

Annual Environmental Report

2019



Castlerea

D0118-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2019 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0118-01, Castlerea, in Roscommon 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.

HSQE works to be delivered under the Access to Heights and Edge Protection Programme. To be completed by years end 2020.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- Castlerea WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 4590, 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
TPEFF2600D0118SW001	Castlerea WWTP	Treated	Non-Compliant	Ammonia-Total (as N) 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 CASTLEREA WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - CASTLEREA 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
Total Nitrogen mg/l	13	278	62.83
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	13	1172	296.08
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	13	103	20.55
Suspended Solids mg/l	13	4920	1080.25
COD-Cr mg/l	13	2035	731.53
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	8697	1295

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 - TPEFF2600D0118SW001

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	13	0	0	20.4	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	N/A	13	0	0	4.5	Pass
pH pH units	9	9	N/A	13	0	0	7.14	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	7	14	N/A	13	0	0	1.22	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	1.5	1.8	N/A	13	7	7	4.13	Fail
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	1	1.2	N/A	13	0	0	0.04	Pass
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	13	N/A	N/A	12.05	
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	13	N/A	N/A	2.46	
Conductivity 20 C μS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	13	N/A	N/A	637.79	

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):

Plant and equipment breakdown at WWTP and shock load to the plant.

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is non-compliant with the ELV's 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 TPEFF2600D0118SW001

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	167687, 279913	RS26F050300	No	No	No	No	Good

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. 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, Ammonia and Ortho P concentrations downstream of the effluent discharge is noted.

A deterioration in water quality has been identified; however, it is not known if it is caused by the WWTP.

Other causes of deterioration in water quality in the area are unknown.

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 - CASTLEREA WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - Castlereas 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)
SS	556525	2321	100
cBOD	152536	630	100
TP	10589	1269	88
COD	376871	10512	97
TN	32367	6209	81

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - Castlereas 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.

Castlereas WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m ³ /day) - As Constructed	3443
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	1148
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m ³ /day)	8697
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	1295
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	4590
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week) ^{Note1}	3580
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	1010
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 - CASTLEREA 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)
Abatement Equipment offline	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	Yes
Breach of ELV	Shock load to the WWTP	1	No	No
Breach of ELV	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	No
Breach of ELV	Plant or equipment maintenance at WWTP	1	Yes	No

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2019	4
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2019	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 2019 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2019 (m3)	Monitoring Status
TBC	TBC	No	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SWO	167179, 278780	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	TBC	No	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored

SWO Summary	
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m ³)?	Unknown
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?	Yes
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
D0118-IP:37	HSQE works to be delivered under the access to heights and edge protection programme	Other	31/12/2020	

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

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.

Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Year included in AER	Included in this AER	Reference to relevant section of AER
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	2016	No	

5.1 PRIORITY SUBSTANCES ASSESSMENT

The Priority Substances Assessment Report has been included in the 2016 AER.

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?	N/A
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.	N/A
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	N/A

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

Signed:

Date: 16/04/2020

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

Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Irish National Grid Reference (Easting, Northing)	EPA Feature Coding Tool code	Receiving Waters Designation (Yes/No)				Current WFD Status	Mean (mg/l)		
			Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish		cBOD	o-Phosphate (as P)	Ammonia (as N)
Upstream Monitoring Point	165338, 280816	IE_SH_26S070100					Good	1.340	0.012	0.069
Downstream Monitoring Point	167166, 278763	IE_SH_26S070300	No	No	No	No	Moderate	1.350	0.013	0.070
EQS								1.50	0.035	0.065
% of EQS								-0.66%	-2.86%	-1.54%

