Annual Environmental Report

2020

Tullamore

D0039-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2020 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0039-01, Tullamore, in Offaly 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 were no major capital or operational changes undertaken in 2020.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- TULLAMORE WWTP - 2020 with a Plant Capacity PE of 45000, the treatment type is 3P - Tertiary P removal

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
TPEFF2500D0039SW001	TULLAMORE WWTP - 2020	Treated	Non-Compliant	ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l

1.4 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTING INCLUDED IN AER

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

2 TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT SUMMARY

2.1 TULLAMORE WWTP - 2020 - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - TULLAMORE WWTP - 2020

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
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	13	1198.00	206.13
COD-Cr mg/l	13	2862.00	698.47
Suspended Solids mg/l	13	2400.00	634.27
Total Nitrogen mg/l	13	179.60	52.63
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	13	21.48	8.64
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	22750	6233

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 less 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 - TPEFF2500D0039SW002

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)
Chemical Oxygen Demand mg/l	125	250	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	16.47	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	15	37.5	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	5.16	Pass
pH pH units	6-9	6-9	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.56	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous) mg/l	8	16	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	1.99	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	0.5	1	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.06	Pass
Total Phosphorus mg/l	0.5	0.6	N/A	12	2	N/A	0.25	Pass
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0.25	0.5	N/A	12	2	2	0.17	Fail
Nitrate (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	N/A	N/A	21.99	
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	23.16	

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)
Nitrite (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	N/A	N/A	0.03	
Conductivity 20 C µS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	1045.83	

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

Cause of Exceedance(s):

WWTP biological sludge issue.

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is non compliant with the ELV's set in the Wastewater Discharge License. The impact on receiving waters is assessed further in Section 2.

2.1.3 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE TPEFF2500D0039SW002

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
Upstream	233276, 224875	RS25T030300	No	No	No	No	Unassigned
Downstream	229513, 225049	RS25T030400	No	No	No	No	Moderate

The results for ambient results and / or additional monitoring data sets are included in the **Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary.**

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 EQS relates to the Oxygenation and Nutrient Conditions set out in the Surface Water Regulations 2009.

Based on ambient monitoring results a deterioration in BOD and Ortho-P concentrations downstream of the effluent discharge is noted.

A deterioration in water quality has been identified, however it is not known if it or is not caused by the WWTP.

Other causes of deterioration in water quality in the area are unknown.

The discharge from the wastewater treatment plant does not have an observable negative impact on the Water Framework Directive status.

2.1.4 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - TULLAMORE WWTP - 2020

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - TULLAMORE WWTP - 2020

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)
cBOD	507067	5084	99
COD	1718221	41991	98
SS	1560293	13148	99
TN	129480	59063	54
TP	21263	627	97

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - TULLAMORE WWTP - 2020

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.

TULLAMORE WWTP - 2020	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m^3/day) - As Constructed	33000
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	11000
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m^3/day)	22750

TULLAMORE WWTP - 2020	
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	6233
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	45000
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)[Note1]	22460
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	22540
Will the capacity be exceeded in the next three years? (Yes/No)	No

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 - TULLAMORE WWTP - 2020

'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)
Landfill Leachate (delivered by tanker)	20022	Volume (m^3)	243.8	0.88	Yes	Yes	Yes
Waterworks Sludge	2874	Weight (Tonnes)	35	0.13	Yes	Yes	Yes
Industrial / Commercial Sludge	15550	Weight (Tonnes)	189.35	0.68	Yes	Yes	Yes

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)
Abatement Equipment offline	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	Yes
Breach of ELV	Other	1	Yes	No
Other	Network Infrastructure	1	No	No

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2020	3
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2020	3
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 2020 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2020 (m^3)	Monitoring Status
SW002	232859, 224820	No	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW002	232859, 224820	No	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	0	0	Monitored
SW003	234984, 225128	Yes	Medium	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW004	233175, 226540	Yes	Medium	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW005	234691, 223785	Yes	Medium	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW10	234389, 224712	Yes	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored

