

Annual Environmental Report

2019



Ballymote

D0094-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2019 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 WwTP currently ongoing, expected completion date Q1 2020.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- BALLYMOTE WWTP 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	Treated	Non-Compliant	Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l COD-Cr mg/l ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l Suspended Solids 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 - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - BALLYMOTE 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
COD-Cr mg/l	12	938	218.99
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	38.4	19
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	11	5.2	1.94
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	523	98.07
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	1348	163.36
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	2872	1777

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	2	1	160	Fail
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	N/A	12	3	1	100.99	Fail
Temperature °C	25	25	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	10.88	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	13	26	N/A	12	5	2	23.7	Fail
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	5	4	1.95	Fail
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0.45	0.54	N/A	12	3	3	0.34	Fail
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.86	
Conductivity 20 C µS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	520.08	

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 Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.98	
Fats, Oils & Greases mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	4	

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):

Please see Section 3.2

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is non compliant with the ELVs set in the Wastewater Discharge Licence. The impact on 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 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
BOD - 5 days (Total) mg/l	RS35B040100	1.75	RS35O060260	3.6	1.5	123.3
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	RS35B040100	0.033	RS35O060260	0.097	0.065	97.5
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	RS35B040100	0.021	RS35O060260	0.026	0.035	13.8
Alkalinity-total (as CaCO₃) mg/l	RS35B040100	240	RS35O060260			
Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation	RS35B040100	88.8	RS35O060260			
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	RS35B040100	0.702	RS35O060260			
Nitrite (as N) µg/l	RS35B040100	8.42	RS35O060260			
True Colour mg/litre Pt Co	RS35B040100	40.6	RS35O060260			

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS	% of EQS
Conductivity @25°C µS/cm	RS35B040100	551	RS35O060260			
Nitrate (as N) mg/l	RS35B040100	0.702	RS35O060260			
Chloride mg/l	RS35B040100	16.8	RS35O060260			
Temperature °C	RS35B040100	9.78	RS35O060260	11.767		
pH pH units	RS35B040100	7.96	RS35O060260	7.543		
Total Hardness (as CaCO3) mg/l	RS35B040100	279.8	RS35O060260			
Dissolved Oxygen mg/l	RS35B040100	10.08	RS35O060260	10.333		

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 Ammonia, OrthoP, 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

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - BALLYMOTE 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)
TP	1373	525	62
COD	149329	86046	42
cBOD	66871	12747	81
SS	111393	54310	51
TN	12955	4226	67

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

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	
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)	2872

BALLYMOTE WWTP	
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	1777
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

'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 2019.			

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	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	Yes
Abatement Equipment offline	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	Yes
Breach of ELV	WWTP operating above capacity	1	Yes	No

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2019	3
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2019	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 2019 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2019 (m3)	Monitoring Status
TBC	TBC	No	Unknown	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
SW002	168297, 326518	Yes	Low	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Monitored
SW003	165722, 313210	Yes	Low	Not Meeting	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?	Yes
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?	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/NAY)	Status of Works	Timeframe for Completing the Work	Comments
D0094-SIP:01	Any works required to reduce BOD and Orthophosphate levels to meet the ELV specified in schedule A.1: Primary Waste Water Discharges of this licence (Column 2).	C	31/12/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0094-SIP:02	SWA - Upgrading of Storm Water Overflows to comply with the criteria outlined in the DoEHLG "Procedures and Criteria in relation to Storm Water Overflows, 1995".	C	31/12/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	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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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?	Yes
List reason e.g. additional SWO identified	New primary discharge point location & ELV amendment
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	Yes
List reason e.g. changes to monitoring requirements	incorrect co-ordinates identified for SWO, co-ordinates identified as Ballymote Stream and not Owenmore River
Have these processes commenced?	Yes
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: 04/06/2020

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7 APPENDIX

There are no Appendices included