

Annual Environmental Report

2021



Cliffoney

D0394-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2021 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0394-01, Cliffooney, 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.

Cliffooney is not yet formally included in Irish Waters Capital Investment Plan but it is progressing through early scoping/ feasibility workshops with a view to progressing improvements when funding becomes available. Modest operational improvements will continue to advanced in parallel.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- CLIFFONEY WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 800, 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
TPEFF2700D0394SW001	CLIFFONEY WWTP	Treated	Non-Compliant	Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceo mg/l COD-Cr mg/l ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l Suspended Solids mg/l

1.4 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTING

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

2 TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT SUMMARY

2.1 CLIFFONEY WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - CLIFFONEY 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
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceo mg/l	11	491	275
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	99	36
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	9.50	6.34
COD-Cr mg/l	12	1848	701
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	540	229
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	4010	459

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 greater 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 - TPEFF2700D0394SW001

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 exceedances with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
COD-Cr mg/l	125	250	N/A	12	10	7	679	Fail
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous) mg/l	10	20	N/A	11	10	10	409	Fail
Suspended Solids mg/l	10	25	N/A	12	11	11	289	Fail
pH pH units	9.00	9.00	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.11	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	0.780	1.56	N/A	12	11	11	43	Fail
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0.720	0.860	N/A	12	9	9	4.33	Fail
Conductivity @20°C µS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	991	

Notes:

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

2 – For pH the WWDA specifies a range of pH 6 - 9

Cause of Exceedance(s):

Upgrade to plant infrastructure required

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 TPEFF2700D0394SW001

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 Ecological Status
Upstream	170360, 353957	RS35C940740	No	No	No	No	Unassigned
Downstream	169861, 354487	RS35C940920	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 not compliant with the ELV's set in the wastewater discharge licence.

The ambient monitoring results do not meet the required EQS at the downstream monitoring location. 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 Ammonia, BOD, Ortho P, 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 - CLIFFONEY WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - CLIFFONEY 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)
cBOD	37238	35043	5.89
TP	888	N/A	N/A
COD	98132	64251	35
SS	32024	27325	15
TN	5050	N/A	N/A

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - CLIFFONEY 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.

CLIFFONEY WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m³/day) - As Constructed	180
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m³/day)	180
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m³/day)	4010

CLIFFONEY WWTP	
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	459
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	800
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week) ^{Note1}	495
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	305
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 - CLIFFONEY 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)
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 related to the discharge(s) to water from the WWTP and network is included below.

Number of Complaints	Nature of Complaint	Number Open Complaints	Number Closed Complaints
There were no relevant environmental complaints in 2021.			

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	Network Infrastructure	1	Yes	No

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2021	1
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2021	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 (chamber) where applicable	Irish Grid Ref. (outfall)	Included in Schedule of the WWDL	Significance of the overflow(High / Medium / Low)	Assessed against DoEHLG Criteria	No. of times activated in 2021 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2021 (m3)	Monitoring Status
TBC	170271, 353938	No	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored

Any TBC SWO(s) were identified as part of the on-going National SWO programme and will be updated in subsequent AER(s) once the information is confirmed.

SWO Summary	
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m3)?	123090
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?	No
Have the EPA been advised of any additional SWOs / changes to Schedule C3 and A4 under Condition 1.7?	Yes

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 a 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
D0394-SIP:01	Provide a new 800 p.e. tertiary WWTP to serve Cliffony	C	31/12/2013	Yes	Works Completed		
D0394-SIP:02	Relocate the primary discharge point from the Cliffony Stream to a suitable alternative receiving water (to be agreed by the Agency).	C	31/12/2019	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.
D0394-SIP:03	SW001 Primary discharge Point to be discontinued	C	31/12/2019	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.

A summary of the status of any other improvements identified by under Condition 5 assessments- is included below.

4.2.2 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Improvement Identifier	Improvement Description / or any Operational Improvements	Improvement Source	Expected Completion Date	Comments
No additional improvements planned at this time.				

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 Tables 4.2.1 and 4.2.2.