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 2020 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2020 (m^3)	Monitoring Status
SW5	233238, 224887	No	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW7	233421, 224845	Yes	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	234928, 225301	No	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	TBC, TBC	No	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	TBC, TBC	No	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	234269, 225435	No	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	233763, 225144	No	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	233096, 224581	No	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	TBC, TBC	No	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored

SWO Summary	
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m^3)?	Unknown
Is each SWO identified as not meeting DoEHLG Guidance included in the Programme of Improvements?	N/A
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
D0039-SIP:01	Construction of the proposed secondary discharge outfall to the Clodiagh River for p.e. in excess of 30,000, and not greater than 15,000	C	01/01/2012	Yes	Not Started		Capital works not funded in RC3. Capital works funding post 2024 will be contingent on the project being included in the 2025-2029 investment period.
D0039-SIP:02	De-commissioning of secondary discharge SW14 (SW002)	C	01/01/2014	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:03	De-commissioning of SW003 storm water overflow	C	01/01/2012	Yes	Works Completed		

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
D0039-SIP:04	De-commissioning of SW004 storm water overflow	C	01/01/2014	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:05	De-commissioning of SW005 storm water overflow	C	01/01/2012	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:06	De-commissioning of SW007 storm water overflow	C	01/01/2014	Yes	Works Completed.		Removal of foul connections and restored to storm sewer.
D0039-SIP:07	Discharge to cease: SW003 to Tullamore River	A	01/01/2012	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:08	Discharge to cease: SW004 to Tullamore River	A	01/01/2014	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:09	Discharge to cease: SW005 to Tullamore River	A	01/01/2012	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:10	Installation of storm water storage tank at the inlet of the works	C	01/01/2012	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:11	SW002 to Tullamore River to be discontinued (formerly SW14)	A	01/01/2014	Yes	Works Completed		

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
D0039-SIP:12	SW007 to Tullamore River to be discontinued	A	01/01/2014	Yes	Works Completed		Removal of foul connections and restored to storm sewer.
D0039-SIP:13	Upgrade of the existing WWTP including the installation of storm water storage tank at the inlet of the works	C	01/01/2012	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:14	Upgrading of SW10 to comply with DoE criteria for SWOs.	C	01/01/2014	Yes	At Planning Stage	31/12/2021	

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
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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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	N/A

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	N/A

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

Date: 23/06/2021

This AER has been produced by Irish Water's Environmental Information System (EIMS) and has been electronically signed off in that system for and on behalf of,

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7 APPENDIX

Appendix
Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary

Tullamore Ambient Monitoring Summary 2020

			Receiving Waters Designation (Yes/No)			
Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	**Irish National Grid Reference (Easting, Northing)**	**EPA Feature Coding Tool code**	**Bathing Water**	**Drinking Water**	**FWPM**	**Shellfish**
Upstream Monitoring Point	233276, 224875	RS25T030300	No	No	No	No
Downstream Monitoring Point	229513, 225049	RS25T030400	No	No	No	No

		Mean (mg/l)		
Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	**Current WFD Status**	**cBOD**	**o-Phosphate (as P)**	**Ammonia (as N)**
Upstream Monitoring Point	Unassigned *	1.364	0.031	0.079
Downstream Monitoring Point	Moderate	1.396	0.035	0.054
Difference		*0.031*	*0.004*	*-0.024*
EQS		1.500	0.035	0.065
% of EQS		2.088%	10.330%	-37.244%

* Unassigned at the upstream monitoring point, however the WFD status is Poor approx. 50m downstream of this point.

