

Annual Environmental Report

2018



Mullagh

D0252-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2018 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0252-01, Mullagh, in Cavan in accordance with the requirements of the wastewater discharge licence for the agglomeration. Specified reports where relevant are included as an appendix to the AER.

1.1 TREATMENT SUMMARY

The agglomeration is served by a wastewater treatment plant(s)

- Mullagh WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 3000

The treatment process includes the following:

1.1.1 MULLAGH WWTP

Treatment type	Yes / No	Details
Preliminary Treatment	Yes	Screening and Grit Removal
Primary Treatment	Yes	Imhoff Settlement Tank
Secondary Treatment	Yes	Percolating Filter (Plastic Media)
Nutrient Removal	Yes	Chemical Dosing for Phosphate Removal.
Tertiary Treatment	No	N/A

1.2 ELV OVERVIEW

The overall compliance of the final effluent with the Emission Limit Values (ELVs) is shown below. More detailed information on the below ELV's can be found in Section 2.

Discharge Point Reference	Treatment Plant	Discharge Type	Compliance Status	Parameters failing if relevant
TPEFF0200D0252SW001	Mullagh WWTP	Treated	Non-Compliant	Unknown

1.3 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTING INCLUDED IN AER

Assessment / Report	Included in AER
There are no Licence Specific Reports included in this AER	N/A

2 TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMAND AND IMPACT SUMMARY

2.1 MULLAGH WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - MULLAGH WWTP

A summary of influent monitoring for the treatment plant is presented below. This monitoring is primarily undertaken in order to determine the overall efficiency of the plant in removing pollutants from the raw wastewater.

Parameters	Number of Samples	Annual Max	Annual Mean
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	0	0
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	637	223.13
COD-Cr mg/l	12	1670	774.9
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	634	233.21
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	0	0
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	1076	537

Significance of Results:

The annual mean hydraulic loading is less than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity. The annual maximum hydraulic loading is greater than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity. Further details on the plant capacity and efficiency can be found under the sectional 'Operational Performance Summary'.

2.1.2 EFFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - TPEFF0200D0252SW001

Parameter	WWDL ELV (Schedule A)	ELV with Condition 2 Interpretation included Note 1	Interim % reduction from influent concentration	Number of sample results	Number of exceedances	Number of with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
COD-Cr mg/l	125	250	0	12	0	0	59.38	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	25	62.5	0	12	6	0	22.88	Fail
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	25	50	0	12	0	0	10.86	Pass
pH pH units	0	0	0	12	0	0	7.02	
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	0	0	0	12	0	0	3.82	
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0	0	0	12	0	0	1.27	
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	0	0	0	12	0	0	0.08	

Notes:

1- This represents the Emission Limit Values after the Interpretation provided for under Condition 2 of the licence is applied

2 - For parameters where a mean ELV applies

Cause of Exceedance(s):

Unknown

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is non-compliant with the ELV's set in the Wastewater Discharge Licence.

2.1.3 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE

A summary of monitoring from ambient monitoring points associated with the wastewater discharge is provided in the sections below. For discharges to rivers upstream (U/S) and downstream (D/S) location data is provided. For other ambient points in lakes, coastal or transitional waters, monitoring data from the most appropriate monitoring station is selected.

The table below provides details of ambient monitoring locations and details of any designations as sensitive areas.

Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Irish Grid Reference	Code	Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	WFD Status
Upstream	268914, 285136	TPEFF0200D0252SW001	No	No	No	No	Moderate
Downstream	270986, 284095	TPEFF0200D0252SW001	No	No	No	No	Poor

The table below provides a summary of monitoring results for designated ambient monitoring points. The upstream and downstream annual mean values are shown (mg/l), and the difference between both monitoring stations is given as a percentage of the Environmental Quality Standard (EQS) where relevant.

