set out below, which is attributable to the compliance rating for that facility.

Band	Permit type	A	B	C	D	E	F
Adjustment to base subsistence charge	Tier 2	100%	100%	110%	125%	150%	300%
	Tier 3	95%	100%	110%	125%	150%	300%
	Waste operation facilities (not including mining waste facilities)	As above	As above	As above	200%	300%	500%

“relevant charge multiplier” means the applicable charge multiplier specified in Schedule 2;

“relevant time and materials costs” means those costs and expenses;

(a) incurred by NRW in the determination of the relevant application or request for consent, the making of the relevant decision or the subsistence of the permit, based on an hourly rate of £213 in relation to key technical work on a specified radioactive substances activity and £125 in any other case, and

(b) in the case of a radioactive substances activity carried on at a nuclear site, incurred by the Food Standards Agency in carrying out its functions in relation to those matters, as notified from time to time by NRW to the operator;

“Schedule” means a Schedule to this Scheme;

“small battery treatment operator” has the meaning given in Schedule 1;

“small battery exporter” has the meaning given in Schedule 1;

“small treatment operator” has the meaning given in Schedule 1;

“small export operator” has the meaning given in Schedule 1;

“source category 5” has the meaning set out in the relevant NRW guidance in operation at the time the application for a permit is or was made;

“specified radioactive substances activity” means a radioactive substances activity;

(a) carried on at a nuclear site, or

(b) which involves the disposal or accumulation of low level radioactive waste at a landfill, or a site dedicated for the disposal of radioactive waste but not including the transfer of such waste to such a site;

“specified water activity” means, unless carried on as part of an installation;

- (a) a water discharge activity, or
- (b) a groundwater activity which is not a tier 2 facility;

“standard facility” has the meaning given in Schedule 1;

“standard time” means typical hours required to determine a given permit type;

“subsistence charge” is also known as ‘annual compliance monitoring charge’

“sum” means sum of money in pounds’ sterling;

“tier 2 facility” means a type of regulated facility which is described in Schedule 1;

“tier 3 facility” means an installation group, a waste facility group, or a tier 3 mining waste operation;

“tier 3 mining waste operation” has the meaning given in Schedule 2;

“waste facility” has the meaning given in Schedule 2;

“waste facility group” has the meaning given in Schedule 2.

C. Non-Permit Charges

1. Exempt waste operations

(1) An exempt waste operation charge shall accompany;

- (a) the renewal or registration of a scrap metal operation made by notice served on NRW accompanying the details referred to in paragraph 45(5)(d) of Part 1 of Schedule 3 of the 2007 Regulations;
- (b) the registration of a WEEE operation made by notice served on NRW under paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 2 of the Regulations.

(2) The exempt waste operation charge shall be the applicable charge shown in Schedule 1.

2. Waste carriers, brokers and dealers

(1) A waste carrier, broker or dealer charge shall accompany;

- (a) an application for registration or renewal of registration as a broker or dealer of waste made under regulation 29 of the 2011 Regulations;
- (b) an application for registration or renewal of registration as a carrier of waste made under

section 2 of the 1989 Act;

- (2) The waste carrier, broker or dealer charge shall be the applicable charge shown in Schedule 1.

3. International Waste shipments

- (1) An international waste shipments charge shall accompany a notification made by a notifier under the TFS Regulations.
- (2) The international waste shipments charge shall be the applicable charge shown in Schedule 1.

4. Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment

- (1) A WEEE charge shall;
- (a) accompany an application to approve a proposed scheme made under regulation 55 of the WEEE Regulations;
 - (b) be payable where NRW serves an invoice in relation to an annual producer charge under regulation 79(3) of the WEEE Regulations;
 - (c) accompany an application to approve an authorised treatment facility or exporter under regulation 61 of the WEEE Regulations;
 - (d) be payable where a small treatment operator or small export operator exceeds its undertaking not to issue evidence notes on more than 400 tonnes of WEEE;
 - (e) accompany an application for the extension of an approval of an exporter to an additional site, under regulation 62 of the WEEE Regulations;
- (2) The WEEE charge shall be the applicable charge shown in Schedule 1.

5. Waste Batteries and Accumulators

- (1) A Waste Batteries Charge shall;
- (a) accompany the information provided by a small producer under regulation 13 of the Batteries Regulations;
 - (b) accompany an application to approve a proposed battery compliance scheme made under regulation 47 of the Batteries Regulations;
 - (c) be payable where NRW serves an invoice in relation to an annual subsistence charge under regulation 79(2) of the Batteries Regulations;
 - (d) accompany an application to approve a battery treatment operator or battery exporter under regulation 58 of the Batteries Regulations;
 - (e) be payable where a small battery treatment operator or small battery exporter exceeds its undertaking not to issue more than 15 tonnes of waste portable battery evidence

notes or to accept more than 150 tonnes of waste automotive and industrial batteries;

- (f) accompany an application for the extension of an approval of a battery exporter to an additional site under regulation 62 of the Batteries Regulations.

The Waste Batteries Charge shall be the applicable charge shown in Schedule 1.

6. Transfrontier shipment of radioactive waste and spent fuel

- (1) A charge consisting of the relevant time and materials costs shall be payable in respect of an application for authorisation under the 2019 Regulations.
- (2) A charge consisting of the relevant time and materials costs shall be payable in respect of a request to NRW for consent to an application from the competent authority of a member state of the European Community under the 2019 Regulations.

D. Permit Charges

1. Permit Application Charges

(1) An application charge shall be payable in respect of an application for a permit made under regulation 13 of the Regulations.

In the case of an application which;

- (a) is submitted as part of a staged procedure agreed with NRW; or
- (b) relates to a specified radioactive substances activity; or
- (c) exceeds the threshold of 150% of the standard time covered by the application charge (specific to EPR Installations, Site-based Waste and Waste Mobile plant); or
- (d) relates to landfill mining waste and deposit for recovery additional assessments where relevant (specific to EPR Installations and EPR-Site-based Waste) ²;

the application charge shall be the relevant time and materials costs.

In all other cases, the application charge shall be the total of the applicable charges set out in paragraphs D2 to D5 below.

(2) In the case of an application for authorisation of one or more flood risk activity, the applicant must pay the full charge for the first such activity and a 70% reduction for each additional such activity, subject to specified conditions being met.

2. Tier 2 fixed application charges

For each tier 2 facility which is the subject of the application, the applicable fixed charge is shown in Schedule 1.

3. Tier 3 application charges – new approach

Our revised charges introduce a range of base charges depending on the complexity of the determination³, with additional charges for certain assessments where applicable. The charge will be a base charge plus applicable additional assessment costs⁴. Where determination time goes beyond 150% of the standard time expected to determine a given permit, NRW will also charge for relevant time and materials costs at £125/hr from that point on.

² Time & Material charges applied on top of the base charge and relevant additional assessment charges.

³ As per our recent charges consultation, we indicated we would be moving away from OPRA based application charges for Installations, site-based Waste, Mining waste and Waste Mobile plant and introducing a less complex charging scheme, which more closely matched the charge to the cost of delivery.

⁴ This approach has been fully introduced on Waste application charges from the 1st July, 2023 (see tables [G3a](#), [G3b](#) and [G3c](#) further below), whilst those Installations application charges previously subject to an OPRA profile have also been replaced by this new approach (using the banding tool) from the 22nd January, 2024 (see tables [G2a - Part A / Part B](#)).

Also, areas such as additional landfill and mining waste additional assessments that reflect the unique and geological nature of these applications will also be charged for relevant time and materials costs at £125/hr.

4. Specified water activity application charges

For each specified water activity, which is the subject of the application, the applicable charge is set out in Schedule 4.

5. Application amendments and advertisement charges

- (1) Where NRW accepts, at the request of the operator, an amendment to the application which NRW considers requires further public consultation, the sum of £2,036
- (2) Where NRW decides, in accordance with its statement relating to its public participation duties made under regulation 59 of the Regulations, to advertise an application in a newspaper, the sum of £515 for each advertisement

6. Subsistence Charges

- (1) An annual subsistence charge shall be payable for any full or part financial year during which a permit is in force;
- (2) In the case of a permit which authorises the operation of a specified radioactive substances activity, the charge shall be the relevant time and materials costs;
- (3) In any other case, the charge shall be the total of the applicable charges set out in paragraphs D7 to D9;
- (4) In the case of a permit authorising the operation of a regulated facility from a specified date, the charge shall only be payable in relation to that regulated facility, for any period following that specified date;
- (5) In the case of a permit authorising the operation of a regulated facility in respect of which no works or construction of any kind has commenced, the charge shall only be payable on whichever is the later of;
 - (a) two years from the date the permit was granted, or
 - (b) 1 April 2024,

and thereafter, the subsistence charge shall be the lower of £3,431 or the subsistence charge which would otherwise be payable.

7. Tier 2 fixed Subsistence charges

- (1) For each tier 2 facility authorised by the permit for which a charge is shown in Schedule 1, other than those mentioned in sub-paragraph (2) below, the applicable charge shown in that Schedule multiplied by the relevant compliance rating adjustment;
- (2) For each tier 2 facility authorised by the permit which is an accredited farming installation, groundwater activity, a radioactive substances activity or a medium combustion plant and specified generator activity, the applicable charge shown in Schedule 1.

8. Tier 3 Subsistence Charges

8.1 Installations

- (1) Where a tier 3 facility which is an installation group is authorised by the permit, the sum derived by following the steps set out in paragraphs (a) and (b) below;
 - (a) multiply the relevant subsistence charge multiplier for that facility by the relevant OPRA charging score for that facility;
 - (b) multiply the sum derived under paragraph (a) by the relevant compliance rating adjustment.

8.2 Waste facilities and tier 3 mining waste operations

- (2) Where a tier 3 facility which is a waste facility group (unless it is a waste mobile plant) or a tier 3 mining waste operation is authorised by the permit, the applicable charge set out in Schedule 3 multiplied by the relevant compliance rating adjustment.

8.3 Mobile plant

- (3) For each deployment of mobile plant, the applicable charge set out in Schedule 2 multiplied by the relevant compliance rating adjustment.

9. Specified water activity charges

For each specified water activity authorised by the permit, the applicable charge set out in Schedule 4.

10. Mid-year adjustments

- (1) In the case of a permit issued after 1 April in any year, the subsistence charge shall be adjusted pro rata to the period beginning with the day of the permit being issued and ending on the last day of March following.
- (2) In the case of a permit which is revoked, surrendered, transferred, or varied after the date on which the subsistence charge is payable in any year, and in a way which would affect the calculation of the subsistence charge under this Scheme, the charge shall be adjusted pro rata from the date on which the revocation, surrender, transfer, or variation (as the case may be), takes effect.
- (3) In a case where a regulated facility authorised by a permit ceases to be required to be so authorised by reason of an amendment to the Regulations or the registration of an exempt waste operation, the subsistence charge shall be adjusted pro rata from the date of the relevant amendment or registration and no subsistence charge shall arise in any subsequent year so long as the regulated facility continues not to require authorisation by a permit.
- (4) In a case where a farming installation becomes an accredited farming installation after the date on which the subsistence charge is payable in any year, the charge shall be adjusted pro rata from the date on which this occurs.

11. Monitoring and emergency response charges

- (1) In some cases, the cost of monitoring, site surveys and investigations carried out by contractors acting on behalf of NRW will be recovered, where appropriate, by means of a direct charge per permit to be notified to the operator.
- (2) Where NRW responds to an emergency air quality incident resulting from the operation of a facility authorised by a permit, the relevant time and materials costs of that response, including the costs of any contractors used, will be recovered, where appropriate, by means of a direct charge per permit to be notified to the operator.
- (3) In cases where a charge is payable under this paragraph, but the permit is revoked, the person previously operating the regulated facility shall continue to be liable for the charge in so far as it relates to any expenditure incurred or liabilities accrued by NRW in the year of revocation or in prior years.

12. Waste Recovery Plan assessment

- (1) Where NRW are asked to assess a new, varied, or revised waste recovery plan, a fixed charge of £1,734 will apply, plus any additional assessments required to be assessed will be charged the fee referenced in table [G3c](#).
- (2) Where the holder of a permit which authorises the permanent deposit of waste on land for recovery subject to standard rules, requests NRW to review the waste recovery plan submitted as part of the application for that permit, a charge of £1,734 shall be payable in relation to that review.

13. Additional assessment charges (just for permitting)

- (1) The new approach to bespoke permit charges has been explained under section D, [paragraph 3](#). On top of the base charge⁵ are a list of additional assessment charges which may be relevant, depending on the proposed activity and the location of the proposed activity. NRW will charge for this activity if additional assessments are required to determine the permit. This list is specific to both EPR site-based Waste (referenced in [G3c](#) below) and EPR Installations (referenced in table [G2a – Part B](#) below).

