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The Environment Agency prosecuted after Bradley repeatedly and deliberately flouted his legal obligations over a 32 month period, beginning in February 2014 after officers discovered BBSH's Treacle Jug Farm site was in breach of its Environmental Permit conditions during a routine inspection.

The site was found to be full beyond its design capacity, leading to an inability to treat and process waste within the confines of a dedicated building as required by its Environmental Permit. Waste material had also been tipped in front of the entrance of the building and skips of waste were being stored outside and not on sealed drainage, representing an environmental risk of pollution and increasing the risk of amenity issues such as odours, pests and dust. Bradley was instructed to bring the site back into compliance, which he failed to do.

Bradley continually failed to comply with the requirements of his Environmental Permit, ignoring the requirements of an enforcement notice to remove waste from the site. He also failed to provide an accurate record of the disposal of 223 separate consignments of waste, which is a criminal offence, and was unable to maintain his continuing competency to operate a waste facility, another breach of the site's Permit. BBSH even continued to accept waste into the Treacle Jug Farm site after its Permit was suspended and finally revoked.

An Environment Agency spokesperson said:

We had sought to work with Mr Bradley to help bring the site into compliance and provided a number of opportunities for corrective action to be taken. However, Mr Bradley failed to respond to our efforts and even illegally imported waste into the site once the company's permit to operate had been withdrawn.

The conditions of an Environmental Permit are designed to protect people and the environment. Failure to comply with these legal

requirements is a serious offence that can damage the environment, undermine those who adhere to the rules and cause misery for local communities.

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Notice: TS16 0QZ, Amec Foster Wheeler Environment & Infrastructure UK Limited: environmental permit application advertisement

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for Radioactive Substances Activity. The arrangements are explained in its [Public Participation Statement](#)

These notices explain:

- what the application is about

- how to view the application documents
- when you need to comment by

The Environment Agency will decide:

- whether to grant or refuse the application
 - what conditions to include in the permit (if granted)
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Notice: HU12 0SH, Mr Anthony Rowbottom, Mr Peter Rowbottom, and Mrs Carol Rowbottom (trading as P J Rowbottom and Partners): environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Mr Anthony Rowbottom, Mr Peter Rowbottom, and Mrs Carol Rowbottom (trading as P J Rowbottom and Partners):
 - Installation name: Little Plowlands Farm Pig Unit
 - Permit number: EPR/QP3435YA/A001
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Notice: WV16 6TW, Oakridge Farm Limited: environmental permit issued

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This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Oakridge Farm Limited
- Installation name: Oakridge Poultry Unit
- Permit number: EPR/WP3034UH/V003