

Site Visit Report

The site visit process is a sample on a particular day of an installation's compliance with some of its licence conditions. Where non-compliance against a particular condition has not been reported, this should not be construed to mean that there is full compliance with that condition of the licence.

Instructions and actions arising from the visit shall be addressed, or where applicable noted, by the licensee in order to ensure compliance, to improve the environmental performance of the installation and to provide clarification on certain issues.

The licensee shall take the actions specified to close out the non-compliances and observations raised in this Site Visit Report.

Licensee	
Name of Installation	Hogg Enterprises Limited
Licensee	Hogg Enterprises Limited
Licence Register No.	P0622-01
CRO Number	226791
Site Address	Clohamon Mills, Bunclody, Wexford
Site Visit Reference No.	SV11353

Report Detail	
Issue Date	20/12/2017
Prepared By	Damien Masterson

Site Visit Detail					
Date Of Inspection	27/11/2017	Announced	No		
Time In	15:00	Time Out	15:50		
Agency Personnel On Site	Damien Masterson Ciaran Cuddihy				
Licensee Personnel and Role	Mr. Robert Hogg - Installation Owner (by phone) Mr. Charlie Hogg - Licensee's representative on site.				
Photo Taken	No	Samples Taken	No	Video Taken	No
Odour Assessment	No				

> Scope

The purpose of this site visit was to confirm that the capacity of the Hogg Enterprises Limited (P0622-01) installation does not exceed 750 places for sows or 2,000 places for production pigs which are over 30kg as previously assessed on 13/11/2014 (SV01225).

> Media

Issues relevant to the following environmental media were the main focus of this site visit:

- Water
- Air
- Land

> Site Areas Inspected

The following areas of the installation were inspected during the site visit:

- All pig housing on site

> Documents Inspected

The following documents were checked during the site visit:

- Monthly stock registers (June 2017 to Oct 2017).



1. Site Specific Issues

	Answer	Condition Number	Non Compliance	Observation
1.1	Pig numbers and capacity	Checked		
Comment / Corrective Action				
<p>The EPA Inspectors requested the stock registers for the installation for inspection. The monthly handwritten stock-counts for June to October 2017 (inclusive) were available and reviewed by the Inspectors. It was noted from the registers that a number was recorded on the sheet for each month for fattener pigs in "Askamore". Mr. Charlie Hogg explained that the Clohamon site has never had capacity to fatten all pigs bred there and a proportion are sent to housing at a separate farm in Askamore about 13 km away. Mr. Charlie Hogg rang Mr. Robert Hogg, the installation owner as he was out of the country. He put the call on speaker phone so that Mr. Robert Hogg could speak to the EPA's Inspectors directly and clarify the information in the stock registers for them.</p> <p>The stock registers showed that the number of sows housed in the licensed installation at Clohamon ranged from 610 to 714 sows and the number of production pigs >30kgs housed at Clohamon ranged from 1,432 to 1,908 pigs over the five month period. For comparison, the numbers recorded during the pig count carried out on 13/11/2014 were 587 sows and 1,742 production (fattener) pigs.</p> <p>In response to the question, Mr. Hogg informed the EPA Inspectors that the pig housing in Clohamon had not been altered and is still being used to house the same pig type and growing stage as observed during the last site visit in November 2014. This was verified by the EPA's Inspectors during the site tour.</p>				

While the EPA Inspectors note that the stock numbers from the monthly register occasionally exceeded the maximum capacities available calculated by the licensee in 2014 (618 places for sows and 1,820 places for production pigs >30kgs), the pig numbers are still below the two relevant thresholds (capacity exceeding 750 places for sows or 2,000 places for production pigs >30kg) in terms of requiring authorisation under the Industrial Emissions Directive.

FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

You are required to complete the instructions and actions, as outlined in this report, within the specified timeframe. Where required, you shall respond to actions specified in Compliance Investigations within the required timeframe. The licensee shall maintain documentary evidence, for review by the EPA, that the prescribed corrective actions were completed within the required timeframe.

(i) Compliance Investigations

You are not required to respond directly to items contained in this EPA site visit report; where an issue requires a direct response, the EPA will generate a Compliance Investigation through the EDEN system. You will receive notification when a Compliance Investigation instruction or action is generated.

(ii) Publication of reports and licensee response.

Please note that this Site Visit Report will be made available for public viewing via the EPA's Licence Enforcement Access Portal within one day of the issue date and will be published on the Licence Details Page of the EPA's website, www.epa.ie, that relates to your licence 60 calendar days after the issue date.

You may if you choose submit, within 45 calendar days of the issue date of this Site Visit Report, a Licensee Public Response that will be published alongside the Site Visit Report. This Response, should you wish to avail of it, provides you with an opportunity to inform the public about how you are implementing the actions set out in the report, activities underway, timescales and target completion dates. Please be aware that the content of your Licensee Public Response must be factual and should not breach the EPAs stated online publication standards.

If you wish to submit a Licensee Public Response to an EPA Site Visit Report, you should do this by clicking on the 'Make a Response' link on the Site Visits page in EDEN. A .pdf document containing your response can be attached and submitted from here.

(iii) Response to Site visit report

Where you do wish to respond directly to a site visit report, you should do this by generating a 'Licensee Return' of the type 'Site Updates/Notifications' and the sub-type 'Response to EPA Report' in EDEN.

Please note that you are required to comply with the conditions of your licence at all times, and where noncompliance occurs you must restore compliance within the shortest possible time. These actions will be verified during subsequent EPA visits.

Please quote the above Inspection Reference Number in any future correspondence in relation to this Report.