14. Materials facility charge

- (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), where the operator of a materials facility has given a notification under paragraph 1 of Schedule 9A of the Regulations, a charge of £2,310 shall be payable for the calendar year in which the notification is made.
- (2) In a case where a notification is in force for only part of a year, the materials facility charge shall be adjusted pro rata to reflect the reporting periods or part of a reporting period during which the notification is in force.

15. Variation charges

- (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), a variation charge shall be payable;

⁵ Base charges apply to bespoke categories of permit, such as new applications, variations, transfers & surrenders

- (a) where an application is made under regulation 20 of the Regulations; and
 - (b) where NRW makes a regulator-initiated variation under regulation 20 except in relation to any part of a regulator-initiated variation which relates to a specified water activity.
- (2) No variation charge is payable where;
- (a) regulator-initiated variation relates to changes of a purely administrative nature;
- (3) The variation charge shall be (together with any applicable advertisement charge under paragraph D19);
- (a) in the case of an application or regulator-initiated variation which relates to a specified radioactive substances activity, the relevant time and materials costs;
 - (b) in the case of an Installations application to dispose of waste at a landfill which NRW has previously accepted as closed, the sum equal to the charge calculated by the banding tool, including any additional assessments to be assessed and any landfill specific assessments;
 - (c) in the case of a Waste application to dispose of waste at a landfill which NRW has previously accepted as closed, the sum of £8,308 plus any additional assessments to be assessed and any landfill specific assessments will be charged the relevant time and materials costs at £125/hr.
 - (d) in the case of an application to remove a regulated facility from authorisation under a permit, the sum equal to the charge that would be payable if the application were for a surrender of the part of the permit that relates to that regulated facility;
 - (e) in all other cases, the total of the applicable charges for each tier 2 facility, tier 3 facility and specified water activity which is the subject of the application or regulator-initiated variation, as set out in paragraphs D16 to D18;

16. Changes to existing facilities

For each tier 2 and tier 3 facility which is already the subject of a permit, where the proposed change in relation to that facility;

- (1) is of a minor technical nature at an installation, the sum of £2,693;
- (2) is a request for the facility to become subject to standard rules or become subject to different standard rules – the sum which is the applicable permit application charge relating to the new standard rules payable under paragraph D1 of this Scheme;
- (3) is to a facility which is or will be when changed as proposed, a tier 2 facility other than one subject to standard rules, the applicable variation charge relating to the tier 2 facility when changed as proposed, shown in a table in Schedule 1;
- (4) is to a facility which is or will be when changed as proposed, a tier 3 Installations facility, the sum equal to the relevant variation charge shown in table [G2a – Part A](#) in Schedule 2;
- (5) is to a facility which is or will be when changed as proposed, a tier 3 Waste or Mining Waste facility, the sum equal to the relevant charge shown in tables [G3a](#) and [G3c](#) in Schedule 2;

(6) is that the facility should no longer be authorised by the permit, the sum equal to the charge that would be payable under paragraph D23 in relation to the surrender of that part of the permit that relates to that facility.

17. Addition of new facilities

For each tier 2 and tier 3 facility which is not already the subject of a permit, where that facility is;

- (1) A tier 2 facility, the sum which is the applicable permit application charge payable under paragraph D1 of this Scheme;
- (2) A tier 3 Installations facility of the same category as one that is already the subject of a permit, the sum equal to the relevant charge shown in table [G2a – Part A](#) in Schedule 2;
- (3) A tier 3 Waste facility of the same category as one that is already the subject of a permit, the sum equal to the relevant charge shown in tables [G3a](#) and [G3c](#) in Schedule 2;
- (4) A tier 3 Installations facility of a different category to any already the subject of a permit, the sum equal to the relevant charge shown in table [G2a – Part A](#) in Schedule 2;
- (5) A tier 3 Waste facility of a different category to any already the subject of a permit, the sum equal to the relevant charge shown in tables [G3a](#) and [G3c](#) in Schedule 2;
- (6) For the purposes of this paragraph, the categories of tier 3 facility are a waste facility group, a tier 3 mining waste operation and an installation group.

18. Specified water activities

For each specified water discharge activity, the applicable charge is set out in [Schedule 4](#).

19. Advertisement charge

Where NRW decides, in accordance with its statement relating to its public participation duties made under regulation 59 of the Regulations, to advertise an application in a newspaper, the sum of £515 for each advertisement.

20. Transfer charge

- (1) Subject to paragraph (2) a transfer charge shall be payable in respect of an application to transfer a permit, in whole or in part, made under regulation 21 of the Regulations.
- (2) No transfer charge is payable where;
 - (a) immediately before the Regulations came into force the transferor was the operator by reason only of regulation 69(2) of the 2007 Regulations; and
 - (b) NRW has agreed that the transfer is desirable for regulatory reasons.
- (3) The transfer charge shall be;
 - (a) in the case of a permit which authorises the operation of a specified radioactive substances activity, the relevant time and materials costs, or

(b) in any other case, the applicable charge under paragraph D21.

21. Other types of transfer

The charge shall be the highest of the following applicable charges;

- (1) Where the permit authorises one or more tier 2 facility, the highest of the applicable charges shown in the applicable table in Schedule 1;
- (2) Where the permit authorises a waste facility group or a tier 3 mining waste operation, the sum of £3,211 in the case of an application relating to the whole of a permit, or £4,937 in the case of an application relating to part of a permit;
 - (a) in the case of a landfill waste operation or a tier 3 mining waste operation, the amounts as stated in D21 (2)(a) above, plus any additional assessments charged the relevant time and materials costs at £125/hr.
- (3) Where the permit authorises an installation group, the sum equal to the charge calculated by the banding tool, in the case of an application relating to part of a permit.

22. Surrender charges

- (1) A surrender charge shall be payable in respect of an application to surrender a permit, in whole or in part, made under regulation 25 of the Regulations
- (2) The surrender charge shall be;
 - (a) in the case of a permit which authorises the operation of a specified radioactive substances activity, the relevant time and materials costs; or
 - (b) in relation to those tier 2 and 3 facilities which are the subject of the application, the total of the applicable charges under paragraphs D23 to D26.

23. Surrender of Non-operational facilities

For each tier 2 Installations facility which has not been put into operation at the time of the application, the lower of the sum of £812 or any charge that would otherwise apply under paragraph D24.

For each tier 3 Installations facility which has not been put into operation at the time of the application, the lower of the sum of £1,218 or any charge that would otherwise apply under paragraph D24.

For each tier 2 and 3 Waste facility which has not been put into operation at the time of the application, the lower of the sum of £1,188 (full surrender), £2,319 (part surrender) or any charge that would otherwise apply under paragraph D24.

24. Low risk Surrender charges

- (1) For each Waste facility which comprises the permanent deposit of waste for recovery and in relation to which the operator has received confirmation from NRW that a low risk or basic surrender application can be made, in accordance with the guidance in "Landfill and other

permanent deposits of waste”, version 2, published in December 2012;

(a) for a low risk full surrender, the sum of £4,586; and

(b) for a low risk part surrender, the sum of £5,606; and

(c) for a basic full surrender, the sum of £1,617; and

(d) for a basic part surrender, the sum of £2,572;

(2) For any other tier 2 Installations facility for which the operator has received confirmation from NRW that intrusive investigation is not required in accordance with the criteria in box 1 of “Site condition report – guidance and templates”,⁶ (H5), version 5, published by NRW in October 2014 (low risk surrender), the lower of £2,693 or the applicable charge in the table.

(3) For any other tier 3 Installations facility for which the operator has received confirmation from NRW that intrusive investigation is not required in accordance with the criteria in box 1 of “Site condition report – guidance and templates”,⁷ (H5), version 5, published by NRW in October 2014 (low risk surrender), the sum of £2,693.

25. Tier 2 Surrender charges

Subject to paragraphs D23 and D24;

(1) Where the permit authorises more than one standard facility, the highest applicable charge shown in the applicable table in Schedule 1; and

(2) For every other tier 2 facility, the applicable charge shown in the relevant table in Schedule 1.

26. Tier 3 Surrender charges - Installations

Subject to paragraphs D23 and D24;

(1) In the case of an application to surrender the whole of a permit, for each tier 3 facility, the sum the sum equal to the charge calculated by the banding tool; or

(2) In the case of an application to surrender part of a permit, for each tier 3 facility, the sum the sum equal to the charge calculated by the banding tool.

27. Tier 3 Surrender charges – Waste

Subject to paragraphs D23 and D24;

(1) Where the permit authorises more than one facility, the highest applicable charge shown in the applicable table in Schedule 2; and

(2) For every other tier 3 facility, the applicable charge shown in the relevant table in

⁶ This document can be found at [Natural Resources Wales / Horizontal guidance](#)

⁷ This document can be found at [Natural Resources Wales / Horizontal guidance](#)

Schedule 2. In the case of a landfill waste operation or a tier 3 mining waste operation this will include any additional assessments charged the relevant time and materials costs at £125/hr.

E. General Provisions

1. Charges for pre-application advice

Basic advice is available on our website to help customers understand what type of permit is required, how to apply, clarify guidance, sign post best practice and industry standards, and identify environmental sensitivities in the area. NRW has a responsibility to help those we regulate understand what they need to do to comply with the law.

Where a person requests more detailed pre-application advice or engages in pre-application discussions with NRW in relation to a proposed application, the charge will be £125 plus VAT for each hour of pre-application advice given or discussions held.

2. Abatement of charges

NRW may, by notice to the operator, waive or reduce any charge specified in this Scheme if it considers it to be significantly disproportionate in a particular case, having regard to the actual costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred by NRW in relation to a particular application, request, decision, or subsistence period.

3. Liability to pay the charges

The persons set out below shall be liable to pay the charges under this Charging Scheme;

- (1) In respect of charges arising under paragraphs C1, C2, C3, C4 (1) (a), C4 (1) (c), C4 (1) (e), C5 (1) (b), C5 (1) (d), C5 (1) (e), C5 (1) (f), C6, D1, D12, D13, D15 (1)(a), D20, D22 and E1, the person or persons making the application in question, including in the case of a relevant amendment to an application, the person recognised by NRW as being the new operator;
- (2) In respect of charges arising under paragraph D17, the holder of the permit in respect of which the charge is payable;
- (3) In respect of charges arising under paragraph C6(2), the intended recipient of the proposed shipment;
- (4) In respect of charges arising under paragraph C5(1)(a) the person or persons providing the information;
- (5) In respect of all other charges, the person upon whom the invoice or notice of the charge is served.

4. Time of payment

Charges payable under this Scheme shall be due and payable in full at the following times on or after 1 April 2024;

- (1) In respect of charges arising under paragraphs C1, C2, C3, C4(1)(a), C4(1)(c), C4(1)(e), C5(1)(b), C5(1)(d), C5(1)(e), C5(1)(f), C6, D1, D12, D13, D15(1)(a), D20, and D22, (except those which relate to application amendments or advertisements or which consist of relevant

time and materials costs), on the making of the application in question;

- (2) In respect of charges arising under paragraph D17, annually on 1 April except–
 - (a) In the first year in which a permit is granted, or the charge becomes payable, where the charge is payable on demand;
 - (b) In the case of a permit authorising one or more mobile plant, where the charge is payable on notification of each deployment;
- (3) In respect of charges arising under paragraph C5(1)(a) when the information is supplied;
- (4) In respect of all other charges, on demand.

5. Revocation

The Environmental Permitting Charging Scheme 2023 which came into effect on 1 April 2023 is revoked in so far as it relates to any period beginning on 1st April 2024.

F. Schedule 1 - Tier 2 Fixed Charges

1. Charges for registrations for carriers, brokers and dealers

The charges in the table F1 below apply in relation to registration as a carrier, broker, or dealer under the 2011 Regulations or 1989 Act.

Table F1

Activity	Charge
Register as an upper tier waste carrier/dealer, broker/dealer, or carrier/broker/dealer	£159
Change an existing upper tier registration type, for example from a carrier/dealer to a broker/dealer	£42
Renewal of an existing upper tier registration (every 3 years)	£109
A copy of the identification card proving registration	£6
Lower tier registrations	£0 (free)

2. Registrations for exempt waste operations

You can no longer apply for a new paragraph 45 scrap metal exemption.

3. WEEE operation charge

The charge for WEEE operation is £840.

4. Notifications of international waste shipments

The applicable notification charge in relation to international waste shipments is determined by the type of activity and the proposed number of shipments relating to the notification, as described in the table below.

Number of Shipments

Table F4

Activity	1	2 to 5	6 to 20	21 to 100	101 to 500	500 +
Export for recovery	£1,450	£1,450	£2,700	£4,070	£7,920	£14,380
Export for non-interim disposal	£1,540	£1,540	£3,330	£5,500	£10,600	£19,500
Export for interim disposal	£1,700	£1,700	£3,330	£6,000	£12,900	£24,000
Import for non-interim recovery	£1,250	£1,250	£2,700	£4,900	£10,600	£19,500
Import for interim recovery	£1,450	£1,450	£2,830	£5,500	£12,900	£24,000
Import for non-interim disposal	£1,540	£1,540	£3,330	£5,500	£10,600	£19,500
Import for interim disposal	£1,700	£1,700	£3,330	£6,000	£12,900	£24,000

5. Approvals relating to waste electrical and electronic equipment

Interpretation

(1) In this paragraph a scheme member falls in the following charge bands, where;

- (a) its turnover in the preceding financial year, exceeded £1million, Charge Band A;
- (b) its turnover in the preceding financial year is less than £1million but it is, or is required to be, registered for VAT, Charge Band B;
- (c) it operates in the UK but is not, and is not required to be, registered for VAT, Charge Band C;
- (d) it operates overseas but is not, and is not required to be, registered for VAT, Charge Band D.

