

# Annual Environmental Report

2019



Downings

D0350-01

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# 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2019 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0350-01, Downings, in Donegal 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 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF MEASURES

A summary of any improvements undertaken is provided where applicable.

There was no major capital or operational changes undertaken.

## 1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- DOWNINGS WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 1000, the treatment type is 1 - Primary treatment

## 1.3 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
TPEFF0600D0350SW001	DOWNINGS WWTP	Treated	There are no emission limit values defined in the Licence	N/A

## 1.4 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTING INCLUDED IN AER

Assessment / Report	Included in AER
<b>There are no Licence Specific Reports included in the AER.</b>	

## 2 TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT SUMMARY

### 2.1 DOWNINGS WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

#### 2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - DOWNINGS 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 Nitrogen mg/l	1	63	63
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	1	6.78	6.78
Suspended Solids mg/l	6	426	221.72
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	6	238	144.89
COD-Cr mg/l	6	380	233.57
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	7722	643

If other inputs in the form of sludge / leachate are added to the WWTP then these are included in Section 2.1.5 if applicable.

#### 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 - TPEFF0600D0350SW001

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)
Conductivity 20 C $\mu$ S/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	559.12	
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	91.35	
Suspended Solids mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	68	
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	0.93	
Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	12.36	
COD-Cr mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	109.47	
pH pH units	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	7.21	
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	12.01	
Nitrite (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	0.08	

<b>Nitrate (as N) mg/l</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	0.27	
<b>Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	0.34	

Notes:

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

### Significance of Results:

There are no Emission limit Values defined in the Licence

## 2.1.3 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE TPEFF0600D0350SW001

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	River Station Code	Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	WFD Status
<b>The results for ambient results and / or additional monitoring data sets are included in the Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary</b>							

### Significance of Results:

There are no Emission limit Values defined in the Licence

The ambient monitoring results meet the required EQS. The EQS relates to the Oxygenation and Nutrient Conditions set out in the Surface Water Regulations 2009.

The discharge from the wastewater treatment plant does not have an observable impact on the water quality.



## 2.1.4 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - DOWNINGS WWTP

### 2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - DOWNINGS WWTP

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)
SS	64701	19845	69
TN	16028	N/A	N/A
COD	68159	31944	53
TP	1725	N/A	N/A
cBOD	42283	26657	37

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

### 2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - DOWNINGS WWTP

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.

DOWNINGS WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> /day) - As Constructed	1026
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m <sup>3</sup> /day)	342
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m <sup>3</sup> /day)	7722

<b>Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m<sup>3</sup>/day)</b>	643
<b>Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed</b>	1000
<b>Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)<sup>Note1</sup></b>	2047
<b>Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining</b>	0
<b>Will the capacity be exceeded in the next three years? (Yes/No)</b>	Yes

Nominal design capacities can be based on conservative design principles. In some cases assessment of existing plants has shown organic capacities significantly higher than the nominal design capacity. Accordingly plants that appear to be overloaded when comparing a collected peak load with the nominal design capacity can be fully compliant due to the safety factors in the original design.

## 2.1.5 SLUDGE / OTHER INPUTS - DOWNINGS WWTP

'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)
<b>There is no Sludge and Other Input data for the Treatment Plant included in the AER.</b>							

## 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
<b>There were no relevant environmental complaints in 2019.</b>			

### 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)
<b>There were no reportable incidents in 2019.</b>				

### 3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2019	0
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2019	0
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 2019 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2019 (m3)	Monitoring Status
<b>SW002</b>	209578, 438314	Yes	Medium	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
<b>SW003</b>	210666, 438618	Yes	Low	Not yet Assessed	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?	N/A

## 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
<b>D0350-SIP:01</b>	Upgrade/expansion of the existing primary WWTP to accommodate the maximum loading from the agglomeration. The Upgrade works shall include inlet screens followed by at least appropriately sized primary settlement capacity.	C	31/12/2013	Yes	Not Started		The improvement programme will be reviewed by Irish Water to assess the works required to comply with the licence condition on a prioritised basis
<b>D0350-SIP:02</b>	Upgrading of storm water overflows to comply with the criteria outlined in the DoECLG 'Procedures and Criteria in relation to Storm Water Overflows, 1995'.	C	31/12/2013	Yes	Not Started		The improvement programme will be reviewed by Irish Water to assess the works required to comply with the licence condition on a prioritised basis

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 / or any Operational Improvements	Improvement Source	Expected Completion Date	Comments
<b>There are no Improvements Programme for this Agglomeration.</b>				

## 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

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.