D0118-01 Castlerea Agglomeration:-Ambient Monitoring Upstream 2019 - River Suck – (26S07-0100 - Bridge W. Of Cloonalis House)								
Sample Type	Date	code	Ammonia (mg/l)	BOD (mg/l)	Dissolved Oxygen (% Saturation)	pH (unit)	Temperature (deg C)	Ortho-p (PO4-P) (mg/l)
Upstream	13/02/2019	19440493	0.064	1.2	94.8	7.28	10.1	0.014
Upstream	26/03/2019	19441010	0.056	1	102.4	7.59	9.4	0.006
Upstream	04/04/2019	19441154	0.104	1	91.7	7.42	7.8	0.009
Upstream	06/06/2019	19441863	0.039	1.8	84.4	6.93	10.6	0.023
Upstream	04/07/2019	19442281	0.046	1	98.2	7.58	17.9	0.008
Upstream	01/08/2019	19442663	0.09	1.1	92.8	7.37	17.1	0.006
Upstream	26/09/2019	19443529	0.076	1.5	95.2	7.09	12.6	0.009
Upstream	16/10/2019	19443970	0.037	1.4	87	6.86	11.8	0.016
Upstream	13/11/2019	19444359	0.074	1.9	86.1	7.1	6.2	0.008
Upstream	05/12/2019	19444736	0.1	1.5	97.8	7.26	10	0.016
Ambient Monitoring Result (Mean)			0.069	1.34	93.04	7.25	11.35	0.012
Surface Water Regulation 2009 Good Status (mean) Table 9 (Note 1)			≤0.065	≤1.50		Soft 4.5 <pH<6.0 Hard 6.0<pH<9 .0		≤0.035
Ambient Monitoring Result (95 Percentile)			0.1022	1.855	100.51	7.5855	17.54	0.01985
Surface Water Regulation 2009 Good Status (95%ile) Table 9 (Note 2)			≤0.14	≤2.6	80<95%ile<120			≤0.075
Status Upstream (Note 3)			Fail	Good	Good	Hard		Good

Note 1: Limit (mean) for good status waters as per Table 9, Part A, Schedule 4 of The European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Water) Regulations, 2009 S.I. No. 272 of 2009. Note – calculated figures for Ammonia as N do not consider variants in temperature or pH.

Note 2: Limit (95%ile) for good status waters as per Table 9, Part A, Schedule 4 of The European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Water) Regulations, 2009) S.I. No. 272 of 2009.

Note 3: Limit (mean) for good status waters as per Table 9, Part A, Schedule 4 of The European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Water) Regulations, 2009) S.I. No. 272 of 2009.

D0118-01 Castlereagh Agglomeration : - Ambient Monitoring Downstream 2019 – River Suck –(26S07-0300 – Cloondacarra Bridge)								
Sample Type	Date	code	Ammonia (mg/l)	BOD (mg/l)	Dissolved Oxygen (% Saturation)	pH (unit)	Temperature (deg C)	Ortho-p (PO4-P) (mg/l)
Downstream	13/02/2019	19440494	0.074	1	96.5	7.28	10.1	0.013
Downstream	26/03/2019	19441011	0.058	1	101.7	7.52	9.6	0.008
Downstream	04/04/2019	19441155	0.11	2.5	92.3	7.41	7.9	0.011
Downstream	06/06/2019	19441864	0.052	1.3	89.7	7.06	10.4	0.024
Downstream	04/07/2019	19442282	0.162	1	110.1	7.65	16.4	0.007
Downstream	01/08/2019	19442662	0.046	1	87.9	7.39	15.5	0.012
Downstream	09/09/2019	19443196	0.048	1	0	7.29	0	0.017
Downstream	26/09/2019	19443530	0.038	1.4	94.6	7.09	12.5	0.011
Downstream	16/10/2019	19443971	0.049	1	86.1	6.79	12.2	0.02
Downstream	13/11/2019	19444360	0.083	1.9	86.1	7.13	6.9	0.01
Downstream	05/12/2019	19444737	0.045	1.7	98.2	7.31	9.9	0.013
Ambient Monitoring Result (Mean)			0.07	1.35	85.75	7.27	10.13	0.013
Surface Water Regulation 2009 Good Status (mean) Table 9 (Note 1)			≤0.065	≤1.50		Soft 4.5 <pH<6.0 Hard 6.0<pH<9 .0		≤0.035
Ambient Monitoring Result (95 Percentile)			0.136	2.2	105.9	7.585	15.95	0.022
Surface Water Regulation 2009 Good Status (95%ile) Table 9 (Note 2)			≤0.14	≤2.6	80<95%ile<120			≤0.075
Status Upstream (Note 3)			Fail	Good	Good	Hard		Good

(Surface Water) Regulations, 2009 S.I. No. 272 of 2009. Note – calculated figures for Ammonia as N do not consider variants in temperature or pH.

Note 2: Limit (95%ile) for good status waters as per Table 9, Part A, Schedule 4 of The European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Water) Regulations, 2009) S.I. No. 272 of 2009.

Note 3: Limit (mean) for good status waters as per Table 9, Part A, Schedule 4 of The European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Water) Regulations, 2009) S.I. No. 272 of 2009.