Annual Environmental Report

2020

Ballymote

D0094-01

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7.1 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2020 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0094-01, Ballymote, in Sligo 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.

Upgrade to existing WwTP & SWO currently ongoing, these works are 95% complete. New plant to be operational by Q2/3 of 2021

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- BALLYMOTE WWTP - 2020 with a Plant Capacity PE of 3000, the treatment type is 2 - Secondary 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
TPEFF2700D0094SW001	BALLYMOTE WWTP - 2020	Treated	Non-Compliant	Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l 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 BALLYMOTE WWTP - 2020 - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - BALLYMOTE 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
COD-Cr mg/l	12	364	157.61
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	180	73.93
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous) mg/l	12	201	68.07
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	9.3	2.69
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	31.6	14.3
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	2893	1518

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 - TPEFF2700D0094SW001

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	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	18.5	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	9.8	Pass
Temperature °C	25	25	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	11.43	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous) mg/l	13	26	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	3.31	Pass
pH pH units	9	9	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	8	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	0.8	0.96	N/A	12	3	3	0.59	Fail
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0.45	0.54	N/A	12	2	1	0.28	Fail
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.38	
Fats, Oils & Greases mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	4	

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)
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	3.96	
Conductivity @20°C µS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	523.92	

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 not designed for nutrient removal

Significance of Results:

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

2.1.3 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE TPEFF2700D0094SW001

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	166161, 314660	RS35B040100	No	No	No	No	Good
Downstream	165371, 313605	RS35O060260	No	No	No	No	Good

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 does not 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, concentrations downstream of the effluent discharge is noted.

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 - BALLYMOTE WWTP - 2020

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - BALLYMOTE 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	41626	1742	96
SS	45208	5154	89

Parameter	Influent mass loading (kg/year)	Effluent mass emission (kg/year)	Efficiency (% reduction of influent load)
TP	1644	198	88
TN	8743	2080	76
COD	96381	9730	90

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - BALLYMOTE 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.

BALLYMOTE WWTP - 2020	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m^3/day) - As Constructed	2025
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	675
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m^3/day)	2893
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	1518
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	3000
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)[Note1]	2594
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	406
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 - BALLYMOTE 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)
There is no Sludge and Other Input data for the Treatment Plant included in the AER.							

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
There were no relevant environmental complaints in 2020.			

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)
Breach of ELV	WWTP operating above capacity	1	Yes	No
Abatement Equipment offline	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	Yes
Uncontrolled release	EO caused by power failure	1	No	Yes

Incident Type	Cause	No. of incident occurrences	Recurring (Y/N)	Closed (Y/N)
Uncontrolled release	EO caused by ragging or blocking	1	No	Yes

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2020	4
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2020	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 2020 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2020 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW002	168297, 326518	Yes	Medium	Not Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Monitored
SW003	166120, 315059	Yes	Medium	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	165380, 315418	No	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown

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

SWO Summary	
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
There are no Specified Improvement Programmes for this Agglomeration.							

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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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	Yes

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

Signed: Date: 19/05/2021

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

Ballymote Monitoring Summary 2020

BALLYMOTE STREAM - RS35B040100															
	Alkalinity-total (as CaCO3)	Ammonia-Total (as N)	BOD - 5 days (Total)	Chloride	Conductivity @25°C	Dissolved Oxygen	Dissolved Oxygen	Nitrate (as N)	Nitrite (as N)	ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified	pH	Temperature	Total Hardness (as CaCO3)	Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N)	True Colour
	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	µS/cm	mg/l	% Saturation	mg/l	µg/l	mg/l	pH units	°C	mg/l	mg/l	mg/litre Pt Co
16/01/2020	264	0.047	1.41	19.1	544	10.6	91	0.71	5.82	0.017	8	7	275	0.72	32
26/08/2020	230	0.024	1.2	15.4	512	8.7	87	0.51	4.86	0.021	7.7	14.2	291	0.52	76
21/05/2020	278	0.025	1	19.5	606	111	11.3			0.014	8.2	14.2	337		15
14/07/2020	266	0.025	1.1	19.6	579	81	8.4	0.27	4.73	0.011	8.1	13.6	302	0.27	32
12/11/2020	191	0.051	1.6	14.4	419	110	12.6	0.69	4.17	0.041	7.7	9.5	213	0.69	84
Mean		0.0344	1.262							0.0208					
EQS		0.065	1.5							0.035					

OWENMORE (SLIGO) - RS35O060260								
	Ammonia-Total (as N)	BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD)	Dissolved Oxygen	ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified	pH	Temperature	Total Nitrogen	Total Phosphorus (as P)
	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	pH units	°C	mg/l	mg/l
30/01/2020	0.051	3	11	0.016	7.6	6.6	1.1	0.04
14/02/2020	0.018	1.6	11	0.013	7.6	6	1	0.03
13/03/2020	0.018	1.8	10	0.017	7.1	6.1	1	0.03
22/05/2020	0.014	2	10	0.006	8.5	12.5	2.5	0.2
05/06/2020	0.029	1.7	7	0.005	8.3	14.6	1	0.02
08/07/2020	0.034	1.3	7	0.036	7.6	13.1	2.5	0.07
14/08/2020	0.031	1	8	0.018	8	20.2	2.5	0.2
11/09/2020	0.014	1	8	0.005	8	13	2.5	0.04
23/10/2020	0.045	2.2	7	0.03	7.5	9.3	2.5	0.03
20/11/2020	0.014	1	8	0.024	7.6	8.9	2.5	0.04
Mean	0.0268	1.66		0.017				
EQS	0.065	1.5		0.035				