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
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	2014	No	

### 5.1 PRIORITY SUBSTANCES ASSESSMENT

The Priority Substances Assessment Report has been included in the AER 2014



## 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 modification to the existing WWDL with respect to condition 4 changes to monitoring location, frequency etc	No
List reason e.g. changes to monitoring requirements	N/A
Have these processes commenced?	N/A
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: 22/05/2020

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# 7 APPENDIX

Appendix

Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary



Entity	Category	MONTH	Location	Lab Ref	Date	Ammonia (as N) (mg/l)	BOD (mg/l)	Chlorophyll (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	COD (mg/l)	Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen (as N) (mg/l)	Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation (mg/l)	E coli mpn/100 mls	Intestinal Enterococci cfu/100	Faecal Coliforms (E. coli) cfu/100mls	Ortho phosphate (mg/l)	pH Units	Suspended Solids (mg/l)	Temperature °C	Total Nitrogen (mg/l)	Total Oxidised Nitrogen (mg/l)	Salinity g/kg	
Sheephaven Bay	Coastal Water Body	April	Downings - Point 1	192502315	10-Apr-19	<0.02	2	<4	NT	<0.02	92.6	NT	NT	NT	<0.02	8.13	NT	NT	<0.2	NT	NT	NT
Sheephaven Bay	Coastal Water Body	June	Downings - Point 1	192503660	06-Jun-19	0.02	2.02	<4	NT	<0.2	102.1	NT	NT	NT	<0.02	8.02	NT	NT	<0.2	NT	NT	NT
Sheephaven Bay	Coastal Water Body	April	Downings - Point 2	192502316	10-Apr-19	<0.02	2	<4	NT	<0.02	91.9	NT	NT	NT	<0.02	8.15	NT	NT	<0.2	NT	NT	NT
Sheephaven Bay	Coastal Water Body	June	Downings - Point 2	192503661	06-Jun-19	<0.02	<2	<4	NT	<0.2	102.2	NT	NT	NT	<0.02	8.06	NT	NT	<0.2	NT	NT	NT

**Downings Beach  
2019**

Downings Beach					Parameter	Enterococci	E Coli	Visual Inspection
2019								
						#	#	
Category	Entity	Sample Reference	Sample Date	Sample Time	units	cfu/100mls	MPN/100mls	Descriptive
Bathing Waters	Downings	192501969	22-May-2019	14:50	-	< 1	< 10	Nothing Observed
Bathing Waters	Downings	192502256	4-June-2019	09:10	-	60	146	Nothing Observed
Bathing Waters	Downings	192502411	18-June-2019	09:10	-	5	10	Nothing Observed
Bathing Waters	Downings	192502478	25-June-2019	09:10	-	< 1	< 10	Nothing Observed
Bathing Waters	Downings	192502763	2-July-2019	10:10	-	< 1	< 10	Nothing Observed
Bathing Waters	Downings	192502867	16-July-2019	11:40	-	< 1	< 10	Nothing Observed
Bathing Waters	Downings	192503023	23-July-2019	09:30	-	5	52	Nothing Observed
Bathing Waters	Downings	192503281	6-Aug-2019	12:00	-	24	218	Nothing Observed
Bathing Waters	Downings	192503308	8-Aug-2019	09:40	-	14	52	Nothing Observed
Bathing Waters	Downings	192503345	12-Aug-2019	09:00	-	6	20	Nothing Observed
Bathing Waters	Downings	192503333	13-Aug-2019	10:00	-	7	20	Nothing Observed
Bathing Waters	Downings	192503370	20-Aug-2019	10:30	-	23	75	Nothing Observed
Bathing Waters	Downings	192503877	10-Sep-2019	11:00	-	7	30	Nothing Observed

# DCC laboratory tested