

Annual Environmental Report

2018



Tuam

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2018 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0031-01, Tuam, in Galway in accordance with the requirements of the wastewater discharge licence for the agglomeration. Specified reports are included as an appendix to the AER as follows:

1.1 Licence specific reporting included in AER

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

1.2 Treatment Type

The agglomeration is served by a wastewater treatment plant TUAM WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 24834. The treatment process includes the following:

1.2.1 TUAM WWTP

Treatment type	Yes / No	Details
Preliminary Treatment	Yes	Screening / Grit removal
Primary Treatment	Yes	2 No. primary settlement tanks
Secondary Treatment	Yes	4 No. 22kW surface aerators and 2 No. secondary settlement tanks
Nutrient Removal	Yes	chemical dosing for phosphorus removal
Tertiary Treatment	Yes	Sand filter

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 2.2 Discharges from the agglomeration.

1.3 ELV Overview

1.3.1 TUAM WWTP

Compliance Status	
Were all parameters compliant for TUAM WWTP treatment plant	No
Where noncompliant see table 2.2.1 for details of parameters	

1.4 Sludge Removal

The amount of sludge removed from the wastewater treatment plant is shown below along with the transported destination of the sludge from the treatment plant.

Treatment Plant	Sludge type	Quantity	Unit	% Dry Solids	Destination
TUAM WWTP	Cake Sludge	726	Weight (Tonnes)	19	Land
TUAM WWTP	Cake Sludge	959.19	Weight (Tonnes)	19	Biodigester

Annual Statement of Measures

The need for measures to prevent environmental damage will be reviewed on an annual basis. Irish Water Capital Programmes are progressing with Tuam WWTP Upgrade Project. Works have now commenced on site in Q3 2018. The works will include the upgrade of the aeration system to Fine Bubble Diffused Aeration as listed in the Specified Improvement Programme, Schedule C.1 of the licence, as well as a Sludge Acceptance Facility, new Inlet Screens, and improvements to the Sludge Dewatering Units. Project due for completion in Q3 2019

2 MONITORING REPORTS SUMMARY

2.1 Summary report on monthly influent monitoring

A summary of influent monitoring for the treatment plant is presented in below. This monitoring is primarily undertaken in order to determine the overall efficiency of the plant in removing pollutants from the raw wastewater.

2.1.1 Influent Monitoring Summary - TUAM WWTP

Parameters	Number of Samples	Annual Max	Annual Mean
COD-Cr mg/l	12	1590	896.27
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	388	223.08
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	703	298.81
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	62	40.69
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	7.9	5.36
Hydraulic Capacity	0	9992	2508.74

If other inputs in the form of sludge / leachate are added to the WWTP then these are included in Section 3.5 if applicable

Significance of Results:

The annual mean hydraulic loading is less than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity as detailed further in Section 3.2. The annual maximum hydraulic loading is greater than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity as detailed further in Section 3.2.

2.2 Discharges from the agglomeration

2.2.1 Effluent Monitoring Summary - TUAM WWTP

Parameter	WWDL ELV (Schedule A)	ELV with Condition 2 Interpretation included Note 1	Interim % reduction from influent concentration	Number of sample results	Number of exceedences	Number of with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
Total Nitrogen mg/l	0	0	0	12	0	0	16.43	Pass
COD-Cr mg/l	125	250	0	12	0	0	27.48	Pass
pH pH units	0	0	0	12	0	0	7.48	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	15	37.5	0	12	1	0	9.35	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	15	30	0	12	1	0	5.55	Pass
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0.2	0.4	0	12	1	0	0.1	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	1	2	0	12	2	2	0.82	Fail
Conductivity 20 C μ S/cm	0	0	0	12	0	0	725.35	Pass

Parameter	WWDL ELV (Schedule A)	ELV with Condition 2 Interpretation included Note 1	Interim % reduction from influent concentration	Number of sample results	Number of exceedences	Number of with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	0	0	0	12	0	0	0.26	Pass

Notes:

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

2 - For parameters where a mean ELV applies

Cause of Exceedance(s):

Prolonged high levels of heavy rain during the weeks leading up to sampling

Significance of Results:

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

2.3 Ambient monitoring summary

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.