(2) In this paragraph;

“large treatment operator” or “large export operator” means an operator who is not a small treatment operator or small export operator;

“small treatment operator” or “small export operator” means an operator who has undertaken not to issue evidence notes for more than 400 tonnes of WEEE in the year in which the relevant charge is payable;

Charges

- (3) The charge for an application to approve a compliance scheme is £12,150;
- (4) The annual producer charge for operating a compliance scheme is the total of the charges applicable to each member of the scheme as set out in the table F5a below;

Table F5a

Charge Band	Charge
Charge Band A (more than £1 million turnover)	£445
Charge Band B (£1 million turnover or less and required to be VAT registered)	£210
Charge Band C (not required to be VAT registered)	£30
Charge Band D (not required to be VAT registered)	£30

- (5) The charges in table F5b below apply in relation to applications to approve an authorised treatment or export facility, or to extend the approval of an exporter to add an additional site.

Table F5b

Operator/Exporters	Charge
Large treatment operator	£2,570
Small treatment operator	£500
Large export operator	£2,570
Small export operator	£500
Additional charge where small treatment operator or small export operator exceeds its undertaking	£2,070
Extension of approval of exporter – each additional site	£110

6. Approvals relating to batteries

Interpretation

(1) In this paragraph;

“large battery treatment operator” or “battery exporter” means an operator who is not a small battery treatment operator or small battery exporter;

“small battery treatment operator” or “small battery exporter” means an operator who has undertaken to issue no more than 15 tonnes of waste portable battery evidence notes and to accept no more than 150 tonnes of waste automotive and industrial batteries in the year in which the relevant charge is payable;

Charges

(2) The charge to accompany information provided by a small producer is £30;

(3) The charge for an application to approve a proposed battery compliance scheme is £17,000;

(4) The annual subsistence charge for operating a battery compliance scheme is the total of;

(a) £90,000; and

(b) £600 for each member of the battery compliance scheme;

(5) The charges in table F6 below apply in relation to applications to approve a battery treatment operator or battery exporter, or to extend the approval of an exporter to an additional site.

Table F6

Operators/Exporters	Charge
Large battery treatment operator	£2,570
Small battery treatment operator	£500
Large battery exporter	£2,570
Small battery exporter	£500
Additional charge where small battery treatment operator or small battery exporter exceeds its undertaking	£2,070
Extension of approval of exporter – each additional site	£110

7. Flood risk activity permits

Interpretation

(1) In this paragraph;

“flood risk activity” has the meaning given in Schedule 25 of the Regulations;

Charges

(2) The standard application charge is payable for all bespoke flood risk activity permit applications except when the reduced application charge is motorpayable due to meeting the requirements for a multi flood risk activity permit;

(3) Charges and pre-application allowance for flood risk activities are shown in table F7a below;

Table F7a

Band	Charge	Pre-application allowance included in charge (maximum amount)
Low	£295	1 hour
Medium	£394	2 hours
High	£590	3 hours

(4) From 1 April 2017, the compliance fee for flood risk activity permits was incorporated within the application fee.

(5) Application charges may be reduced where permit applications cover multiple flood risk activity structures as shown in table F7b below;

Table F7b

Band	First activity	Second activity	Each subsequent activity	Total charge payable
Low	£295	£89	£89	Addition of each activity charge
Medium	£394	£118	£118	Addition of each activity charge
High	£590	£178	£178	Addition of each activity charge

(6) There will be a zero-rate charge for flood risk activity permit variation and surrender.

8. Charges for permits

Interpretation

“default standard facility” means a standard facility described in standard rules made after 1 April 2024;

“standard facility” means a regulated facility described in standard rules published under regulation 26 of the Regulations, and which is the subject of;

(a) a request from the operator made under, or

(b) a term referred to in, regulation 27(2) of the Regulations.

Charges

The charges applying to a default standard facility (for those that have not been subject to review in 2023/24) shall be those specified in NRW`s response to the consultation on the rules relating to that facility, selected from the following table F8;

N/A in table F8 below is equivalent to Not Applicable.

Table F8

Charge Band	Application Charge	Charge Band	Transfer Charge	Charge Band	Surrender Charge	Charge Band	Subsistence Charge
S030A	£423	S035T	£758	S040S	£573	S030C	£168
S040A	£758	S040T	£1,027	S045S	£1,623	S040C	£331
S050A	£1,027	N/A	N/A	S050S	£2,671	S050C	£563
S060A	£1,720	N/A	N/A	S060S	£3,785	S060C	£838
S070A	£2,055	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	S070C	£1,069
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	S074C	£1,378
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	S080C	£1,698
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	S090C	£2,194
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	S100C	£2,669
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	S110C	£3,120
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	S120C	£3,670
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	S130C	£4,232

9. Tier 2 Charges for installations

Interpretation

“accredited farming installation” means a farming installation which has been authorised by NRW to participate in the IPPC Pig and Poultry Assurance Scheme Module published by NRW;

“activity” means an activity which falls within a description in any Section of Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations and is carried on as part of an installation, and in a case where an activity falls within two or more descriptions in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations, that activity shall be regarded for the purposes of this Scheme as falling within that description which fits it most aptly;

“DAA installation” means a directly associated activity which does not include the carrying on of any activity and which is not a low impact installation;

“farming installation” means an installation carrying out activities falling wholly within a description in Section 6.9 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations;

“local authority installation” means a Part A (2) activity, a Part B activity, or a small waste incineration plant;

“low impact installation” means an installation which, in the opinion of NRW, cannot result in emissions or there is no likelihood that it will result in emissions except in a quantity which is so trivial that it is incapable of causing pollution or its capacity to cause pollution is insignificant;

“non-accredited farming installation” means a farming installation which is not an accredited farming installation;

“standalone landfill gas engine” means a gas engine and associated plant that serves a Landfill permitted under Section 5.2 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Environmental Permitting Regulations, where the gas engine is operated by a third-party operator and needs a separate Directly Associated Activity Permit.

Charges

The charges in the tables below apply to tier 2 facilities falling within Schedule 1.

Table F9a

Installations that are not standard facilities	New Application	Administrative Variation	Minor Technical Variation	Normal Variation	Substantial Variation	Part Transfer	Full Transfer	Part Surrender	Full Surrender	Annual compliance monitoring
Bespoke Low impact Part A Installation	£7,278	£613	£1,035	£4,424	£6,544	£3,996	£2,533	£2,533	£1,774	£563
Standalone landfill gas engine	£12,989	£613	£1,891	£7,916	£11,683	£3,996	£2,533	£2,533	£1,774	£3,670
Local authority installation [Part A (2) or Part B]	£1,626	N/A	N/A	£995	£976	N/A	N/A	£976	£976	£1,069
Accredited farming Installation Note (1)	£9,549	£613	£2,693	£5,841	£7,639	£2,680	£2,680	£5,812	£5,812	£1,119
					Note (2)					
Non-accredited farming Installation	£9,549	£613	£2,693	£5,841	£7,639	£2,680	£2,680	£5,812	£5,812	£2,669
Directly Associated Activity	£7,983	£613	£1,140	£4,856	£7,178	£3,996	£2,533	£2,533	£1,774	£3,670
Small scale hydrogen production by electrolysis of water ⁸	£788	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	£920

Note (1) The Farm Assurance Scheme is for pig and poultry producers who are regulated through Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016. Farmers can qualify for the scheme by showing a high standard of compliance under their permit conditions. The benefit to farmers who meet the entrance criteria is a reduced annual compliance monitoring charge. The charge is subject to a pro-

⁸ Small scale hydrogen production by electrolysis of water, is an addition to EPR charge Scheme for 24-25. Charges applicable from 1st July 2024.

rata adjustment in the event of a mid-year change. Annual compliance monitoring charge is not subject to a compliance adjustment.

Note (2) Substantial variation includes expansion of animal places

Table F9b

<u>Installations that are standard facilities</u>	<u>Rules number</u>	<u>Application</u>	<u>Normal Variation</u>	<u>Part / Full Transfer</u>	<u>Part / Full Surrender</u>	<u>Annual compliance monitoring</u>
<u>Low impact Part A Installation</u>	<u>SR2009no2</u>	<u>£4,429</u>	<u>£613</u>	<u>£2,100</u>	<u>£258</u>	<u>£563</u>
<u>Low impact Part A Installation for production of biodiesel</u>	<u>SR2009no3</u>	<u>£1,720</u>	<u>£613</u>	<u>£2,100</u>	<u>£258</u>	<u>£563</u>
<u>On-farm anaerobic digestion facility using farm wastes only, including use of the resultant biogas</u>	<u>SR2012no9</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>£613</u>	<u>£2,100</u>	<u>£258</u>	<u>£2,194</u>
<u>On-farm anaerobic digestion facility using farm wastes only, including use of the resultant biogas</u>	<u>SR2018No10</u>	<u>£4,646</u>	<u>£613</u>	<u>£2,100</u>	<u>£258</u>	<u>£2,194</u>

Returning applications that cannot be ‘duly made’

All applications must include information to allow us to determine the permit conditions. Where an application is submitted that does not contain sufficient information at the initial ‘duly making’ assessment, we will return it to the applicant. We will keep 14% of the charge to cover the cost of the assessment work done.

Hourly rate charges for outliers

Analysis of the time taken to determine permits shows that a small number of applications take a disproportionately long time to determine. This may be for reasons that are not evident at the time of application and is not necessarily related to the level of public interest in the site. Where the time taken to determine the permit exceeds 150% of the standard time on which we have set our charges, we will charge the relevant time and materials costs at our standard rate of £125 per hour.

NRW-initiated variations

NRW-initiated Installations administrative variations will not be charged for.

10. Tier 2 charges for waste facilities

Interpretation

“fixed condition licence” means an environmental permit which was originally a waste management licence granted by NRW under section 36 of the 1990 Act as a fixed condition licence;

“landfill gas facility” means a waste operation consisting of one or more landfill gas engines operating on a site that is not itself the subject of an environmental permit;

“lower risk”, “medium risk” and “higher risk”, in relation to the deployment of mobile plant, have the meanings given in the table in this paragraph and the terms used in that table have the meanings given in the relevant standard rules;

“pet cemetery” means a landfill for the disposal of material consisting entirely of the remains of dead domestic pets;

“waste motor vehicle facility” means a waste facility authorised by an environmental permit granted before 1 April 2006, to receive less than 2500 tonnes of waste motor vehicles in a year.

Table F10a

Facility Type	Lower risk deployment	Medium risk deployment	Higher risk deployment
SR2010no4 Mobile plant for land spreading (for agricultural or ecological benefit)	List A wastes outside of Source Protection Zone 2 and not within 500m of a European site / Ramsar or SSSI site	List A wastes within Source Protection Zone 2 or within 500m of a European site / Ramsar or SSSI site List B wastes outside of Source Protection Zone 2 and not within 500m of a European site / Ramsar or SSSI site Any single list B waste within Source Protection Zone 2 or within 500m of a European site / Ramsar	List B wastes within Source Protection Zone 2 or within 500m of a European site / Ramsar or SSSI site
SR2010no5 Mobile plant for reclamation, restoration, or	N/A	Any listed wastes outside Source Protection Zone 2 and not within 500m of a European site / Ramsar or SSSI site	Any listed wastes within Source Protection Zone 2 or within 500m of a European site / Ramsar or SSSI site

Facility Type	Lower risk deployment	Medium risk deployment	Higher risk deployment
improvement of land SR2010no6 Mobile plant for land spreading of sewage sludge			
SR2010no11 Mobile plant for the treatment of waste to produce soil, soil substitutes and aggregate	Any permitted wastes at a site outside of Source Protection Zone 1 or 2 and not within 500m of a European site / Ramsar or SSSI site	Any permitted wastes at a site within a Source Protection Zone 1 or 2 or within 500m of a European site / Ramsar or SSSI site	N/A

Charges

The charges in the tables below apply to tier 2 facilities falling within Schedule 1.