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS	% of EQS
BOD - 5 days (Total) mg/l	RS07M060340	4.2	RS07M030500	1.38	2.6	-108.7
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	RS07M060340	0.02	RS07M030500	0.02	0.14	1
Ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	RS07M060340	0.75	RS07M030500	0.03	0.08	-949.7

Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation O2	RS07M060340	73.03	RS07M030500	81.28		
Temperature °C	RS07M060340	12.83	RS07M030500	12.2		
Suspended Solids mg/l	RS07M060340	167.75	RS07M030500	7.75		
pH pH units	RS07M060340	7.88	RS07M030500	8.03		

Significance of Results:

The WWTP discharge was not compliant with the ELV's set in the wastewater discharge licence.

The ambient monitoring results meet the required EQS.

The parameters which exceeded the EQS and may be causing an are: Not applicable.

Any other known impacts: For reasons of access and Health & Safety, downstream samples are being taken on the Moynalty river of which the Mullagh Lough Stream (which the WWTP discharges into) is a tributary. Upstream samples are taken upstream of the WWTP from the Mullagh Lough Stream. Very low flow in Mullagh Lough Stream at upstream monitoring location due to weather conditions in summer 2018.

2.1.4 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report

Treatment efficiency is based on the removal of key pollutants from the influent wastewater by the treatment plant. In essence the calculation is based on the balance of load coming into the plant versus the load leaving the plant. The efficiency is presented as a percentage removal rate.

A summary presentation of the efficiency of the treatment process including information for all the parameters specified in the licence is included below:

Parameter	Influent mass loading (kg/year)	Effluent mass emission (kg/year)	Efficiency (% reduction of influent load)	Comment
TP		176.45		

SS	0	3982	90.89	
cBOD	0	1890.08	95.86	
TN				
COD	0	10333.24	93.19	

Note: The above data is based on sample results for the number of dates reported

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary

Treatment capacity is an assessment of the hydraulic (flow) and organic (the amount of pollutants) load a treatment plant is designed to treat versus the current loading of that plant.

Mullagh WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m3/day) - As Constructed	675
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m3/day)	225
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m3/day)	1076
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m3/day)	537
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	3000
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)	1621
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	1379
Will the capacity be exceeded in the next three years? (Yes/No)	No

2.1.5 SLUDGE / OTHER INPUTS

'Other inputs' to the waste water treatment plant are summarised in table below

Input type	Quantity	Unit	P.E.	% of load to WWTP	Included in Influent Monitoring (Y/N)?	Is there a leachate/sludge acceptance procedure for the WWTP?	Is there a dedicated leachate/sludge acceptance facility for the WWTP? (Y/N)
There is no Sludge and Other Input data for the Treatment Plant included in the AER.							

2.1.6 SLUDGE REMOVAL

The amount of sludge removed from the wastewater treatment plant is shown below along with the transported destination of the sludge from the treatment plant.

Treatment Plant	Sludge type	Quantity	Unit	% Dry Solids	Destination
Mullagh WWTP	Liquid Sludge	1760	Volume (m3)	1.5	Bailieborough WWTP (D0085)

3 COMPLAINTS AND INCIDENTS

3.1 COMPLAINTS SUMMARY

A summary of complaints of an environmental nature is included below.

Number of Complaints	Nature of Complaint	Number Open Complaints	Number Closed Complaints
2	Blocked Sewer	0	2

3.2 REPORTED INCIDENTS SUMMARY

Environmental incidents that arise in an agglomeration are reported on an on-going basis in accordance with our waste water discharge licences. Where an incident occurs and it is reportable under the licence, it is reported to the Environmental Protection Agency through their Environmental Data Exchange Network, or in some instances by telephone. Some incidents which arise in the agglomeration are recorded by Irish Water but may not be reportable under our licence for example where the incident does not have an impact on environmental performance.

A summary of reported incidents is included below.