2.3.1 Ambient Monitoring Report Summary - TUAM WWTP

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	Code	Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	WFD Status
Upstream	141273, 252429	TPEFF1200D0031SW001	No	No	No	No	Good
Downstream	141148, 252382	TPEFF1200D0031SW001	No	Yes	No	No	Good

2.3.2 Ambient Monitoring Parameter Summary - TUAM WWTP

The table below provides a summary of monitoring results for designated ambient monitoring points. The upstream and downstream annual mean values are shown (mg/l), and the difference between both monitoring stations is given as a percentage of the Environmental Quality Standard (EQS) where relevant.

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS	% of EQS
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	RS30C010660	0.01	RS30C010670	0.02	0.075	14.7
pH pH units	RS30C010660	7.9	RS30C010670	7.96		
Dissolved Oxygen mg/l	RS30C010660	9.9	RS30C010670	10.55		
BOD - 5 days (Total) mg/l	RS30C010660	1.42	RS30C010670	1.98	2.6	21.4
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	RS30C010660	1	RS30C010670		2.6	
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	RS30C010660	0.05	RS30C010670	0.03	0.14	-14.3
Suspended Solids mg/l	RS30C010660	5	RS30C010670	5		
Total Nitrogen mg/l	RS30C010660	2.12	RS30C010670	1.85		
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	RS30C010660	0.02	RS30C010670	0.1		

Significance of Results:

The WWTP discharge was compliant with the ELV's set in the wastewater discharge licence.

3 OPERATIONAL REPORTS SUMMARY

3.1 Treatment Efficiency Report

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:

3.1.1 Treatment Efficiency Report Summary - TUAM WWTP

Parameter	Influent mass loading (kg/year)	Effluent mass emission (kg/year)	Efficiency (% reduction of influent load)	Comment
TP	5294.1	368.42	93.04	
COD	884786.09	39807.12	95.5	
SS	294986.39	13541.41	95.41	
TN	40164.6	23801.38	40.74	
cBOD	220221.89	8036.36	96.35	

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

3.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary

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.

TUAM WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m3/day) - As Constructed	5063
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m3/day)	3572
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m3/day)	9992
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m3/day)	2508.74
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	24834
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)	13797
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	11037
Will the capacity be exceeded in the next three years? (Yes/No)	No

3.3 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
5	Blocked Sewer	0	5

3.4 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.

3.4.1 Summary of Incidents

Incident Type	Cause	No. of incident occurrences	Recurring (Y/N)	Closed (Y/N)
Non-compliance	WWTP upgrade required to meet ELV	1	Yes	No
Other	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	Yes

3.4.2 Summary of Overall Incidents

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2018	2
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2018	2
Explanation of any discrepancies between the two numbers above	

3.5 Sludge / Other inputs to the 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)
Other	1879.03	Volume (m3)	54	0.3	Yes	No	No
Domestic /Septic Tank Sludge	4205.53	Volume (m3)	52	0.35	Yes	No	No
Waterworks Sludge	370	Weight (Tonnes)	4.38	1	Yes	No	No

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: **No Appendix Included**

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 2018 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2018 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW002	142758, 252186	Yes	Medium	Not Meeting	27	21631	Monitored
SW008 (EMERGENCY)	142758, 252186	Yes	Low	Compliant			Not Monitored
SW009	N/A	Yes	Low	Compliant			Not Monitored

4.1.2 Inspection Summary Report

SWO Summary	
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m3)?	21631
Is each SWO identified as non meeting DoEHLG Guidance included in the Programme of Improvements?	Yes
The SWO Assessment included the requirements of relevant of WWDL schedules?	No

Have the EPA been advised of any additional SWOs / charges to Schedule C3 and A4 under Condition 1.7?	No
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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)	Licence Schedule	Licence Completion Date	Date Expired? (N/NA/Y)	Status of Works	Timeframe for Completing the Work	Comments
D0031-SIP:07	C	31/12/2019	No	Work ongoing on-site	30/09/2019	
D0031-SIP:08	C		No	Not Started		
D0031-SIP:09	C		No	Not Started		

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	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".

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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 (e.g. Appendix X).
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?	Yes
List reason e.g. additional SWO identified	Due to Minor Programmes Upgrade
Is there a need to request/advise the EPA of any modifications to the existing WWDL?	No
List reason e.g. changes to monitoring requirements	
Have these processes commenced?	No
Are all outstanding reports and assessments from previous AERs included as an appendix to this AER	NA

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

Signed:

Date: 28/02/2019

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7 APPENDIX

There are no Appendices included