Table F10b

Standard Site-based Facilities	Rules number	Application	Transfer	Minor Technical Variation	Administrative Variation	Annual compliance monitoring
Household commercial industrial waste transfer station (building)	SR2008no1	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,669
Household commercial industrial waste transfer station (no building)	SR2008no2	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,669
Household commercial industrial waste transfer station & treatment (building)	SR2008no3	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,669

Household commercial industrial waste transfer station & treatment (no building)	SR2008no4	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,669
Household commercial industrial waste transfer station & asbestos (building)	SR2008no5	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£3,670
Household commercial industrial waste transfer station & asbestos (no building)	SR2008no6	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£3,670
Household commercial industrial waste transfer station & treatment & asbestos storage (building)	SR2008no7	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£3,670
Household commercial industrial waste transfer station & treatment & asbestos storage (no building)	SR2008no8	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£3,670
Asbestos waste transfer station	SR2008no9	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,194
Inert & excavation waste transfer station	SR2008no10	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,194
Inert & excavation waste transfer station with treatment	SR2008no11	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,194
Non-hazardous household waste amenity site	SR2008no12	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,669
Non-hazardous & hazardous household waste amenity site	SR2008no13	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,669
Materials recycling facility (building)	SR2008no14	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,355
Materials recycling facility (no building)	SR2008no15	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,355
Composting in open windrows	SR2008no16	N/A	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,669
Non-hazardous (sewage) sludge chemical and physical treatment facility	SR2008no19	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£3,670
Vehicle de-pollution & dismantling (authorised treatment) facility	SR2008no20	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,669
Scrap metal	SR2008no21	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,669

Storage of furnace ready scrap metal for recovery	SR2008no22	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,194
Waste electrical & electronic equipment treatment facility	SR2008no23	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£3,120
Clinical waste & healthcare waste transfer station	SR2008no24	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£3,120
Clinical waste & healthcare waste treatment & transfer station	SR2008no25	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£4,232
Inert & excavation waste transfer station (<250k tonnes pa)	SR2009no5	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,669
Inert & excavation waste transfer station with treatment (<250k tonnes pa)	SR2009no6	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,669
Storage of furnace ready scrap metal for recovery (<1,000k tonnes pa)	SR2009no7	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,669
Use of waste in construction – up to 50,000 tonnes	SR2010No7	N/A	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£1,698
Use of waste for reclamation, restoration, or improvement of land – up to 50,000 tonnes	SR2010No9	N/A	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£1,698
Treatment of waste to produce soil, soil substitutes and aggregate – up to 75,000 tonnes	SR2010No12	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£1,698
Use of waste to manufacture timber and construction products – up to 75,000 tonnes	SR2010No13	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£1,698
Storage of wastes to be used in land treatment – up to 75,000 tonnes	SR2010No17	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£838
Small metal recycling sites	SR2011No 2	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£1,378
Small vehicle storage, de-pollution, and dismantling	SR2011No 3	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£838

(authorised treatment) facility						
Treatment of waste wood for recovery	SR2011No 4	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£1,698
On-farm anaerobic digestion facility using farm wastes only, including use of the resultant biogas	SR2012No10	N/A	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£1,698
Metal recycling, vehicle storage, de-pollution & dismantling (authorized treatment) facility	SR2012No14	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£1,698
Storage of electrical insulating oils	SR2012No15	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,194
Use of waste in a deposit for recovery activity (construction, restoration, reclamation, or improvement of land other than by mobile plant)	SR2017No1	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£2,194
Metal recycling and waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) authorised treatment facility	SR2017No2	£1,893	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£3,670
On-farm anaerobic digestion facility including the use of the resultant biogas	SR2018No11	N/A	£1,858	£2,888	£717	£1,698

These charges should be read in conjunction with the [risk matrix](#) above and the [deployment charges table](#) further below.

Table F10c

Waste mobile plant standard facilities	Rule number	Application	Administrative Variation	Full Transfer
Mobile plant for the treatment of waste soils and contaminated material, substances, or products	SR2008 No27	£1,323	£717	£1,858
Mobile plant for land spreading (Spreading of waste for agricultural or ecological benefit.)	SR2010 No4	£1,323	£717	£1,858
Mobile plant for reclamation, restoration, or improvement of land (Spreading of waste to create a soil profile.)	SR2010 No5	£1,323	£717	£1,858
Mobile plant for land spreading of sewage sludge	SR2010 No6	£1,323	£717	£1,858
Mobile plant for the treatment of waste to produce soil, soil substitutes and aggregate	SR2010 No11	£1,323	£717	£1,858

Table F10d

Waste facilities that are not standard facilities	Application	Normal Variation	Transfer	Surrender	Annual compliance monitoring charge
Pet cemetery	£423	£150	£401	£400	£168
Waste motor vehicle facility	N/A	£2,066	£1,027	£3,785	£838
Use of wastes in construction up to 50,000 tonnes. Same as SR2010no7 but location requires assessment	N/A	£2,066	£1,027	£3,785	£1,698

Use of wastes in construction up to 100,000 tonnes. Same as SR2010no8 but location requires assessment	N/A	£2,066	£1,027	£3,785	£2,194
Use of wastes for reclamation, restoration, or improvement of land up to 50,000 tonnes. Same as SR2010no9 but location requires assessment	N/A	£2,066	£1,027	£3,785	£1,698
Use of wastes for reclamation, restoration, or improvement of land up to 100,000 tonnes. Same as SR2010no10 but location requires assessment	N/A	£2,066	£1,027	£3,785	£2,194
Composting. Same as SR2011no 1 or SR2010no14 but location requires assessment	N/A	£2,066	£1,027	£1,623	£1,069

Table F10e

Waste facilities that are not standard facilities	Application	Minor Technical Variation	Administrative Variation	Transfer	Annual compliance monitoring charge
Landfill gas facility	£4,772	£2,888	£717	£1,858	£3,120
Treatment of waste to produce soil, soil substitutes, road-stone and aggregate up to 75,000 tonnes. Same as SR2010no12 but location requires assessment	£4,772	£2,888	£717	£1,858	£1,698
Manufacture of timber and construction products from waste up to 75,000 tonnes. Same as SR2010no13 but location requires assessment	£4,772	£2,888	£717	£1,858	£1,698

Surrenders

There is no differentiation between the surrender of a Standard Rules Waste Permit or a Bespoke Waste permit. They take the same amount of work and so have the same charge.

Basic surrenders are for activities that are inherently low risk, for example where land and groundwater should not be at risk. No report is required at surrender. Some mining waste facilities and wastes deposited for recovery may qualify for this route.

Low risk surrender is for situations where activities could in principle pollute land or groundwater, but the operator can show through waste acceptance records (where applicable), and pollution control measures that the legal test for surrender has been met. A report is required but not one involving intrusive monitoring data.

Normal surrender requires a detailed report, using monitoring data:

- a surrender site condition report for waste facilities must show the site to be in a satisfactory state
- a completion report for mining waste facilities and landfills must show the waste deposited will not cause an unacceptable risk of pollution or harm to human health or the environment

Part surrender involves surrendering a part of the permit, subject to the same criteria as a full surrender for the part of the site that the applicant is seeking to surrender. This is a more complex process, and this is reflected in the higher costs.

Table F10f

Waste Surrenders	Charge
Basic Surrender – Part	£2,572
Basic Surrender – Full	£1,617
Low Risk Surrender – Part	£5,606
Low Risk Surrender - Full	£4,586
Normal Surrender - Part	£6,511
Normal Surrender - Full	£5,491
Non-operational Surrender - Part	£2,319
Non-operational Surrender - Full	£1,188

Waste

Returning applications that cannot be ‘duly made’ (Standard Rules Permits)

All applications must include information to allow us to determine the application. Where an application is submitted that does not contain sufficient information at the initial ‘duly making’ assessment, we will return it to the applicant. We will keep 36% of the charge to cover the cost of the assessment work done.

NRW-initiated variations

NRW-initiated Waste administrative variations will not be charged for.

Administrative Variations

This is a new charge for site-based Waste and Mobile plant permits as highlighted in the charge tables above.

Multiple Waste Activities

Where we have multiple waste activities on the same application, for Standard Site Based Facilities, we will charge the full cost of the first activity and 20% of each subsequent activity. These apply to all the fixed cost Tier 2 Standard Site Based Facility Permits (Standard Rules Permits).

For Waste facilities that are not standard facilities, we will charge the most complex highest cost activity at the full permitting charge, and each subsequent activity at 20% of that activity (or the base charge as appropriate). Where there are sites that require locational assessments, these incur additional charging. (These may include the base charge plus additional assessments as seen for Tier 3 Waste Applications. The Additional Assessment cover the whole site.)

11. Tier 2 charges for mining waste operations

Interpretation

“inert mining waste operation” means a mining waste operation which involves the management of only inert extractive waste;

“non-inert mining waste operation” means a mining waste operation which involves the management of non-hazardous non-inert or hazardous extractive waste (as well as any inert waste), but a mining waste operation which includes a Category A mining waste facility or a mining waste facility involving the management of hazardous waste is not an inert mining waste operation or a non-inert mining waste operation.

Charges

The charges within the table below apply to tier 2 facilities falling within Schedule 1;

Table F11a

Mining Waste Operation	Application	Variation	Transfer	Surrender	Annual compliance monitoring charge
Non-inert mining waste operation with a non-inert mining waste facility	£2,778	£2,066	£1,027	£3,785	£1,069
Non-inert mining waste operation without a mining waste facility	£2,778	£2,066	£1,027	£573	£1,069

Table F11b

Mining Waste Operation	Application	Minor Technical Variation	Administrative variation	Transfer	Annual compliance
Management of inert extractive wastes at mines and quarries SR2009no8	£1,027	£2,888	£717	£1,858	£168
Management of inert extractive wastes at mines and quarries – combination of water discharge activity and permit conditions same as SR2009No8	£1,027	£2,888	£717	£1,858	£168
Inert mining waste operation	£1,027	£2,888	£717	£1,858	£563

Table F11c

Mining Waste Surrenders⁹	Charge
Basic Surrender – Part	£2,572
Basic Surrender – Full	£1,617
Low Risk Surrender – Part	£5,606
Low Risk Surrender - Full	£4,586
Normal Surrender - Part	£6,511
Normal Surrender - Full	£5,491
Non-operational Surrender - Part	£2,319
Non-operational Surrender - Full	£1,188

Mining Waste

Returning applications that cannot be ‘duly made’ (Standard Rules Permits)

All applications must include information to allow us to determine the permit conditions. Where an application is submitted that does not contain sufficient information at the initial ‘duly making’ assessment, we will return it to the applicant. We will keep 36% of the charge to cover the cost of the assessment work done.

NRW-initiated variations

NRW-initiated Waste administrative variations will not be charged for.

Administrative Variations

This is a new charge for site-based Waste as highlighted in the charge tables above.

Multiple Waste Activities

Where we have multiple waste activities on the same application, we will charge the most complex activity at the full permitting charge (base charge plus additional assessments) and each subsequent activity at 20% of the base charge of that activity.

12. Tier 2 charges for radioactive substances activities

Interpretation

⁹ Descriptions of the various surrender types for mining waste are the same as those explained under the site-based section on [page 37](#)

“GTLD” means a gaseous tritium light device;

“GTLS” means a gaseous tritium light source;

“high complexity” means the site is used for the production of GTLDs or GTLSs, or discharges and disposals are above a threshold of 30,000 as calculated using the method in the OPRA scheme;

“low quantity” means the total holdings of open source radioactive materials does not exceed 10 GBq of technetium-99m or 20 MBq of other radionuclides;

“low risk surrender” means an application for surrender of a permit which includes evidence that demonstrates that only short-lived radionuclides have been held or disposed of or that the site was never put into operation;

“open source” means a radioactive source which is not a sealed source;

“similar source” means such other sealed source which, in the opinion of the regulator, is of a similar level of potential hazard to a high-activity source.

Charges

The charges within the table below apply to tier 2 facilities falling within Schedule 1;

Table F12a

Radioactive substances activities	Application	Variation	Transfer	Surrender
Standard facility for source category 5 SR2010no1	£2,197	£2,045	£411	£381
Keeping and use of one or more sealed sources where each source, and all sources taken together, fall within source category 5 and/or accumulation and/or disposal of waste sealed sources	£2,514	£2,494	£3,039	£2,153
Keeping and use of one or more similar sources and/or accumulation and/or disposal of waste sealed sources	£5,641	£5,375	£3,039	£3,609
Keeping and use of one or more high-activity sources and/or accumulation and/or disposal	£7,407	£7,090	£3,546	£3,609
Keeping and use of open radioactive sources only	£4,651	£3,727	£3,039	£2,153

Keeping and use of open radioactive sources and/or accumulation and/or disposal of radioactive waste – low quantity	£6,026	£5,102	£3,039	£6,963 (low risk £2,153)
Keeping and use of open radioactive sources and/or accumulation and/or disposal of radioactive waste - not being low quantity or high complexity	£8,071	£7,217	£3,039	£6,963 (low risk £2,153)
Keeping and use of open radioactive sources and/or accumulation and/or disposal of radioactive waste - high complexity.	£9,373	£7,881	£3,039	£10,128 (low risk £2,153)

In addition to the tables above:

- Where an operator requests an Administrative Variation, the charge will be £886.
- A low-risk surrender charge is applied where there is no likelihood of ongoing contamination after the permitted activities have ceased.

