Annual Environmental Report

2020

Union Hall

D0469-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2020 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0469-01, Union Hall, in Cork 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.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- UNION HALL SEPTIC TANK - 2020 with a Plant Capacity PE of 400, 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
TPEFF0500D0469SW001	UNION HALL SEPTIC TANK - 2020	Treated	No sampling carried out in Unionhall in 2020. Monitoring is not required until the completion of the new WWTP or 31/12/2020 (whichever is sooner)	N/A

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 UNION HALL SEPTIC TANK - 2020 - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - UNION HALL SEPTIC TANK - 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
There is no Influent data included in the AER. No flow meter at the septic tank. Organic loading is estimated at PE of 437 based on average 225l/h/d used to calculated the current hydraulic loading. **No sampling carried out in Unionhall in 2020.** **Monitoring is not required until the completion of the new WWTP or 31/12/2020 (whichever is sooner)**			

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 - TPEFF0500D0469SW001

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)
There is no Effluent data included in the AER. **No sampling carried out in Unionhall in 2020.** **Monitoring is not required until the completion of the new WWTP or 31/12/2020 (whichever is sooner)**								

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):

Not applicable

Significance of Results:

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

2.1.3 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE TPEFF0500D0469SW001

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	121228, 35358	TW05003180GH1002	No	No	No	No	Unassigned
Downstream	121571, 34648	TW05003180GH1001	No	No	No	No	Unassigned

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 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.

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

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: Catchment pressures - Upstream quality already compromised

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 - UNION HALL SEPTIC TANK - 2020

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - UNION HALL SEPTIC TANK - 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)
There is no Treatment Efficiency data included in the AER. **No sampling carried out in Unionhall in 2020.** **Monitoring is not required until the completion of the new WWTP or 31/12/2020 (whichever is sooner)**			

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - UNION HALL SEPTIC TANK - 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.

UNION HALL SEPTIC TANK - 2020	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m^3/day) - As Constructed	113
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	90
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m^3/day)	123
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	99
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	400
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)[Note1]	437
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	0
Will the capacity be exceeded in the next three years? (Yes/No)	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 - UNION HALL SEPTIC TANK - 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)
Uncontrolled release	Broken Sewer Pipe	1	No	Yes

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2020	1
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2020	1
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
TBC	120994, 34613	No	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?	No
The SWO Assessment included the requirements of relevant of WWDL schedules?	No
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
D0469-SIP:01	Waste water treatment plant and ancillary works	C	31/12/2020	No	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.

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
There is no Licence Specific Report Required in this AER Annual Review.				

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: 24/03/2021

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

Union Hall Upstream	Transitional						Median	Mean	95%ile
	EQS								
	Mean	95%ile	13/05/2020 11:30	17/06/2020 10:30	08/07/2020 10:30	05/08/2020 11:50			
D.O % O_2	80%<95%ile<120%		103.2	100.9	98.6	102.6			103.11
Temperature C^o	≤ 1.5 C^o increase		12.6	17.4	13.3	16.4			
pH	6 < pH < 9		7.8	8	8	8.1			
BOD mg/L	n/a	≤ 4	2.5	1.5	1.6	5.3			4.88
Orthophosphate (P) mg/l	≤0.04 @35 PSU (Median)			0.02	0.02	0.02	0.020		
Ammonia (N) mg/l	≤ 0.065	≤ 0.140	0.0175	0.035	0.0175	0.072		0.0355	0.06645
DIN (N) mg/l	≤ 2.6 @ 0 PSU ≤ 0.25 @ 34 PSU		0.0175	0.09	0.0175	0.0175		0.035625	0.079125
TON (N) mg/l	n/a		0.01	0.09	0.01	0.12			
E.Coli MPN/100mls	n/a		5	13	18	3130			
Faecal Coliforms MPN/100mls	n/a		5	1	122	2987			
Intestinal enterococci CFU/100mls	n/a		5	2420	41	148			

Union Hall Downstream	Transitional						Median	Mean	95%ile
	EQS								
	Mean	95%ile	13/05/2020 11:40	17/06/2020 10:10	08/07/2020 10:40	05/08/2020 11:55			
D.O % O_2	80%<95%ile<120%		108.6	101.1	99.7	104.8			108.03
Temperature C^o	≤ 1.5 C^o increase		13	17.6	12.6	18.6			
pH	6 < pH < 9		8	8	7.9	7.9			
BOD mg/L	n/a	≤ 4	2.7	0.5	2.2	1.7			2.625
Orthophosphate (P) mg/l	≤0.04 @35 PSU (Median)			0.02	0.02	0.03	0.020		
Ammonia (N) mg/l	≤ 0.065	≤ 0.140	0.0175	0.035	0.0175	0.056		0.0315	0.05285
DIN (N) mg/l	≤ 2.6 @ 0 PSU ≤ 0.25 @ 34 PSU		0.0175	0.08	0.0175	0.56		0.16875	0.488
TON (N) mg/l	n/a		0.01	0.08	0.03	0.48			
E.Coli MPN/100mls	n/a		5	4	10	15531			
Faecal Coliforms MPN/100mls	n/a		5	2	20	8164			
Intestinal enterococci CFU/100mls	n/a		5	2420	41	315			

Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreeded with EPA)	Irish Grid Reference	EPA Feature Coding tool Code	Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	Current WFD Status
Upstream Monitoring Point	E121228 N35358	TW05003180GH1002	No	No	No	No	Unassigned
Downstream Monitoring Point	E121571 N34648	TW05003180GH1001	No	No	No	No	Unassigned

Significace of Results	
Did the ambient monitoring results meet the EQS Required?	No - Upstream already compromised
Is there an obervable negative impact on water quality?	Unknown - "observable" TBC
List the parameters causing the impact?	BOD and DIN
A deterioration has been identified, but it is not known if it is caused by the TP	TRUE
Do the discharges from the WWTP have an observable negative impact on the WFD?	Possibly - "observable" TBC
Any other known impacts	Catchment Pressures, coastal processes