Non-Technical Summary

Straid Landfill site near Girvan, Ayrshire, is operated by Straid Farms Limited under an existing PPC permit (PPC/A/1000116). The permit was granted in October 2006 and has been varied once. The site is authorised to accept a range of non-hazardous and stabilised non-reactive hazardous wastes for disposal. The site has a number of cells (or phases) namely cells 1, 2, 3, 4, 5a and 5b. Capping and restoration of Phases 1 to 4 has been completed, as has the capping of Phase 5a. Restoration of phase 5a is underway. Waste disposal operations in the final cell, Cell 5b, are ongoing.

The permitted activity is prescribed in Schedule 1 of the Pollution Prevention and Control (Scotland) Regulations 2012 as landfilling non-hazardous waste in a facility receiving more than 10 tonnes per day or with a total capacity exceeding 25,000 tonnes.

This application is to increase the PPC Permitted Installation boundary to include the full extent of landfill cells to the north of the site as it had been noted that some of operational areas of landfill cells 2, 4, 5a and 5b did not correspond with the permitted boundary.

There is no change to the amount or the type of waste to be landfilled, and no new cells are being developed as part of this application.

The proposed variation will not have an impact on current emissions from the site and no new emissions will be generated.

As the application formally extends the extent of the installation, the Operator has included details of specific financial provision methods to comply with updated SEPA guidance.

As part of the determination process, SEPA has reviewed environmental monitoring data supplied by the operator and, with agreement, has included changes to the monitoring requirements. These changes are detailed in the draft variation schedule and also include the requirement to install new gas monitoring boreholes.

After considering the application SEPA is satisfied that the change to the installation boundary will not have an adverse impact, and that the existing and proposed permit conditions will adequately control and minimise risks to the environment and sensitive receptors.