The subsistence charges within the following table apply to tier 2 facilities falling within Schedule 1.

To determine the subsistence charge for a site, first identify the row correctly describing the radioactive substances activity or activities relating to open-source use. Second identify the column correctly describing the radioactive substances activity or activities relating to sealed source use. The subsistence charge is that shown at the intersection of the row and the column so identified.

Radioactive substances activities involving the keeping, use, accumulation, and disposal of sealed radioactive sources

Table F12b

	No keeping or use of sealed sources	Standard facility for source category 5	Keeping and use of one or more sealed sources where each source, and all sources taken together, fall within source category 5 and/or accumulation and/or disposal	Keeping and use of one or more similar sources and/or accumulation and/or disposal	Keeping and use of one or more high-activity sources and/or accumulation and/or disposal
No keeping or use of open radioactive sources	N/A	£328	£328	£1,365	£1,584
or where each source is a GTLD		£106	£106		
Keeping and use of open radioactive sources only	£328	£328	£328	£1,365	£1,584
Keeping and use of open radioactive sources and/or accumulation and/or disposal of radioactive waste – low quantity	£558	£558	£558	£1,584	£2,173
Keeping and use of open radioactive sources and/or accumulation and/or disposal of radioactive waste - not being low quantity or high complexity	£1,584	£2,173	£2,173	£2,642	£3,636
Keeping and use of open radioactive sources and/or accumulation and/or disposal of radioactive waste - high complexity.	£3,090	£3,636	£3,636	£4,193	£4,193

13. Tier 2 charges for groundwater & water discharge activities

Interpretation

Activities that qualify for exemptions

The following activities may qualify for exemptions and are not subject to a charge as defined in [Schedule 2 \(Paragraph 5\) of the Environmental Permitting \(England and Wales\) Regulations 2016](#):

- Septic tank or package sewage treatment plant (<2m³ per day to ground and <5m³ per day to surface water)
- Ground source heating or cooling systems
- Discharging small quantities for scientific purposes
- Management of vegetation in or near inland freshwaters.

Multiple application discounts

Where an operator submits multiple standalone water discharge and groundwater activity permits at the same site, the following charges and discounts will apply:

- 100% of the relevant application charge in the tables of charges for the largest application charge
- 50% of the relevant application charge for any secondary activities that are part of the same operation
- 10% of the relevant application charge for the same activity carried out multiple times on the same site.

Additional Assessment charges

Where required, we are proposing to introduce an add on charge to conduct a [Habitat Regulation Assessment](#) and or an [Environmental Risk Assessment](#).

Applications with insufficient detail to progress

If we return an application due to insufficient detail and so are unable to progress past the duly made stage, we are proposing to retain 10% of the application charge. An application will only be returned after the operator has been given an opportunity to supply missing information.

Withdrawn applications

If an application is withdrawn by the operator after reaching the duly made stage, we propose to retain 100% of the application charge. If an application is withdrawn by the operator before progressing from the duly made stage, we propose to retain 10% of the application charge.

Water Industry Act 1991, Section 166 consents – new charges

We have introduced new charges for s166 consents from 1st July 2023. However, these activities fall outside of Environmental Permitting Regulations. Details of these new charges can be found on our [website](#).

Charges

The charges within the tables below apply to tier 2 facilities falling within Schedule 1.

Standard Rules Permits

Standard Rule SR2010 No.2, discharges to surface water: cooling water and heat exchangers

These rules allow you to discharge up to 1,000 cubic metres of water per day from a cooling circuit or heat exchanger to inland surface freshwaters, coastal waters or relevant territorial waters (as defined in [Section 104 of the Water Resources Act 1991](#)).

Table F13a

Cooling water or thermal discharge	Charge
New Application	£5,578
Variation – Minor	£961
Variation - Administration	£363
Transfer	£363
Surrender	£363
Additional assessment charge: Habitats Regulation Assessment	£2,717
Additional assessment charge: Environmental Risk Assessment	£2,717

Standard Rule SR2010 No.3, Surface Water Domestic Sewage Discharge ≥ 5 m³ per day to 20m³ per day

It is no longer possible to apply for a new permit. It is possible to vary, transfer or surrender an existing permit.

Table F13b

Domestic sewage	Charge
Variation - Minor	£834
Variation - Administration	£363
Transfer	£363
Surrender	£363

Bespoke permits

Combined sewer overflow

Single pipe that combines both wastewater from our homes and businesses (toilets, sinks, showers, baths etc) and surface water from roofs and gutters. Storm water is released by an overflow pipe, which spills at designated points, into watercourses or the sea.

Table F13c

Combined Sewer Outflow	Charge
New	£6,229
Variation - Substantial	£4,984
Variation – Normal	£3,115
Variation – Minor	£935
Variation - Administration	£363
Transfer	£363
Surrender	£363
Returned or not duly made	£624
Withdrawn	£6,229
Additional assessment charge: Habitat Regulations Assessment	£3,115

Additional assessment charge: Environmental Risk Assessment	£3,115
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Domestic treated sewage

Water and human excretions or other waterborne wastes incidental to the occupancy of a residential building or a non-residential building but is free from industrial wastes.

Table F13d

Domestic treated sewage – groundwater	Charge		
	<5m³ per day	≥5m³ per day to 15m³ per day	≥15m³ per day
Permit Category			
New	£3,478	£4,293	£5,778
Variation - Substantial	£2,811	£3,463	£4,651
Variation - Normal	£1,812	£2,219	£2,962
Variation - Minor	£646	£768	£991
Variation - Administration	£363	£363	£363
Transfer	£363	£363	£363
Surrender	£363	£363	£363
Returned or not duly made	£349	£430	£578
Withdrawn	£3,478	£4,293	£5,778

Table F13e

Domestic treated sewage – groundwater	Charge
Assessment Category	All categories
Additional assessment charge:	£2,817

Table F13f

Domestic treated sewage – surfacewater	Charge		
	<5m ³ per day	≥5m ³ per day to 20m ³ per day	≥20m ³ per day
Permit Category			
New	£3,731	£4,094	£5,778
Variation - Substantial	£3,014	£3,811	£5,071
Variation - Normal	£1,939	£2,436	£3,224
Variation - Minor	£684	£834	£1,070
Variation - Administration	£363	£363	£363
Transfer	£363	£363	£363
Surrender	£363	£363	£363
Returned or not duly made	£373	£409	£578
Withdrawn	£3,731	£4,094	£5,778

Table F13g

Domestic treated sewage – surfacewater	Charge
Assessment Category	All categories
Additional assessment charge:	£2,817
Habitat Regulations Assessment	
Additional assessment charge:	£2,817
Environmental Risk Assessment	

Foul sewer pumping station emergency discharge

The foul sewer carries used wastewater to a sewage works for treatment.

Table F13h

Foul sewer pumping station emergency discharge	Charge
New	£5,433
Variation - Substantial	£4,346

Variation – Normal	£2,717
Variation – Minor	£815
Variation - Administration	£363
Transfer	£363
Surrender	£363
Returned or not duly made	£543
Withdrawn	£5,433
Additional assessment charge: Habitat Regulations Assessment	£2,717
Additional assessment charge: Environmental Risk Assessment	£2,717

Disposal of liquid waste to land and non-waste solid discharges to land

Disposal of liquid waste to land is for the spreading to land of waste sheep dip and spreading to land of wash-waters from the cleaning and disinfecting after an outbreak of animal disease.

Non-waste solid discharges to land is for disposal of animal carcasses when derogations from the animal by product regulations are in force (for example, as a response to an animal disease outbreak in an emergency).

Table F13j

Disposal of liquid waste to land	Charge
Non-waste solid discharges to land	
New	£3,840
Variation - Substantial	£3,102
Variation – Normal	£1,994

Variation – Minor	£701
Variation – Administration	£363
Transfer	£363
Surrender	£363
Returned or not duly made	£385
Withdrawn	£3,840
Additional assessment charge: Habitat Regulations Assessment	£1,721

There will be an ongoing annual compliance charge to cover our costs of maintaining and reviewing your permit, ensuring that you comply with the permit conditions

Table F13J

Disposal of liquid waste to land; Non-waste solid discharges to land;	Annual Compliance Charge
Small solid discharge (less than or equal to 8 tonnes)	£345
Medium solid discharge (greater than 8 tonnes but less than or equal to 100 tonnes)	£585
Large solid discharge (greater than 100 tonnes)	£4,402
Small liquid discharge (less than or equal to 10 cubic metres per annum)	£178
Medium liquid discharge (greater than 10 cubic metres but less than or equal to 50 cubic metres per annum)	£585
Large liquid discharge (greater than 50 cubic metres per annum)	£4,402

Table F13k

Water discharge activities and groundwater activities (point source)	Annual Compliance Charge Multiplier
SR2010no2 standard rules permits for discharges to surface water from cooling water and heat exchangers	£785
SR2010no3 standard rules permits for discharge to surface water of secondary treated domestic sewage with a maximum daily volume between 5 and 20 cubic metres per day	£785

Trade effluent

Trade effluent includes any effluent which is discharged from premises used for carrying on any trade or industry ([Section 221 of the Water Resources Act 1991](#))

Table F13L

Trade effluent – groundwater	Charge		
	<5m ³ per day	≥5m ³ per day to 15m ³ per day	≥15m ³ per day
Permit Category			
New	£3,415	£5,517	£9,516
Variation - Substantial	£2,767	£4,449	£7,647
Variation – Normal	£1,795	£2,846	£4,846
Variation – Minor	£662	£977	£1,576
Variation - Administration	£363	£363	£363
Transfer	£363	£363	£363
Surrender	£363	£363	£363
Returned or not duly made	£341	£553	£952
Withdrawn	£3,415	£5,517	£9,516

Table F13m

Trade effluent – groundwater	Charge
Assessment Category	All categories
Additional assessment charge: Habitat Regulations Assessment	£4,671

Table F13n

Trade effluent – surfacewater	Charge		
Permit Category	<5m³ per day	≥5m³ per day to 20m³ per day	≥20m³ per day
New	£3,610	£5,838	£10,076
Variation - Substantial	£2,923	£4,706	£8,096
Variation - Normal	£1,893	£3,007	£5,126
Variation - Minor	£691	£1,025	£1,661
Variation - Administration	£363	£363	£363
Transfer	£363	£363	£363
Surrender	£363	£363	£363
Returned or not duly made	£361	£585	£1,008
Withdrawn	£3,610	£5,838	£10,076

Table F13o

Trade effluent – surfacewater	Charge
Assessment Category	All categories
Additional assessment charge: Habitat Regulations Assessment	£4,951
Additional assessment charge: Environmental Risk Assessment	£4,951

Water company sewage network

Sewage disposal works – including a sewage pumping station at the head of a works.

Sewage network - pumping station.

Table F13p

Water company sewage network	Charge
New	£5,741
Variation - Substantial	£4,592
Variation - Normal	£2,870
Variation - Minor	£862
Variation - Administration	£363
Transfer	£363
Surrender	£363
Returned or not duly made	£585
Withdrawn	£5,741

Table F13q

Water company sewage network	Charge
Additional assessment charge: Habitat Regulations Assessment	£2,870
Additional assessment charge: Environmental Risk Assessment	£2,870

14. Tier 2 charges for medium combustion plant and specified generator activities

Interpretation

“back-up generator” means a generator operated for the sole purpose of maintaining power supply at a site during an on-site emergency;

“medium combustion plant” means a combustion plant with a rated thermal input equal to or greater than 1 megawatt but less than 50 megawatts, and any combination of combustion plants referred to in article 2(2) or article 4 of the MCPD, provided that:

- (a) it does not fall within Article 2(3) or (4) of the MCPD;

- (b) it is not installed on an offshore platform situated on, above or below those parts of the sea adjacent to England and Wales from the low water mark to the seaward baseline of the United Kingdom territorial sea;
- (c) it is not installed on a gas storage or unloading platform as defined in regulation 2 of the Offshore Combustion Installations (Pollution Prevention and Control) Regulations 2013;

“specified generator” means:

- (a) a generator, other than an excluded generator, with a rated thermal input:
 - (i) more than or equal to 1 megawatt and less than 50 megawatts, or
 - (ii) in the case of a generator used to meet a capacity agreement or an agreement to provide balancing services, less than 50 megawatts;
- (b) where two or more generators falling with paragraph (a)(i) or (ii) are operated:
 - (i) on the same site,
 - (ii) by the same operator, and
 - (iii) for the same purpose,

those generators together, provided that the rated thermal input of those generators together is less than 50 megawatts; or

- (a) where two or more generators, other than excluded generators;
 - (i) are operated as set out in paragraph (b)(i) to (iii), and
 - (ii) together have a rated thermal input more than or equal to 1 megawatt and less than 50 megawatts, even if one or more of the generators has a rated thermal input of less than 1 megawatt,

those generators together.

“the Medium Combustion Plant Directive” means Directive 2015/2193/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council on the limitation of emissions of certain pollutants into the air from medium combustion plants.