3.2.1 SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS

Incident Type	Cause	No. of incident occurrences	Recurring (Y/N)	Closed (Y/N)
Non-compliance	WWTP biological sludge issue	4	Yes	No

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2018	4
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2018	4
Explanation of any discrepancies between the two numbers above	N/A

4 INFRASTRUCTURAL ASSESSMENTS AND PROGRAMME OF IMPROVEMENTS

4.1 STORM WATER OVERFLOW IDENTIFICATION AND INSPECTION REPORT

A summary of the operation of the storm water overflows and their significance where known is included below:

4.1.1 SWO IDENTIFICATION

WWDL Name / Code for Storm Water Overflow	Irish Grid Ref.	Included in Schedule A4 of the WWDL	Significance of the overflow(High / Medium / Low)	Assessed against DoEHLG Criteria	No. of times activated in 2018 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2018 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW002	270093, 284630	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored

SWO Summary	
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m3)?	Unknown
Is each SWO identified as not meeting DoEHLG Guidance included in the Programme of Improvements?	Yes
The SWO Assessment included the requirements of relevant of WWDL schedules?	Yes
Have the EPA been advised of any additional SWOs / changes to Schedule C3 and A4 under Condition 1.7?	No

4.2 REPORT ON PROGRESS MADE AND PROPOSALS BEING DEVELOPED TO MEET THE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS.

4.2.1 SPECIFIED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME SUMMARY

A wastewater discharge licence may require a number of reports on specific subject areas to be prepared for the agglomeration in question. These reports are submitted to the EPA as part of the Annual Environmental Report. This section provides list of the various reports required for this agglomeration and a brief summary of their recommendations.

Specified Improvement Programmes (under Schedule A and C of WWDL)	Description	Licence Schedule	Licence Completion Date	Date Expired? (N/NA/Y)	Status of Works	Timeframe for Completing the Work	Comments
D0252-SIP:01	Complete improvements to comply with ELVs specified in Schedule A. Implement, in accordance with Condition 5.6.1, either (a) improvements to the existing waste water works to achieve compliance with the emission limit values specified in Schedule A.1: Primary Waste Water discharge & Monitoring of this licence, or (b) an alternative primary discharge point, or (c) connection to another agglomeration.	C	31/12/2019	No	Not Started	31/12/2021	The Condition 5 Assessment will be completed by Q4 2019

A summary of the status of any improvements identified by under Condition 5.2 is included below.

4.2.2 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Improvement Identifier	Improvement Description	Improvement Source	Expected Completion Date	Comments
There are no Improvements Programme for this Agglomeration.				

4.2.3 SEWER INTEGRITY RISK ASSESSMENT

The utilisation of multiple capital maintenance programmes and the outputs of the workshops with the Local Authority Operations Staff held under the programme can be used to satisfy the requirements of Condition 5 regarding network integrity. Improvement works identified by way of these programmes and workshops will be included in the Improvements Summary Table.

5 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTS

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5.a Licence Specific Reports Summary Table

Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Year included in AER	Included in this AER	Reference to relevant section of AER
Small Stream Risk Score Assessment	Yes	2017	No	Appendix 7.3

6 CERTIFICATION AND SIGN OFF

6.1 SUMMARY OF AER CONTENTS

Parameter	Answer
Does the AER include an Executive Summary?	Yes
Does the AER include an assessment of the performance of the Waste Water Works (i.e. have the results of assessments been interpreted against WWDL requirements and or Environmental Quality Standards)?	Yes
Is there a need to advise the EPA for consideration of a Technical Amendment / Review of the licence?	No
List reason e.g. additional SWO identified	N/A
Is there a need to request/advise the EPA of any modifications to the existing WWDL?	No
List reason e.g. changes to monitoring requirements	N/A
Have these processes commenced?	No
Are all outstanding reports and assessments from previous AERs included as an appendix to this AER	No

I certify that the information given in this Annual Environmental Report is truthful, accurate and complete:

Signed:

Date: 02/07/2019

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7 APPENDIX

There are no Appendices included