

**Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 13 January 2025**

**Question from: Jeanette Hunton**

**Question to:**

The Draft Environmental Permit in respect of CVSH's incinerator published on your website states:

Definitions include:

The end of the permissible period of abnormal operation means the earliest of the following: d) when, in any calendar year, an aggregate of 60 hours has been reached for permissible periods of abnormal operation.

And

Condition 3.12 includes:

Where, during permissible periods of abnormal operation, on an incineration line, any of the following situations arise, waste shall cease to be charged on that line until normal operation can be restored: b) the cumulative duration of permissible periods of abnormal operation over 1 calendar year has reached 60 hours.

My question is: Once the cumulative duration of permissible periods of abnormal operation in any 1 calendar year totals 60 hours will the SWIP not be able to operate for the remainder of that calendar year and why is a calendar year rather than a rolling 12 months basis being applied?

**Response**

Condition 3.12 is derived from the Industrial Emissions Directive and is not something Calderdale Council can therefore alter. The SWIP can continue to operate if it reaches abnormal operation for 60 hours if it then operates normally within the defined standards. If this cannot be achieved, then waste must cease to be 'charged' (i.e. loaded into the burn chamber). Any exceedance of 60 hours is a breach of permit conditions and enforcement action can be taken