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## **Permit with introductory note**

The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2010

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GP Energy Limited.

Dart Energy Site  
Field South of Borrass Road  
Borrass  
Wrexham  
LL13 9TL

Permit number

EPR/MB3993HU

# Dart Energy Site

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### Introductory note

#### **This introductory note does not form a part of the permit**

The main features of the permit are as follows.

This permit allows the operator to operate a mining waste operation not including a mining waste facility.

Permitted activities will consist of prospecting for methane absorbed in the coal seams of the Pennine Coal Measures in a rural setting near Wrexham.

This permit does not allow well stimulation.

The extractive wastes produced are detailed in the waste management plan and comprise : Drilling muds and wastes, drill cuttings, produced water, conditioning spacer and cement.

There will be no discharge to surface water.

The status log of the permit sets out the permitting history, including any changes to the permit reference number.

<b>Status log of the permit</b>		
<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Application EPR/MB3993HU/A001	Duly made 05/02/14	Application for a mining waste operation that does not include a mining waste facility.
Additional information received	14/03/14	Justification for why the activities will not be classified as a mining waste facility, further information on the drilling additives received.
Additional information received	02/05/14	Confirmation that there will be no well stimulation fluid use received.
Permit determined EPR/MB3993HU	05/06/14	Mining Waste permit granted to GP Energy Limited.

End of introductory note

# Permit

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**Permit number**  
**EPR/MB3993HU**

The Natural Resources Body for Wales (“Natural Resources Wales”) authorises, under regulation 13 of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010

**GP Energy Limited** (“the operator”),  
whose registered office is

**One**  
**London Wall**  
**London**  
**EC2Y 5AB**

company registration number **07240286**  
to operate a mining waste operation at

**Dart Energy Site**  
**Field South of Borrás Road**  
**Borrás**  
**Wrexham**  
**LL13 9TL**

to the extent authorised by and subject to the conditions of this permit.

Name	Date
	<b>05/06/2014</b>

Authorised on behalf of Natural Resources Wales

# Conditions

## 1 Management

### 1.1 General management

1.1.1 The operator shall manage and operate the activities:

- (a) in accordance with a written management system that identifies and minimises risks of pollution, including those arising from operations, maintenance, accidents, incidents, non-conformances, closure and those drawn to the attention of the operator as a result of complaints; and
- (b) using sufficient competent persons and resources.

1.1.2 Records demonstrating compliance with condition 1.1.1 shall be maintained.

1.1.3 Any person having duties that are or may be affected by the matters set out in this permit shall have convenient access to a copy of it kept at or near the place where those duties are carried out.

## 2 Operations

### 2.1 Permitted activities

2.1.1 The operator is only authorised to carry out the activities specified in schedule 1 table S1.1 (the “activities”).

### 2.2 The site

2.2.1 The activities shall not extend beyond the site, being the land shown edged in green on the site plan at schedule 7 to this permit.

### 2.3 Operating techniques

- 2.3.1 (a) The activities shall, subject to the conditions of this permit, be operated using the techniques and in the manner described in the documentation specified in schedule 1, table S1.2, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.
- (b) If notified by Natural Resources Wales that the activities are giving rise to pollution, the operator shall submit to Natural Resources Wales for approval within the period specified, a revision of any plan or other documentation (“plan”) specified in schedule 1, table S1.2 or otherwise required under this permit which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution relevant to that plan, and shall implement the approved revised plan in place of the original from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.
- 2.3.2 The activities shall be operated in accordance with an approved waste management plan, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.
- 2.3.3 The operator shall review the waste management plan every five years from the date of initial approval.

## **3 Emissions and monitoring**

### **3.1 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits**

- 3.1.1 Emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits (excluding odour) shall not cause pollution. The operator shall not be taken to have breached this condition if appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved emissions management plan, have been taken to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, those emissions.
- 3.1.2 The operator shall:
- (a) if notified by Natural Resources Wales that the activities are giving rise to pollution, submit to Natural Resources Wales for approval within the period specified, an emissions management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits;
  - (b) implement the approved emissions management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.
- 3.1.3 All liquids in containers, whose emission to water or land could cause pollution, shall be provided with secondary containment, unless the operator has used other appropriate measures to prevent or where that is not practicable, to minimise, leakage and spillage from the primary container.