Charges

The charges in the tables below apply to new medium combustion plant and specified generators.

Standard Rule application and subsistence fees

Table F14a

Standard rules permit number	Permit Schedule change¹⁰	Surrender	Annual compliance monitoring charge
Specified Generator standard rules	£408	£265	£305
SR2018 No.1			
MCP standard rules	£408	£265	£258
SR2018 No.7-1 MCP only			
MCP standard rules	£408	£265	£334
SR2018 No.7-up to 3 MCPs			
MCP standard rules	£408	£265	£412
SR2018 No.7-up to 5 MCPs			
MCP standard rules	£408	£265	£495
SR2018 No.7-up to 8 MCPs			
MCP standard rules	£408	£265	£584
SR2018 No.7-up to 10 MCPs			
MCP standard rules	£408	£265	£686
SR2018 No.7-up to 15 MCPs			

¹⁰ To add or remove Medium Combustion Plant / Specified Generators from a Standard Rules Permit

Table F14b

Fixed bespoke application charges

Bespoke Permit type	Application	Minor variation	Normal variation	Substantial variation	Full Transfer	Part transfer	Full Surrender	Part surrender
Complex bespoke MCP/ SG	£9,978	£1,380	£5,787	£9,175	£2,076	£3,322	£1,409	£2,033
Simple Bespoke MCP/SG	£3,906	£1,380	£2,341	£3,162	£2,076	£3,322	£1,409	£2,033

- Where an operator requests an Administrative Variation, the charge will be £577. There is no charge for NRW-initiated Administrative Variations.
- Where a medium combustion plant is also a Part B activity under Schedule 1 of the Environmental Permitting Regulations, we will add £907 to the application charge.
- Where a medium combustion plant or specified generator is a Directly Associated Activity to a Part A (1) activity on an Installation, additional amounts will be added:
 - For a new Waste Operation or Installation including a bespoke MCP/SG – £1,626
 - For a Variation to a Waste or Installation Permit to add an MCP/SG with no other changes – the appropriate stand-alone MCP/SG charge from the tables above
 - For a Variation to a Waste or Installation Permit which includes changes to the MCP/SG along with other changes – add £976 to the Installation Variation charge
 - For a Variation to a Waste or Installation Permit where only the MCP/SG conditions are varied – the appropriate variation charge from the tables above
 - There will be no charge for non-technical changes to MCP/SG conditions as part of a Variation to an Installation or Waste permit.

For any scenario not listed above we will charge the most appropriate charge based on the information listed above.

Fixed bespoke subsistence fees

Table F14c

Bespoke Permit type	1 MCP/ Generator	3 MCP/ Generators	5 MCP/ Generators	8 MCP/ Generators	10 MCP/ Generators	15 MCP/ Generators	15+ MCP/ Generators
Complex bespoke MCP/ SG	£908	£979	£1,050	£1,122	£1,229	£1,407	£1,479
Simple Bespoke MCP/SG	£775	£847	£918	£990	£1,097	£1,275	£1,347

G. Schedule 2 – Tier 3

1. Tier 3 Facility

Interpretation

“waste facility” means;

(1) a waste operation, or a group of waste operations described in Schedule 3, which is not carried on as part of an installation, or

(2) waste mobile plant;

“waste facility group” means one or more waste facility which is the subject of an application or permit;

“installation group” means one or more installation which is the subject of an application or permit and an installation includes part of an installation and means -

(1) a Part A (1) installation; or

(2) a Part A (2) or Part B installation, a Part B mobile plant or a small waste incineration plant which is the subject of a direction under regulation 33 of the Regulations, transferring the functions in relation to that installation or plant to NRW;

“tier 3 mining waste operation” means a mining waste operation described in Schedule 3.

2a. Installations – Permitting Charges

Our revised charges¹¹ introduce a range of base charges depending on the complexity of the determination, with additional charges for certain assessments where applicable. The key differences from the previous site specific OPRA score approach are:

- Four bands of base charge dependent on the complexity of the application
- Additional charges for certain bespoke assessments
- Time and material charges where the time taken is more than 150% of that paid for
- Time and material charges for landfill specific bespoke assessments

The [banding tool](#) enables applicants to determine which band an application will fall into. The key factors in determining activities within these bands are:

- The number of different Part A (1) listed activities on the site
- The multiples of the threshold that brings the main Part (A)1 listed activity into regulation

¹¹ For tier 3 permitting charges, we have moved away from OPRA based application charges for Installations and have introduced a less complex charging scheme, which more closely matches the charge to the cost of delivery. **This now means we do not apply any Installations multipliers for tier 3 permits.**

- Whether there are any large Combustion Plant or Waste Incineration activities on site
- Whether the site treats hazardous waste
- Whether the Installation is a landfill, and
- Whether there is no applicable Best Available Techniques guidance for the activity

For substantial and normal variations, the charge will only apply to the parts of the installation that are affected by the variation. This aligns the charge with the work needed to determine the variation rather than the entire operation at the installation (as was the case with the OPRA based charge).

Where an installation also carries out Part A (2) or Part B activities, or where there is a medium combustion plant or specified generator activity (MCP or SG), a fixed amount will be charged for each activity.

Where there is a waste operation facility within the installation permit we will charge 20% of the relevant waste activity charge for that activity.

Table G2a – Part A

Bespoke EPR Installation Permits	Band 1 bespoke	Band 2 bespoke	Band 3 bespoke	Band 4 bespoke
New application	£13,609	£20,470	£32,718	£44,850
Administrative Variation	£613	£613	£613	£613
Minor-technical Variation	£2,693	£2,693	£2,693	£2,693
Normal Variation	£8,967	£11,413	£19,580	£35,132
Substantial Variation	£13,035	£19,635	£31,395	£42,687
Part Transfer	£5,238	£7,243	£11,842	£14,638
Full Transfer	£2,680	£2,680	£2,680	£2,680
Part Surrender	£6,692	£9,166	£18,349	£24,297
Full Surrender	£5,812	£8,369	£14,731	£20,559
Low risk Surrender	£2,693	£2,693	£2,693	£2,693
Surrender of a site that has never operated	£1,218	£1,218	£1,218	£1,218

Table G2a – Part B

Bespoke EPR Installation - Additional assessments	Charge
Full air quality assessment	£2,692
Fugitive emissions assessment (where not part of air quality modelling)	£1,657
Odour assessment (where not part of air quality modelling)	£1,619
Bioaerosols modelling assessment	£3,380
Full noise modelling impact assessment	£2,425
Fire prevention and mitigation plan	£2,343
Deposit for recovery assessment	£1,734
Water Framework Directive assessment of process effluent	£3,222

Returning applications that cannot be ‘duly made’

All applications must include information to allow us to determine the permit conditions. Where an application is submitted that does not contain sufficient information at the initial ‘duly making’ assessment, we will return it to the applicant. We will keep 14% of the charge to cover the cost of the assessment work done.

Hourly rate charges for outliers

Analysis of the time taken to determine permits shows that a small number of applications take a disproportionately long time to determine. This may be for reasons that are not evident at the time of application and is not necessarily related to the level of public interest in the site. Where the time taken to determine the permit exceeds 150% of the standard time on which we have set our charges, we will charge the relevant time and materials costs at our standard rate of £125 per hour.

NRW-initiated variations

We will not charge for administrative variations which are initiated by NRW. For other types of NRW-initiated variations, we will charge the appropriate amount under tables [G2a - Part A / Part B](#) above.

Administrative Variations

This is a new charge of £613 for bespoke Installations permits as highlighted under the charge table [G2a - Part A](#) above.

Withdrawn applications

Where an application is withdrawn or deemed withdrawn, we will use our judgement on whether to return part of the application charge, depending on how much time has been spent on the determination work up to that point.

Landfill

The charge for all types of landfill site permit applications will consist of the appropriate base charge and amounts for the relevant additional assessments from the standard list in the Waste or Installations charge tables. In addition, the assessment of any landfill-specific reports, for example a hydrogeological risk assessment, stability risk assessment or landfill gas risk assessment, will be charged on a time and materials basis at our standard rate of £125/hour.

2b. Installations – Subsistence Charges

Relevant Charge Multipliers¹²

(1) The relevant charge multipliers for an installation group, for the purposes of charges arising under the following paragraphs of the Charging Scheme are;

Table G2b

Charge	Installations Multiplier
Subsistence charge	£108

OPRA Weighting Factors

The relevant OPRA weighting factors for an installation group are;

Table G2b

Attribute		Band Score A	Band Score B	Band Score C	Band Score D	Band Score E
Complexity	Note each activity is scored	2	15	45	82	110
Emissions	Air	3	10	20	35	50
	Water	3	10	20	35	50
	Land	3	10	20	35	50
	Waste input	3	10	20	35	50
	Sewer	1	2	3	5	10

¹² **Please note** - the subsistence charge multiplier will remain in place for the whole of 2024/25 as well as the compliance scoring system, until such time these areas of activity are subject to a future review.

Attribute		Band Score	Band Score	Band Score	Band Score	Band Score
		A	B	C	D	E
	Off-site waste	1	2	3	5	10
Location		3	10	20	40	60
Operator Performance		10	25	40	60	75

3. Waste, Mining Waste & Mobile Plant – Permitting Charges

Our revised charges¹³ introduce a range of base charges depending on the complexity of the determination, with additional charges for certain assessments where applicable. The charge will be a base charge plus the cost of additional assessments.

Where effort goes beyond 150% of the standard time to determine a given permit, NRW will also charge for relevant time and materials costs at £125/hr from that point on.

Also, areas in site-based Waste and Mining Waste, such as additional landfill specific charges that reflect the unique and geological nature of landfills will also be subject to relevant time and materials costs at £125/hr.

Table G3a

Bespoke Waste EPR Permits	Base Charge
New application	£10,011
New application - Mobile plant	£10,011
New application - Inert landfill	£10,011
New application - Mining waste	£10,011
Administrative Variation	£717
Normal Variation	£8,308
Minor Technical Variation	£2,888
Transfer – Part	£4,937
Transfer – Full	£3,211

¹³ For tier 3 permitting charges, we have moved away from OPRA based application charges for site-based Waste and Mobile Plant and have introduced a less complex charging scheme, which more closely matches the charge to the cost of delivery. **This now means we do not apply any waste facility multipliers for tier 3 permits.**

Additional Assessment Charges will also apply here when plans are submitted as part of a surrender application (Table G3b). In the case of a landfill waste operation, Time & Material charges applied on top of the base charge and relevant additional assessment charges.

Table G3b

<u>Waste Surrenders</u> ¹⁴	Base Charge
Basic Surrender – Part	£2,572
Basic Surrender – Full	£1,617
Low Risk Surrender – Part	£5,606
Low Risk Surrender - Full	£4,586
Normal Surrender - Part	£6,511
Normal Surrender - Full	£5,491
Non-operational Surrender - Part	£2,319
Non-operational Surrender - Full	£1,188

Table G3c

Additional plans to be assessed	Charge
Commercial confidentiality assessment	£717
Assessment / documentation of other protected sites	£201
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) assessment	£306
Habitats Regulations Assessment	£2,520
Noise impact assessment and noise management plan	£2,425
Waste recovery plan	£1,734
Dust and emissions management plan (DEMP)	£861
Odour management plan	£1,619
Fire prevention and mitigation plan (FPMP)	£2,343
Pest management plan	£460
Water Framework Directive assessment of process effluent	£3,222
Integral discharge assessment	£390
Bioaerosol risk assessment	£3,715

¹⁴ There is no differentiation between the surrender of a Standard Rules Waste Permit or a Bespoke Waste permit. They take the same amount of work and so have the same charge. Descriptions of the various surrender types for tier 3 waste are the same as those explained under the tier 2 site-based waste section on [page 37](#).

Other landfill / mining waste / deposit for recovery assessments (e.g. Hydrogeological risk assessment, Landfill gas management, financial provision, stability risk assessment, surrender report etc.)	£125/hr
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Returning applications that cannot be ‘duly made’ (Tier 3 Waste / Mining Waste / Mobile Plant Permits)

All applications must include information to allow us to determine the permit conditions. Where an application is submitted that does not contain sufficient information at the initial ‘duly making’ assessment, we will return it to the applicant. We will keep 24% of the charge to cover the cost of the assessment work done.

Hourly rate charges where time exceeds 150% of standard time to determine Tier 3 Waste / Mining Waste / Mobile Plant Permits

The time we expect to spend determining an application is based on data showing the average time this takes. Where the determination time goes beyond 150% of the standard time covered by the application charge, relevant time and materials costs of £125/hr will be applied. This charge will be invoiced in arrears.

NRW-initiated variations

Tier 3 NRW-initiated administrative variations will not be charged for.

Administrative Variations

This is a new charge as highlighted in [table G3a](#) above.

Multiple Waste Activities

Where we have multiple activities on the same application, we will charge the most complex activity at the full (100%) Base Charge and each subsequent activity at 20% of the Base Charge of that activity.