5 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTS

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Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Year included in AER	Included in this AER
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	2014	No

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
Has a Technical amendment/licence review application been submitted to the Agency by IW?	Yes
List reason e.g. additional SWO identified	To include additional SWO identified
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?	Yes
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:

Signed: Date: 22/04/2022

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

Data/Statistics - 2021

Entity	Entity Code	Station	Station Code	Sample Method	Sample Reason	Sample Date	Ammonia N mg/l	BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous) mg/l	Dissolved Oxygen mg/l	Ortho- Phosphate PO4- P mg/l	pH pH units	Temperature Degrees C	Total Nitrogen N mg/l	Total Phosphorus P mg/l
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	22/01/2021	0.112	1.7	9	0.14	6.5	6.6	2.5	0.06
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	05/02/2021	0.182	2.1	9	0.022	7.7	6.3	2.5	0.07
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	05/02/2021	0.094	1.7	9	0.023	7.8	8.7	2.5	0.06
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	26/03/2021	1.769	5.8	7	0.162	8.1	7	5.2	0.26
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	02/04/2021	0.272	2.8	10	0.041	7.7	8.9	2.6	0.12
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	14/05/2021	1.756	9.4	9	0.127	7.6	9.6	3.9	0.27
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	14/05/2021	0.407	4	9	0.063	7.7	9.4	2.5	0.12
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	04/06/2021	1.412	25	8	0.192	7.7	12.1	5.9	0.56
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	16/07/2021	2.812	15	8	0.257	7.9	15.6	4.7	0.36
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	19/08/2021	4.74		8	0.336	7.2	15.3	7.7	0.7
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	13/09/2021	0.05	1.5	11.6	0.05	7.9	13.6	1.116	0.11
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	13/10/2021	5.504	96.3	8.5	0.475	7.3	6.9	8.158	1.24
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	30/11/2021	2.143	8.7	9.85	0.251	7.3	3.4	4.943	0.41
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	02/12/2021								
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Downstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940920	Grab	Compliance	09/12/2021	0.214	1.7	9.85	0.05	6.9	5.1	1.615	0.1
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Upstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940740	Grab	Compliance	22/01/2021	0.01	1.5	10	0.009	7.5	6.1	2.5	0.03
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Upstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940740	Grab	Compliance	05/02/2021	0.01	1.3	9	0.015	7.7	6.3	2.5	0.03
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Upstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940740	Grab	Compliance	26/03/2021	0.02	2	7	0.031	8.1	7	2.8	0.06
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Upstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940740	Grab	Compliance	02/04/2021	0.014	1.7	10	0.025	7.7	8.8	1.9	0.05
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Upstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940740	Grab	Compliance	14/05/2021	0.01	1.6	10	0.016	7.8	9.4	2.5	0.03
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Upstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940740	Grab	Compliance	04/06/2021	0.01	1	6	0.032	8	11.5	8.7	0.07
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Upstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940740	Grab	Compliance	16/07/2021	0.014	1	8	0.034	8.1	14.4	1.7	0.07
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Upstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940740	Grab	Compliance	19/08/2021	0.015	2	8	0.025	7.3	15.9	2.5	0.2
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Upstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940740	Grab	Compliance	13/09/2021	0.05	1	11.7	0.05	7.9	13.4	1.157	0.8
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Upstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940740	Grab	Compliance	13/10/2021	0.05	2.8	9.33	0.05	7.7	6.7	1.519	0.1
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Upstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940740	Grab	Compliance	30/11/2021	0.05	1.4	10.1	0.05	7.4	3.1	2.278	0.1
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Upstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940740	Grab	Compliance	02/12/2021								
Cartonkillerdoe (Cliffoney)	35C94	Upstream of Cliffoney WWTP	RS35C940740	Grab	Compliance	09/12/2021	0.05	1.2	9.71	0.05	6.8	5.3	1.658	0.1
					Upstream Avg		0.025	1.542	9.070	0.032	7.667	8.992	2.643	0.137
					Downstream Avg		1.533	13.515	8.986	0.156	7.521	9.179	3.988	0.317
					Difference		1.508	11.974	-0.084	0.124	-0.145	0.187	1.345	0.180
					EQS		0.140	2.600		0.075				
					% of EQS		1077.219	460.528	#DIV/0!	165.476	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!	#DIV/0!