### **3.2 Odour**

- 3.2.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from odour at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of Natural Resources Wales, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved odour management plan, to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the odour.
- 3.2.2 The operator shall:
- (a) if notified by Natural Resources Wales that the activities are giving rise to pollution outside the site due to odour, submit to Natural Resources Wales for approval within the period specified, an odour management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from odour;
  - (b) implement the approved odour management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

### **3.3 Noise and vibration**

- 3.3.1 Emissions from the activities shall be free from noise and vibration at levels likely to cause pollution outside the site, as perceived by an authorised officer of Natural Resources Wales, unless the operator has used appropriate measures, including, but not limited to, those specified in any approved noise and vibration management plan to prevent or where that is not practicable to minimise the noise and vibration.
- 3.3.2 The operator shall:

- (a) if notified by Natural Resources Wales that the activities are giving rise to pollution outside the site due to noise and vibration, submit to Natural Resources Wales for approval within the period specified, a noise and vibration management plan which identifies and minimises the risks of pollution from noise and vibration;
- (b) implement the approved noise and vibration management plan, from the date of approval, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

## **4 Information**

### **4.1 Records**

4.1.1 All records required to be made by this permit shall:

- (a) be legible;
- (b) be made as soon as reasonably practicable;
- (c) if amended, be amended in such a way that the original and any subsequent amendments remain legible, or are capable of retrieval; and
- (d) be retained, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales, for at least 6 years from the date when the records were made, or in the case of the following records until permit surrender:
  - (i) off-site environmental effects; and
  - (ii) matters which affect the condition of the land and groundwater.

4.1.2 The operator shall keep on site all records, plans and the management system required to be maintained by this permit, unless otherwise agreed in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

### **4.2 Reporting**

4.2.1 The operator shall send all reports and notifications required by the permit to Natural Resources Wales using the contact details supplied in writing by Natural Resources Wales.

### **4.3 Notifications**

4.3.1 Natural Resources Wales shall be notified without delay following the detection of:

- (a) any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution;
- (b) the breach of a limit specified in the permit; or
- (c) any significant adverse environmental effects.

4.3.2 Any information provided under condition 4.3.1 shall be confirmed by sending the information listed in schedule 5 to this permit within the time period specified in that schedule.

4.3.3 Where Natural Resources Wales has requested in writing that it shall be notified when the operator is to undertake monitoring and/or spot sampling, the operator shall inform Natural Resources Wales when the relevant monitoring and/or spot sampling is to take place. The operator shall provide this information to Natural Resources Wales at least 14 days before the date the monitoring is to be undertaken.

4.3.4 Natural Resources Wales shall be notified within 14 days of the occurrence of the following matters, except where such disclosure is prohibited by Stock Exchange rules:

Where the operator is a registered company:

- (a) any change in the operator's trading name, registered name or registered office address; and
- (b) any steps taken with a view to the operator going into administration, entering into a company voluntary arrangement or being wound up.

Where the operator is a corporate body other than a registered company:

- (a) any change in the operator's name or address; and
- (b) any steps taken with a view to the dissolution of the operator.

In any other case:

- (a) the death of any of the named operators (where the operator consists of more than one named individual);
- (b) any change in the operator's name(s) or address(es); and
- (c) any steps taken with a view to the operator, or any one of them, going into bankruptcy, entering into a composition or arrangement with creditors, or, in the case of them being in a partnership, dissolving the partnership.

4.3.5 Where the operator proposes to make an amendment to the approved waste management plan, which is not otherwise the subject of an application for approval under the Regulations or this permit:

- (a) Natural Resources Wales shall be notified at least 14 days before implementing the amended waste management plan in place of the original; and
- (b) the notification shall contain a description of the proposed amendment.

## **4.4 Interpretation**

4.4.1 In this permit the expressions listed in schedule 6 shall have the meaning given in that schedule.

4.4.2 In this permit references to reports and notifications mean written reports and notifications, except where reference is made to notification being made "without delay", in which case it may be provided by telephone.