The Additional Assessment cover the whole site. The additional charges will be for all the Additional Assessments for all the activities applied for. The full permit cost will be the full Base Charge of the most complex activity applied for, plus 20% of the Base Charges of each subsequent activities applied for, and the cost of all the additional activities required by all the activities applied for. The Additional Assessment will be charged for once, covering all the activities applied for.

4. Tier 3 mobile plant deployment charges

Interpretation

“land remediation” means the on-site treatment of contaminated soil and/or contaminated controlled waters either in-situ or ex-situ by waste mobile plant;

“lower risk”, “medium risk” and “higher risk” in relation to the deployment of waste mobile plant, have the same meanings as in Schedule 1, paragraph 10 of this document, except that where the waste to be treated in that deployment is not listed in standard rules SR2010No4, SR2010No5 or SR2010No6, the deployment shall be deemed to be “higher risk”;

“lower risk” in relation to the deployment of Part A (1) mobile plant, means plant which is authorised by a permit which does not authorise any point source emissions and where NRW has agreed that the deployment does not require site specific assessment of best available techniques;

“waste spread to land for recovery” means the recovery of waste to agricultural or non-agricultural land by conferring benefit through the physical, chemical, and biological improvement of the soil to support growth and must be for the purpose of providing, maintaining, or improving the soil’s ability to provide a growing medium, where undertaken by waste mobile plant;

“waste treatment” means any other waste operation carried out by waste mobile plant which is not land remediation or waste spread to land for recovery.

Charges

The relevant mobile plant deployment charges are;

Table G4

Description	Type of deployment	Charge
(a) Land remediation	Per deployment	£2,074
(b) Any waste spread to land for recovery	Per lower risk deployment	£1,494
	Per medium risk deployment	£1,640
	Per higher risk deployment	£1,929
(c) Waste treatment	Per deployment	£1,349

H. Schedule 3 – Subsistence charges for waste facilities (excluding waste mobile plant) and mining waste operations that are not tier 2 facilities

1. Interpretation

"building or demolition waste" means waste arising from works of construction (including improvement, repair, or alteration) or demolition, including waste arising from work preparatory thereto;

"hazardous waste" has the meaning given in the Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005, the Hazardous Waste (Wales) Regulations 2005, and the Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016

"household", "industrial" and "commercial" waste have the meanings given in the 1990 Act;

"incinerator" means the burning of waste in a plant which would fall within the description in paragraph D6 of Part 1 of Schedule 3 of the Regulations;

"inert waste" means waste which, when disposed of in or on land, does not undergo any significant physical, chemical, or biological transformation;

"table" means a table in this schedule.

2. Charges

- (1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) to (8), for each waste facility and mining waste operation authorised by the permit the total of the sums shown in tables H3 to H9 in this Schedule
- (2) Where a permit relates to waste facilities falling within more than one part of a table or, as the case may be, to descriptions of waste falling within more than one paragraph of the 'description of waste' column of a table, the highest of the sums deriving from each of those parts or paragraphs calculated on the basis of the total amount of waste (of whatever description) intended to be subject under the permit to the waste facility or facilities specified within the table in question.
- (3) Where a permit authorises both the treatment and the keeping of waste, in respect of both waste facilities, the higher of the sums deriving from table H3 and table H4, or where such sums are equal, that sum.
- (4) Where a permit authorises both the keeping and disposal of waste by an incinerator, in respect of both waste facilities, the sum determined in accordance with part B of table H5.
- (5) Sub-paragraph (6) applies where, immediately before 1 April 2009, more than one permit was held by the same person and;

- (a) the land specified in each of those permits adjoins the area specified in one or more of the other permits;
 - (b) each of those permits authorises the carrying on of the same waste facility in relation to the same descriptions of waste; and
 - (c) none of those permits falls within table H6 (permit for disposal of controlled waste where disposal operations have ceased);
- (6) Where sub-paragraph (5) applies only one sum is payable in respect of the relevant permits, namely, whichever is the lower of;
- (a) the equivalent to the sum which would be payable if all the waste to which those permits relate had been the subject of a single permit; or
 - (b) the total of the sums calculated for each permit separately.
- (7) Where the sum in respect of the permit is determined in accordance with table H5 or table H6 (whether by reference to table H5 or table H6 alone or in conjunction with other tables), and the land specified in the permit adjoins an installation which is a landfill, the sum shall be reduced by 10%.
- (8) For the purposes of sub-paragraphs (5) and (7), land specified in one of the permits shall be treated as adjoining land specified in another of the permits notwithstanding that the areas of land are separated by a highway.

3. Table H3 – Permit for the treatment of waste in or on land

In this Table;

"permit" means a site permit which authorises or which, if granted or modified in accordance with the application, will authorise the treatment of waste;

"amount of waste" means the maximum annual amount in tonnes of waste which under the permit;

- (a) is authorised to be received at the site for treatment; or
- (b) is authorised to be treated at the site where it was produced;

"civic amenity facility" is a facility that is operated to meet the obligations of a waste disposal authority under section 51(1) (b) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Table H3 Part A The treatment of waste for the purpose of recycling.

Table H3 Part B The treatment of waste for any other purpose.

Table H3 Part A - The treatment of waste for the purpose of recycling

Description of waste	Amount of waste (annual)	Charge
<p>(a) Any waste which is hazardous waste other than:</p> <p>(i) the contents of motor vehicle batteries; or</p> <p>(ii) hazardous waste which forms part of, or is contained in, a waste motor vehicle and was necessary for the normal operation of the vehicle;</p> <p>(iii) bonded asbestos; or</p> <p>(iv) Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment</p> <p>(v) Hazardous waste accepted at a civic amenity facility</p>	<p>(i) <5,000 tonnes</p> <p>(ii) ≥5,000 <25,000 tonnes</p> <p>(iii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes</p> <p>(iv) ≥75,000 tonnes</p>	<p>£3,461</p> <p>£4,387</p> <p>£5,402</p> <p>£7,186</p>
<p>(b) Any household or commercial waste except:</p> <p>(i) scrap metal;</p> <p>(ii) waste motor vehicles;</p> <p>(iii) motor vehicle batteries or their contents;</p> <p>(iv) hazardous waste which forms part of, or is contained in, a waste motor vehicle and was necessary for the normal operation of the vehicle.</p>	<p>(i) <5,000 tonnes</p> <p>(ii) ≥5,000 <25,000 tonnes</p> <p>(iii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes</p> <p>(iv) ≥75,000 tonnes</p>	<p>£1,852</p> <p>£2,524</p> <p>£2,800</p> <p>£3,682</p>
<p>(c) Any waste not falling within sub paragraphs (a), (b) and (d).</p>	<p>(i) <5,000 tonnes</p> <p>(ii) ≥5,000 <25,000 tonnes</p> <p>(iii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes</p> <p>(iv) ≥75,000 tonnes</p>	<p>£1,257</p> <p>£1,543</p> <p>£2,018</p> <p>£2,679</p>
<p>(d) Permits for waste motor vehicles that take less than 2,500 tonnes.</p>	<p>(i) <2,500 tonnes</p>	<p>£838</p>

Table H3 Part B - The treatment of waste for any other purpose

Description of waste	Amount of waste (annual)	Charge
(a) Any waste which is hazardous waste other than; (i) bonded asbestos (ii) Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment. (iii) Hazardous waste accepted at a civic amenity facility	(i) <5,000 tonnes	£8,807
	(ii) ≥5,000 <25,000 tonnes	£11,374
	(iii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes	£13,909
	(iv) ≥75,000 tonnes	£18,494
(b) Household or commercial waste.	(i) <5,000 tonnes	£2,282
	(ii) ≥5,000 <25,000 tonnes	£2,965
	(iii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes	£3,704
	(iv) ≥75,000 tonnes	£4,927
(c) Waste not falling within sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above	(i) <5,000 tonnes	£1,499
	(ii) ≥5,000 <25,000 tonnes	£2,051
	(iii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes	£2,690
	(iv) ≥75,000 tonnes	£3,572

4. Table H4 – Permit for the keeping of waste in or on land

In this Table;

"permit" means a permit which authorises or which, if granted or varied in accordance with the application, will authorise the keeping of waste

"amount of waste" means the maximum annual amount in tonnes of waste which under the permit -

(a) is authorised to be received at the site for keeping; or

(b) is authorised to be kept at the site where it was produced;

"civic amenity facility" is a facility that is operated to meet the obligations of a waste disposal authority under section 51(1) (b) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

Table H4 Part A - The keeping of waste for any purpose at the site where it was produced.

Table H4 Part B - This table is redundant.

Table H4 Part C - The keeping of waste for the purpose of recycling at a site other than where it was produced.

Table H4 Part D - This table is redundant.

Table H4 Part E - The keeping of waste for any purpose other than recycling at a site other than where it was produced.

Table H4 Part A - The keeping of waste for any purpose at the site where it was produced

Description of waste	Amount of waste (annual)	Charge
Any waste	<500 tonnes	£174
	≥500 <2,500 tonnes	£353
	2,500 tonnes	£519

Table H4 Part C - The keeping of waste for the purpose of recycling at a site other than where it was produced

Description of waste	Amount of waste (annual)	Charge
(a) Any waste which is hazardous waste other than: (i) the contents of motor vehicle batteries; (ii) hazardous waste which forms part of, or is contained in, a waste motor vehicle and was necessary for the normal operation of the vehicle; (iii) bonded asbestos; or (iv) Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (v) Hazardous waste accepted at a civic amenity facility	(i) <5,000 tonnes	£1,907
	(ii) ≥5,000 <25,000 tonnes	£2,282
	(iii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes	£2,976
	(iv) ≥75,000 tonnes	£3,957
(b) Any waste not falling within sub-paragraph (a) above.	(i) <5,000 tonnes	£1,103
	(ii) ≥5,000 <25,000 tonnes	£1,566
	(iii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes	£2,028
	(iv) ≥75,000 tonnes	£2,734
(c) Permits for waste motor vehicles that take less than 2,500 tonnes.	(i) <2,500 tonnes	£838

Table H4 Part E - The keeping of waste for any purpose other than recycling at a site other than where it was produced

Description of waste	Amount of waste (annual)	Charge
(a) Any waste which is hazardous waste other than (i) bonded asbestos (ii) Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment. (iii) Hazardous waste accepted at a civic amenity facility	(i) <5,000 tonnes	£5,317
	(ii) ≥5,000 <25,000 tonnes	£7,606
	(iii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes	£10,169
	(iv) ≥75,000 tonnes	£13,204

(b) Any building or demolition waste or inert waste.	(i) <5,000 tonnes	£1,103
	(ii) ≥5,000 <25,000 tonnes	£1,819
	(iii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes	£2,910
	(iv) ≥75,000 tonnes	£3,858
(c) Any waste not falling within sub paragraphs (a) and (b) above	(i) <5,000 tonnes	£2,127
	(ii) ≥5,000 <25,000 tonnes	£3,064
	(iii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes	£4,431
	(iv) ≥75,000 tonnes	£5,886

5. Table H5 – Permit for the disposal of waste in or on land

In this Table;

"permit" means a permit which authorises or which, if granted or varied in accordance with the application, will authorise the disposal of waste;

"amount of waste" in Part A means the maximum annual amount in tonnes of waste which under the permit;

(a) is authorised to be received at the site for disposal; or

(b) is authorised to be disposed of at the site where it was produced;

"amount of waste" in Part B means the maximum amount in kilograms of waste which under the permit may be fed into the incinerator per hour;

"description of waste" includes any hazardous waste that is or has been referred to in the permit as being authorised under the permit on or after 15 June 2002 until such time as the permit is varied so that no such hazardous wastes are referred to in the permit.

In Part A the subsistence charge does not apply where;

(a) the permit has been revoked so far as it authorises the disposal of waste, subject to requirements which continue to bind the permit holder; or

(b) the site has been closed within the meaning given in Table H4.

Table H5 Part A - The disposal of waste other than by burning in an incinerator.

Table H5 Part B - The disposal of waste by burning in an incinerator.

