

Risk Assessment for Local Air Pollution Control

Name of permitted activity: Linx Printing Technologies Ltd PG Note: PG6/44

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Environmental Impact Appraisal

Component 1 - Inherent Environmental Impact Potential			
APRR Risk Rating Category	Possible Scores	Score Awarded	
(A) Category 1	10	10	
(B) Category 2	20		
(C) Category 3	30		
Component 2 - Progress with Upgrading			
Status of Upgrading	Possible Scores	Score Awarded	
(A) Upgrading not complete but PG Note deadline has yet to be reached	5		
(B) Upgrading not yet complete and PG Note deadline has passed	40		
(C) Upgrading complete and meets BAT Requirements	0	0	
(D) Emissions control exceeds BAT Requirements	-40		
Component 3 - Sensitivity and Proximity of Receptors			
	Sensitivity of Receptors		
Proximity to Emission Source	High	Medium	Low
(A) < 100m*	20	12	5
(B) 100 - 250m*	12	40	3
(C) 250 - 500m*	5	3	1
(D) >500m*	0	0	0
* All distances should be multiplied by a factor of 2 for mineral and cement & lime processes and by a factor of 4 for combustion, incineration (not cremation), iron & steel and non-ferrous metal processes. Note: Distances should be measured from the process itself, rather than the site boundary.			
Component 4 - Other Targets			
	Possible Scores	Score Awarded	
(A) Other air pollution problems in the local area to which process is a potential contributor	40		
(B) No such air pollution problems	0	0	
Total Score for Environmental Impact Appraisal	Range 0 to 70	22	

Operator Performance Appraisal

Component 5 - Compliance Assessment				
Scale of Non-Compliance	Possible Scores			Scores Awarded
(A) Incident leading to justified complaint but no breach of specific permit condition or of general/residual BAT condition	0 points			
(B) Incident leading to a justified complaint*	10 per incident			
(C) Breach of permit not leading to formal action	10 per incident			10
(D) Incident leading to formal caution, Enforcement Notice or prosecution	15 per incident			
(E) Incident leading to a Prohibition Notice	20 per incident			
Total	(Max. 55)			10
* Unjustified complaints may be e.g. those considered by the inspector to be unreasonable or which cannot be clearly linked to an incident at the process.				
Where facility has been on Reduced Charge due to Mothballing or Reduced Operating Levels				
(f) Failure to notify the regulator or restart or increase in level of operation to above the threshold requiring a permit at the installation in accordance with the acceptance letter	25			
Total (applies only when condition F has been breached)	(Max 80)			
Scoring for Component 6 - Assessment of Monitoring, Maintenance and Records				
Criterion	Possible Scores			Scores Awarded
	Yes	No	N/A	
(A) All monitoring undertaken to the degree required in the permit?	0	40	0	0
(B) Monitoring requirements reduced because results over time show consistent compliance?	-5	0	0	0
(C) Process operation modified where any problems indicated by monitoring?	0	40	0	0
(D) Fully documented and adhered to maintenance programme, in line with permit?	0	40	0	0
(E) Full documented records as required in permit available on-site?	0	5	0	0
(F) All relevant documents forwarded to the authority by date required?	0	40	0	0
Total score	(-5 to 45)			0
Component 7 - Assessment of Management, Training and Responsibility				
Criterion	Possible Scores			Scores Awarded
	Yes	No	N/A	
(A) Documented procedures in place for implementing all aspects of the permit?	0	5	0	0
(B) Specific responsibilities assigned to individual staff for these procedures?	0	5	0	0
(C) Completion of individual responsibilities checked and recorded by the company?	0	5	0	0
(D) Documented training records for all staff with air pollution control responsibilities?	0	5	0	0
(E) Trained staff on site throughout periods where potentially air-polluting activities take place?	0	5	0	0
(F) Is an 'appropriate' environmental management system in place?	-5	0	0	-5
Total	(-5 to 25)			-5
Total Score for Operator Performance Appraisal	Range -10 to 105 (150)			-5

Overall scores	Score given
<i>Environmental Impact Appraisal</i>	
Inherent Environmental Impact Potential	10
Progress with Upgrading	0
Sensitivity and Proximity of Receptors	12
Other Targets	0
<i>Operator Performance Appraisal</i>	
Compliance Assessment	10
Assessment of Monitoring, Maintenance and Records	0
Assessment of Management, Training and Responsibility	-5
Total score	27

OVERALL SCORE FOR THE PROCESS	Range -10 to 175 (200)	27
REGULATORY EFFORT CATEGORY * high=score of >80, medium 40-80 and low <40	LOW, MED, HIGH	LOW

Comments

Site inspection completed remotely via Teams due to Covid-19.

Annual manual extractive emissions monitoring highlighted a failure with the VOC emissions, breaching condition 3 of the Environmental Permit. Once found the correct procedure was completed in line with condition 17 of the Permit and an investigation into how to reduce/minimise emissions and restore compliance was undertaken. The investigation found one of the pressure release valves was sticking, which has since been corrected. The number of bolts on the mixing vessels have also been increased from 2 to 4 to ensure lids are sealed properly. Seals are also being replaced to ensure containment. Retesting demonstrated compliance. Production levels have risen and therefore the operator is looking to increase the emissions monitoring frequency to ensure any issues are identified quickly and action taken promptly.

PPM completed and checked regularly.

With the impact of Covid on working practices the operator has taken the opportunity to re-induct all staff, including on environmental aspects. Training incidents are programmed in for twice a year, however due to Covid this hasn't been completed recently.

Due to the breach of condition 3 a score of +10 for component 5C has been given. No other issues noted.

The 2019/2020 fugitive emission calculations will be submitted by 1st November.

The company have ISO14001 status, an inspection for which was completed in August.