

Research and analysis: Genetically Modified Organisms: University of Southampton (17/R50/01)

Updated: Added the variation to consent letter.

Consent documents for University of Southampton, to release genetically modified organisms for research purposes.

Each consent granted includes:

- consent letter (confirming consent and outlining any conditions)
- part A(1): Information required under schedule 1 of the Genetically Modified Organisms (Deliberate Release) regulations 2002
- part A(2-6): (If applicable) Details of related previous releases, including any data, results and risks
- part B: Information about the release application to be included on the public register

ACRE's advice

- [ACRE advice: application for a trial of GM Neisseria lactamica \(17/R50/01\)](#)

Notice: BA4 4LG, The A & C Urch LLP: environmental permit issued

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

This decision includes the surrender letter and decision document for:

- Operator name: The A & C Urch LLP
 - Installation name: Ashley Farm
 - Permit number: EPR/SP3536MC/S004
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Notice: RH20 4HP, Island Gas Limited: environmental permit applications advertisement

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for waste operations, mining waste operations, installations, water discharge, radioactive substances activities and groundwater activities. The arrangements are explained in its [Public Participation Statement](#)

These notices explain:

- what the applications are about
- where you can visit to see the applications
- when you need to comment by

The Environment Agency will decide:

- whether to grant or refuse the applications
- what conditions to include in the permits (if granted)

News story: Independent report on Kent Oyster Farm published

Independent experts commissioned by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency have produced a report looking at navigational risks in relation to oyster farm activity in the Whitstable area.

The report, which has been published on the Marine Management Organisation's website, concludes that the farm's operations are acceptable as a low risk to marine navigation. It recommends mitigation to reduce the risk even further, although acknowledging that the farm's owners have already adopted this in some instances.

Assessing navigational risk

In response to questions from members of the public the MMO [previously agreed to work with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and Trinity House](#) to assess how oyster racks in the area may affect local navigation and safety.

Marine licensing legislation

The MMO's investigations under its marine licensing remit are still ongoing.

The MMO has a difficult task in managing competing uses of the marine area. It has previously explained its remit and the legislation it enforces relating to this development, specifically under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.

The MMO has committed to reviewing its guidance around marine licence exemptions to take into account learning from this issue.

[Marico report](#)

(PDF, 2.46MB, 60 pages)

Press release: Applications to re-permit Brockham oilfield

These applications have been submitted by the site operator to bring the site into line with the current regulations for conventional oil and gas sites. This is part of the Environment Agency's review of all oil and gas permits granted prior to October 2013.

In deciding whether or not to issue the permits, the Environment Agency will take into account all relevant considerations and legal requirements.

You can view and comment on the [applications](#).

An Environment Agency spokesperson said:

An environmental permit sets out stringent conditions that a site must adhere to. We will not issue or vary an environmental permit for a site if we consider that activities taking place will cause significant pollution to the environment or harm to human health.

We are in the process of determining the applications to re-permit this site and we want to hear from the public and understand peoples' views. Everybody has the chance to see what the permit may look like and to raise any additional concerns before we make any final decision.

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