Table H5 Part A - The disposal of waste other than by burning in an incinerator

Description of waste	Amount of waste (annual)	Charge
(a) Waste which consists only of hazardous waste other than bonded asbestos	(i) <25,000 tonnes	£6,635
	(ii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes	£12,487
	(iii) ≥75,000 tonnes	£16,609
(b) Any combination of hazardous waste other than bonded asbestos and other waste	(i) <25,000 tonnes	£8,839
	(ii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes	£17,899
	(iii) 75,000 <150,000 tonnes	£23,805
	(iv) ≥150,000 tonnes	£35,090
(c) Any inert waste, including topsoil, not falling within sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) above	(i) <5,000 tonnes	£2,228
	(ii) ≥5,000 <25,000 tonnes	£3,197
	(iii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes	£5,301
	(iv) ≥75,000 tonnes	£7,053
(d) Any industrial waste not falling within sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) above	(i) <25,000 tonnes	£4,431
	(ii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes	£7,065
	(iii) ≥75,000 tonnes	£9,401
(e) Waste which consists only of dead domestic pets	No limit	£163
(f) Any waste not falling within sub-paragraphs (a) to (d) and (g)	(i) <25,000 tonnes	£6,536
	(ii) ≥25,000 <75,000 tonnes	£9,875
	(iii) ≥75,000 tonnes	£13,127
(g) The deposit of non-hazardous dredgings	No limit	£2,713

Table H5 Part B - The disposal of waste by burning in an incinerator

Description of waste	Amount of waste (kg per hour)	Charge
(a) Any waste	≤ 50 kilograms	£915

6. Table H6 – Permit for the disposal of waste in or on land where the entire site has been closed

In this Table;

"amount of waste" means the aggregate amount in tonnes of waste disposed of at the site under and throughout the subsistence of the permit (including any period during which the permit was a waste management licence within the meaning of the 1990 Act or a waste disposal licence within the meaning of the Control of Pollution Act 1974);

"Landfill Directive" means Council Directive 1999/31/EC on the landfill of waste, as read with Council Decision 2003/33/EC establishing criteria and procedures for the acceptance of waste at landfills pursuant to article 16 and Annex 11 to Directive 1999/31/EC.

A site is closed for the purpose of this table if;

- (a) where it is a landfill within the meaning of the Landfill Directive, once the entire site has definitely closed before 1 April in any year;
- (b) in any other case, where NRW has commenced post closure inspections in respect of the entire site before 1 April in any year.

The service of a landfill closure notice shall not be treated as causing a site to fall within this table.

Description of waste	Amount of waste	Charge (£)
(a) Waste which consists only of hazardous waste other than bonded asbestos	(i) <250,000 tonnes	£750
	(ii) ≥250,000 <1,000,000 tonnes	£993
	(iii) ≥1,000,000 tonnes	£1,257
(b) Any combination of hazardous waste other than bonded asbestos and other waste	(i) <250,000 tonnes	£838
	(ii) ≥250,000 <1,000,000 tonnes	£1,125
	(iii) ≥1,000,000 <2,500,000 tonnes	£1,422
	(iv) ≥2,500,000 tonnes	£1,875
(c) Any inert waste not falling within subparagraphs (a) or (b) above	(i) <50,000 tonnes	£319
	(ii) ≥50,000 <250,000 tonnes	£375
	(iii) ≥250,000 <1,000,000 tonnes	£486

	(iv) ≥1,000,000 tonnes	£651
(d) Any industrial waste not falling within sub-paragraphs (a) to (c) above	(i) <250,000 tonnes	£508
	(ii) ≥250,000 <1,000,000 tonnes	£717
	(iii) ≥1,000,000 tonnes	£959
(e) Waste which consists only of dead domestic pets	No limit	£163
(f) Any waste not falling within sub-paragraphs (a) to (d) and (g)	(i) <250,000 tonnes	£628
	(ii) ≥250,000 <1,000,000 tonnes	£871
	(iii) ≥1,000,000 tonnes	£1,158
(g) The deposit of non-hazardous dredgings	No limit	£343

7. Table H7 – No longer in use

8. Table H8 – The deposit of waste to land as a recovery activity

Description of waste	Amount of waste	Charge
(a) Any waste	No limit	£2,713

9. Table H9 – Additional charge for the regulation of landfill gas and other biogas engines

Table H9 Part A

Description of waste facility	Amount of waste	Charge
Landfill gas engines, combined heat and power plants and other biogas engines even if a charge is payable under Table H5 or Table H6.	No limit	£3,560

Table H9 Part B

Description of waste facility	Amount of waste	Charge
Waste facilities burning biogas other than from a landfill. Where a permit authorises a waste facility for treatment and/or keeping of waste in addition to the burning of biogas, the charge will be the higher of the sums deriving from Table H3, Table H4, or the charge in this table.	No limit	£3,560

10. Table H10 – Mining waste operations

The charge in this table is the annual subsistence charge for all mining waste operations which include a Category A mining waste facility or a mining waste facility involving the management of hazardous waste.

Description of waste	Amount of waste	Charge
Any extractive waste	No limit	£4,232

I. Schedule 4 – Charges for specified water activities

1. Interpretation

In this Schedule, except where the context otherwise requires;

"the 1991 Act" means the Water Resources Act 1991 as amended by the Environment Act 1995 and except in so far as expressly interpreted in this Schedule shall be construed by reference to that Act;

"the 1995 Act" means the Environment Act 1995 and except in so far as expressly interpreted in this Schedule, this Schedule shall be construed by reference to that Act;

"discharge" means a discharge of an effluent under a permit;

"abandonment" means the same as defined in section 91A of the 1991 Act as amended by section 58 of the 1995 Act;

"receiving waters" means the same as defined in paragraph 6 of this Schedule;

"year" means a period of 12 months commencing on 1 April;

"direct cooling water" means cooling water which is used for temperature reduction purposes and does not come into open contact with any process;

"organic nature" means effluent with biochemical oxygen demand and/or chemical oxygen demand limits.

2. Charge rates

The charge rates, effective from 1st April 2024 are;

- (a) for the Annual Charge Multiplier £785

3. Subsistence charge

(1) There shall be payable a charge, effective from 1st April 2024, which is the product of the following four factors related to the permit pursuant to which the discharge is made;

A - The Volume Factor

B - The Contents Factor

C - The Receiving Water Factor

D - The Financial Factor

(2)

- (a) Subject to paragraph (b) below where a permit authorises the discharge of more than one

effluent a charge is made for each such effluent authorised whether or not they may be discharged together or from one or more outlets.

- (b) Where effluents receive treatment together or having joined together are then monitored together by NRW prior to discharge or where effluents are of the same nature and the monitoring of any one or more of them is the means by which NRW monitors them all, subject to paragraph (c) below, one charge only is made, determined according to the highest contents band into which any of the constituent effluents fall, and according to their aggregated volume.
 - (c) Where an effluent is discharged to more than one receiving water a charge is made for each discharge to a different receiving water.
- (3) Subsistence Charges will not be made for discharges of sewage effluent where the maximum daily volume of discharge authorised by the permit is 5 cubic metres or less.
- (4)
- (a) Where a permit restricts a discharge from taking place for a consecutive period of three months or more during a year, the charge shall be reduced by 4% per calendar month of restriction i.e. pro rata by month to the general reduction in cost to NRW. Such a reduction will be applied prior to any other reduction or abatement under the Scheme.
 - (b) Subject to paragraphs (4) (a) above, no reduction in charges is made where a discharge is made in part or parts of the year under a permit which is in force for the whole of the year.
- (5) If an operator undertakes to monitor discharges under a permit in such a manner as, in NRW's view, will enable NRW's monitoring costs to be reduced, NRW will make a reduction to the charge for the year or provide a rebate, having regard to consequent reduction in its costs. NRW may at any time make a charge as provided under the Scheme without an abatement if the operator fails to monitor in accordance with an undertaking. Where an operator first makes a discharge under a permit after the commencement of the year an undertaking may be given at any time prior to first making a discharge.

5. Volume factor

- (1) The Volume Factor relates to the maximum daily volume of discharge authorised by the permit as follows;

Cubic Meters	Band	Factor
Up to and including 5	A	0.3
More than 5 up to and including 20	B	0.5
More than 20 up to and including 100	C	1
More than 100 up to and including 1,000	D	2

More than 1,000 up to and including 10,000	E	3
More than 10,000 up to and including 50,000	F	5
More than 50,000 up to and including 150,000	G	9
More than 150,000	H	14

(2) Subject to sub-paragraphs (3) and (4) below, where no maximum daily volume is fixed by a permit the volume factor is 1.0 except where the discharge is;

(i) made in an emergency;

(ii) surface water (not containing trade effluent); when the factor is 0.3

(iii) from a fish farm located in surface waters, estuarial waters, or coastal waters when the factor is 5.0.

(3) For sewage treatment works final effluents;

(i) the maximum daily volume is the flow to full treatment;

(ii) where no maximum daily volume is specified in the permit, but an average daily flow is given, the maximum daily volume shall be taken to be 2.4 times the average daily flow;

(iii) if a dry weather flow only is specified the maximum daily volume shall be taken to be 3 times dry weather flow.

(4) For trade effluents;

(i) the maximum daily volume is the flow to full treatment;

(ii) where no maximum daily volume is specified in the permit, but a daily dry weather flow is given this shall be taken to be the maximum daily volume except where the discharge may contain rainfall when the maximum daily volume shall be taken to be 3 times the daily dry weather flow.

6. Contents factor

(1) The Contents Factor relates to the provisions in the permit controlling or regulating the contents of the discharge as follows;

Band	Factor
A	14
B	5
C	3

D	2
E	1
F	0.5
G	0.3

(2) Band A Trade or sewage effluent discharged under a permit

(i) Where the permit conditions contain numeric conditions for any of the following substances excluding any condition for total oil and/or grease;

- Pesticides including organotins
- Fungicides
- Herbicides
- Polyhalogenated biphenyls
- Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons
- Aliphatic hydrocarbons
- Aromatic hydrocarbons
- Halogenated hydrocarbons including haloforms
- Alcohols with the exception of methanol, ethanol, butanol and propanol, glycols (including total and poly)
- Aromatic nitrogen compounds
- Phenolic compounds (with the exception of total and mono hydric phenols)
- Heterocyclic hydrocarbons
- Esters
- Ethers
- Ketones
- Aldehydes (with the exception of formaldehyde)

(ii) Where the permit conditions include viruses;

(iii) Where the permit conditions specify the need for toxicity tests other than rapid bacterial toxicity tests to determine compliance.

(3) Band B Except where the permit falls in band A trade or sewage effluent

- (i) Where the permit conditions contain numeric conditions for any of the following substances;
- Metals and metalloids
 - Cyanides
 - Sulphides
 - Phenolic compounds (total and monohydric)
 - Methanol
 - Ethanol
 - Butanol
 - Formaldehyde
 - Propanol
 - Glycols (including total and poly)
 - Carboxylic acids
 - Organic nitrogen compounds (other than those above and in band A and with the exception of urea and quaternary ammonium salts);

(ii) Where the permit conditions specify rapid bacterial toxicity tests to determine compliance;

(iii) Where permit conditions include bacteria.

(4) Band C Except where the permit falls in bands A or B

- (i) Sewage effluent with numeric conditions other than volume but not including effluents specified in Band E (ii);
- (ii) All discharges of trade effluent of an organic nature with numeric conditions other than those included in Band E, F and G.

(5) Band D Except where the permit falls in bands A, B, or C

- (i) Sewage effluent with no numeric conditions other than volume or only descriptive conditions other than those effluents specified in band E;
- (ii) All other discharges of trade effluent other than those specified in bands E, F, and G.

(6) Band E Except where the permit falls in bands A, B, C, or D

- (i) Site drainage from trade premises;
- (ii) Storm and emergency discharges at treatment works, pumping stations and from drainage systems;
- (iii) All trade effluents of direct cooling water other than those specified in B and G;

(iv) All trade effluents from the prevention of interference with mining or quarrying and from the continuation of pumping of such discharges from mines following abandonment other than those specified in band F.

(7) Band F

- (i) Surface water (not containing trade effluent);
- (ii) Trade effluent from the prevention of interference with mining or quarrying and from the continuation of pumping of such discharges from mines following abandonment for which there are no conditions, or the only conditions are one or more of volume, suspended solids, iron, pH, and chloride;
- (iii) Trade effluents where the permit authorises the discharge of water abstracted from the controlled water after use in a trade, subject to limits only in the increase of concentrations of biochemical oxygen demand and/or solids in suspension and/or ammonia in the water;
- (iv) Any effluent not identified elsewhere.

(8) Band G

- (i) Trade effluent of direct cooling water for which the only conditions are one or more of volume, temperature, pH, and chlorine;
- (ii) Trade effluents where the permit authorises the discharge of water after use for the cultivation of plants.

7. Receiving water factor

(1) The Receiving Water Factors are;

	Band	Factor
Groundwater or land	G	0.5
Coastal waters	C	0.8
Surface waters	S	1
Estuarial waters	E	1.5

(2) For the purposes of this paragraph the waters referred to above shall have the following meanings;

“Groundwater” means all water which is below the surface of the ground in the saturation zone and in direct contact with the ground or subsoil;

“Coastal waters” means any waters seaward from the baselines for estuarial waters (as defined below) and waters seaward from the high-water mark (as defined in Ordnance Survey maps) outside estuarial baselines;

“Surface waters” means the waters defined as inland freshwaters by section 104(1) of the 1991 Act;

“Estuarial waters” means any waters which are within the area which extends landward from the baselines identified in the maps deposited at NRW’s regional offices for this purpose, upstream to the fresh-water limit;

“Inland freshwaters” have the same meaning as in section 104 of the 1991 Act.

8. Financial factor/ Annual charge multiplier

The Financial Factor/ Annual charge multiplier in respect of the annual charge, effective from 1st April 2024, is the charge rate set annually in accordance with paragraph 1 of this schedule.

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