# Schedule 1 - Operations

**Table S1.1 activities**

Description of activities	Limits of activities
A mining waste operation not including a waste facility for the management of non-hazardous extractive waste (and waste gas should it arise), from prospecting for mineral resources.	<p>Permitted waste types shall conform to the description in the approved waste management plan.</p> <p>The activities shall be limited to the following extractive waste types- non hazardous spent conditioning spacer, non hazardous drill cuttings, non-hazardous waste water and unanticipated waste gas (methane).</p> <p>The activities shall be limited to those described in the approved Waste Management Plan.</p> <p>Drilling additives shall be approved in writing by Natural Resources Wales prior to use.</p> <p>The activities shall be limited to waste arising from the prospecting for methane absorbed in the coal seams (coal bed methane) not including well stimulation.</p> <p>The storage of extractive waste is limited to temporary storage in secure containment as part of the collection and transportation of waste from the site.</p>

**Table S1.2 Operating techniques**

Description	Parts	Date Received
Application Waste Management Plan- document reference DEL-HT1-WML- 005	All	05/02/2014
Application Management Arrangements document reference – DEL-HT1-WML- 001	Part 5 – Overview of Waste Management Operations - 5.1 Waste Streams, 5.2- Waste Documentation Part 6 – Standard Operating Procedures	15/01/2014
Request further information response- Email received on 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	All	14/03/2014
Technical Guidance Note: How to comply with your environmental permit. Additional Guidance for : mining waste operations	All	N/A



## **Schedule 2 - Waste types, raw materials and fuels**

Non-extractive wastes are not accepted as part of the permitted activities and there are no restrictions on raw materials or fuels under this schedule.

## **Schedule 3 – Emissions and monitoring**

There are no emission limits or associated monitoring requirements.

## **Schedule 4 - Reporting**

There is no reporting under this schedule.

# Schedule 5 - Notification

These pages outline the information that the operator must provide.

Units of measurement used in information supplied under Part A and B requirements shall be appropriate to the circumstances of the emission. Where appropriate, a comparison should be made of actual emissions and authorised emission limits.

If any information is considered commercially confidential, it should be separated from non-confidential information, supplied on a separate sheet and accompanied by an application for commercial confidentiality under the provisions of the EP Regulations.

## Part A

Permit Number	
Name of operator	
Location of Facility	
Time and date of the detection	

**(a) Notification requirements for any malfunction, breakdown or failure of equipment or techniques, accident, or emission of a substance not controlled by an emission limit which has caused, is causing or may cause significant pollution**

<b>To be notified within 24 hours of detection</b>	
Date and time of the event	
Reference or description of the location of the event	
Description of where any release into the environment took place	
Substances(s) potentially released	
Best estimate of the quantity or rate of release of substances	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop any emission	
Description of the failure or accident.	

**(b) Notification requirements for the breach of a limit**

<b>To be notified within 24 hours of detection unless otherwise specified below</b>	
Emission point reference/ source	
Parameter(s)	
Limit	
Measured value and uncertainty	
Date and time of monitoring	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to stop the emission	

Time periods for notification following detection of a breach of a limit	
Parameter	Notification period

(c) Notification requirements for the detection of any significant adverse environmental effect	
To be notified within 24 hours of detection	
Description of where the effect on the environment was detected	
Substances(s) detected	
Concentrations of substances detected	
Date of monitoring/sampling	

**Part B - to be submitted as soon as practicable**

Any more accurate information on the matters for notification under Part A.	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to prevent a recurrence of the incident	
Measures taken, or intended to be taken, to rectify, limit or prevent any pollution of the environment which has been or may be caused by the emission	
The dates of any unauthorised emissions from the facility in the preceding 24 months.	

<b>Name*</b>	
<b>Post</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	

\* authorised to sign on behalf of the operator

## Schedule 6 - Interpretation

*“accident”* means an accident that may result in pollution.

*“application”* means the application for this permit, together with any additional information supplied by the operator as part of the application and any response to a notice served under Schedule 5 to the EP Regulations.

*“approved waste management plan”* means a plan of the type described in Article 5(1) of Directive 2006/21/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 on the management of waste from extractive industries and amending Directive 2004/35/EC, approved as part of the grant or variation of an environmental permit and as revised from time to time.

*“authorised officer”* means any person authorised by Natural Resources Wales under section 108(1) of The Environment Act 1995 to exercise, in accordance with the terms of any such authorisation, any power specified in section 108(4) of that Act.

*“emissions to land”* includes emissions to groundwater.

*“EP Regulations”* means The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations SI 2010 No.675 and words and expressions used in this permit which are also used in the Regulations have the same meanings as in those Regulations.