Tullamore Ambient Monitoring Data 2020

Location	Sample Date	Temperature °C	pH pH units	BOD mg/ l	COD mg/l	Suspended solids mg/l	Total Nitrogen as N mg/l	Total Phosphorus as P mg/l	Total Ammonia as N mg/l	Ortho-Phosphate as P mg/l	Nitrite as N mg/l	Nitrate as N mg/l	Conductivity µS/m	DO mg/l	DO % sat
Tullamore US	29/01/2020	5.7	7.41	< 1			4.3	0.06	0.061	0.026				11.09	88.9
Tullamore US	27/02/2020	5.2	7.26	< 1			4.2	0.05	0.061	0.03				10	82.3
Tullamore US	19/03/2020	8.9	7.49	1.9			4.5	0.06	0.055	0.024				10.9	92.6
Tullamore US	20/05/2020	7.9	8	< 1		3.5	3.8	0.05	0.084	0.007			655	8.29	88.1
Tullamore US	27/05/2020	5.5	7.38	<1		11	3.4	0.12	0.282	0.048			571	8.08	86.1
Tullamore US	04/06/2020	5.6	7.52	<1		8	2.8	0.13	0.095	0.051			567	8.19	82.1
Tullamore US	15/07/2020	14.6	7.4	2.7			2.9	0.08	0.036	0.042				8.01	79.1
Tullamore US	27/08/2020	5.5	7.77	1.9			4.4	<0.2	0.055	0.036				7.22	79.3
Tullamore US	29/09/2020	10.5	7.5	2.1			3.2	< 0.05	0.025	0.019				9.58	95
Tullamore US	13-Oct-2020	4.1	7.79	1.1	33	< 5	2.9	< 0.2	0.035	0.027	< 0.015	2.2	1620	7.45	80.5
Tullamore US	20-Oct-2020	4.3	7.83	1.4	28	6	3.4	< 0.2	0.052	0.039	< 0.015	2.3	699	8.1	91.1
Tullamore US	03/11/2020	7.9	7.2	1.8			4.2	0.1	0.041	0.031				8.88	74.7
Tullamore US	24/11/2020		7.94	1.3	27	< 2	4	< 0.2	0.14	0.026	0.024	3.6	729		
	Mean			**1.364**					**0.079**	**0.031**					
	95%ile			**2.340**					**0.197**	**0.049**					
Tullamore DS	29/01/2020	6.6	7.28	< 1			5.2	0.07	0.045	0.028				10.7	90.3
Tullamore DS	27/02/2020	5.9	7.25	< 1			4.5	< 0.05	0.046	0.028				11.3	94.1
Tullamore DS	19/03/2020	8.2	7.33	1.8			5	0.06	0.04	0.028				9.6	90.3
Tullamore DS	20/05/2020	5	8.16	< 1		4	1.4	0.21	0.03	0.007			452	9.59	98.1
Tullamore DS	27/05/2020	6	7.15	<1		9.5	7.6	0.12	0.283	0.05			717	8.9	88.1
Tullamore DS	04/06/2020	6.4	7.29	<1		6	3.3.	<0.05	<0.02	0.032			784	9.91	92
Tullamore DS	15/07/2020	14.7	7.3	1.4			5.2	0.07	0.52	0.045				9.27	93.6
Tullamore DS	27/08/2020	5	7.74	2			4.1	<0.2	0.041	0.042				7.19	79.1
Tullamore DS	29/09/2020	11.8	7.3	2.2			4	0.05	< 0.02	0.028				9.65	95.6
Tullamore DS	13-Oct-2020	4.8	7.85	< 1	30	< 5	4.4	< 0.2	0.027	0.029	< 0.015	3.4	736	7.76	83.3
Tullamore DS	20-Oct-2020	4.2	7.82	1.8	25	17	4.8	< 0.2	0.061	0.03	0.023	3.6	721	8.2	96.6
Tullamore DS	03/11/2020	7.4	7.2	2.1			4.5	0.12	0.031	0.032				9.31	78.3
Tullamore DS	24/11/2020		7.87	2.6	31	26	5.2	< 0.2	0.023	0.074	0.018	3.9	734		
	Mean			**1.396**					**0.054**	**0.035**					
	95%ile			**2.360**					**0.150**	**0.060**					

Note: Where the concentration in the result is less than the limit of detection (LOD), a value of LOD/sqrt(2) was used in calculating the mean and 95%ile concentrations.