*“emissions of substances not controlled by emission limits”* means emissions of substances to air, water or land from the activities, either from the emission points specified in schedule 3 or from other localised or diffuse sources, which are not controlled by an emission or background concentration limit..

*“extractive waste”* means waste resulting from the prospecting, extraction, treatment and storage of mineral resources and the working of quarries, excluding waste which does not directly result from these operations.

*“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.

*“hazardous waste”* has the meaning given in the Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005 No.894, the Hazardous Waste (Wales) Regulations 2005 No. 1806 (W.138), the List of Wastes (England) Regulations 2005 No.895 and the List of Wastes (Wales) Regulations 2005 No. 1820 (W.148).

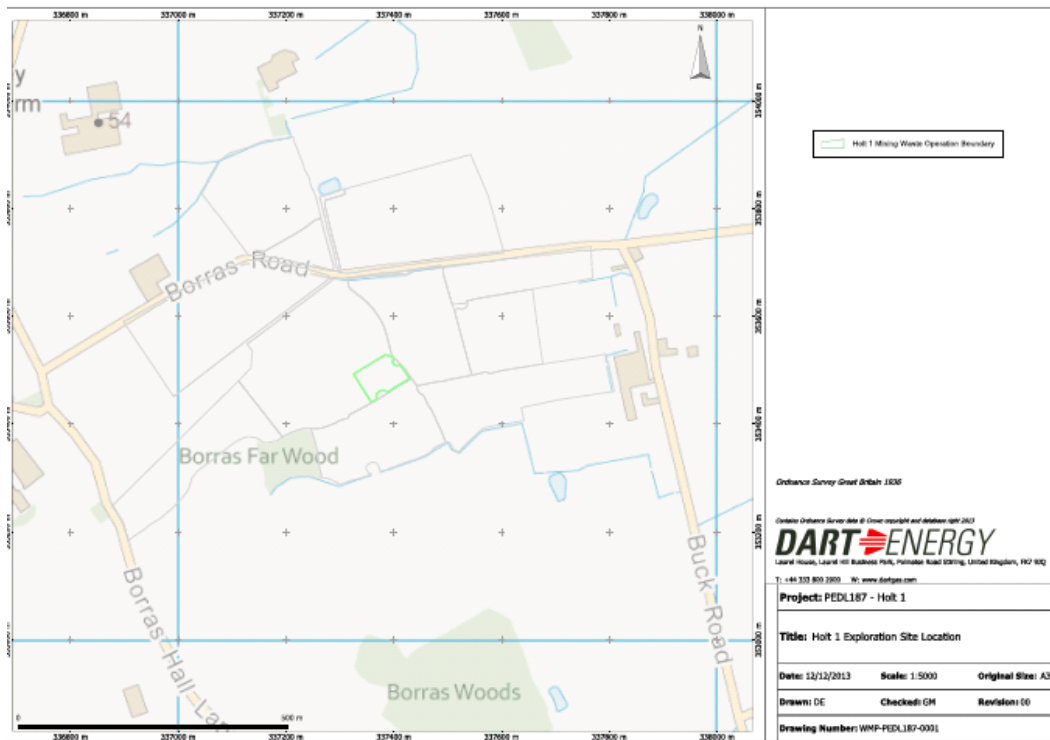
*“inert waste”* means waste that does not undergo any significant physical, chemical or biological transformations. Inert waste will not dissolve, burn or otherwise physically or chemically react, biodegrade or adversely affect other matter with which it comes into contact in a way likely to give rise to environmental pollution or harm human health. The total leachability and pollutant content of the waste and the ecotoxicity of the leachate must be insignificant, and in particular not endanger the quality of surface water and/or groundwater. All of the criteria listed in Article 1 of Commission Decision 2009/359 must be fulfilled.

*“mining waste facility”* means a waste facility as defined in Article 3(15) of Directive 2006/21/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 March 2006 on the management of waste from extractive industries and amending Directive 2004/35/EC, where a mining waste operation is carried out.

*“prospecting”* means prospecting as defined by article 3(21) of the Mining Waste Directive as ‘the search for mineral deposits of economic value, including sampling, bulk sampling, drilling and trenching, but excluding any works required for the development of such deposits, and any activities directly associated with an existing extractive operation’.

*“year”* means calendar year ending 31 December.

# Schedule 7 - Site plan



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