

Annual Environmental Report

2019



Millstreet

D0332-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2019 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0332-01, Millstreet, 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.

Construction of a new WWTP with a design capacity of 3,220P.E. progressed on site during 2019 and is currently at commissioning stage.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- Millstreet WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 1600, 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
TPEFF0500D0332SW007	Millstreet WWTP	Treated	Compliant	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 MILLSTREET WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - MILLSTREET 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 (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	132	36.59
COD-Cr mg/l	12	298	96.82
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	132	45.82
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	2251	1067

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'. The design of the wastewater treatment plant allows for peak values and therefore the peak loads have not impacted on compliance with Emission Limit Values.

2.1.2 EFFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - TPEFF0500D0332SW001

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	N/A	N/A	14.12	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	25	50	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	2.46	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	25	62.5	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	4.41	Pass
pH pH units	9	9	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.81	Pass

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):

NA

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is 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 TPEFF0500D0332SW001

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	127529, 90637	RS18M430680	No	No	No	No	Unassigned
Downstream	127645, 91245	RS18M430820	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.

Based on ambient monitoring results a deterioration in Ortho-P, BOD, and ammonia, concentrations downstream of the effluent discharge is noted.

2.1.4 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - MILLSTREET WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - Millstreet 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)
COD	33288	4856	85
TP	N/A	N/A	N/A
cBOD	12578	844	93
SS	15753	1517	90
TN	N/A	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 - Millstreet 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.

Millstreet WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m³/day) - As Constructed	1056
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m³/day)	352
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m³/day)	2251

Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m³/day)	1067
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	1600
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)^{Note1}	2741
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 - MILLSTREET 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	EO caused by pump failure	1	No	Yes
Uncontrolled release	EO caused by pump failure	1	No	Yes
Abatement Equipment offline	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	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
SW006	127330, 90754	Yes	Low	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	126345, 90483	No	Low	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW002	127282, 90864	Yes	Low	Not Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW003	127282, 90864	Yes	Low	Not Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	127826, 90348	No	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	127398, 91013	No	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored

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	126808, 89966	No	Low	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?	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?	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 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
D0332-SIP:01	Install back up pump at Mount Leader pump station	C	31/12/2015	Yes	Not Started		The improvement programme will be reviewed by Irish Water to assess the works required to comply with the licence condition on a prioritised basis
D0332-SIP:02	Install wastewater treatment plant with nutrient removal	C	31/12/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2020	
D0332-SIP:03	SW007 Primary Discharge Point to be discontinued	C	31/12/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2020	

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

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.

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
Pearl Mussel Report	Yes	2015	No	
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	2015	No	

5.1 PEARL MUSSEL REPORT

The Pearl Mussel Report Report has been included in the AER 2015

5.2 PRIORITY SUBSTANCES ASSESSMENT

The Priority Substances Assessment Report has been included in the AER 2015

6 CERTIFICATION AND SIGN OFF

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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	Relocation of Primary Discharge and addition of storm water overflows
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	New Primary Discharge Location associated with new WWTP
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: 05/06/2020

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	RS18M430680	127529, 90637					Unknown	0.500	0.019	0.026
Downstream Monitoring Point	RS18M430820	127645, 91245	No	No	Yes	No	Unknown	1.900	0.335	0.212
Difference								1.400	0.317	0.186
EQS								1.500	0.035	0.065
% of EQS								93.333%	904.286%	286.154%

WaterbodyCode	MonitoringStation	MonitoringStationName	SampleDate	SampleMethod	Parameter	Parameter	Parameter	Result	ResultString	LimitOfDetection	ReportResult
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430680	Upstream of TPEFF0500D0332SW007	21/03/2019 11:30	Grab	Ammonia-	mg/l	milligrams	0.028		0	0.028
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430680	Upstream of TPEFF0500D0332SW007	21/03/2019 11:30	Grab	BOD - 5 da	mg/l	milligrams per litre	<1.0		1	0.5
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430680	Upstream of TPEFF0500D0332SW007	21/03/2019 11:30	Grab	ortho-Phos	mg/l	milligrams	0.02		0	0.02
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430680	Upstream of TPEFF0500D0332SW007	21/03/2019 11:30	Grab	Suspended	mg/l	milligrams per litre	<2.5		2.5	1.25
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430680	Upstream of TPEFF0500D0332SW007	21/03/2019 11:30	Grab	Temperatu	°C	Degrees ce	11.5		0	11.5
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430680	Upstream of TPEFF0500D0332SW007	21/03/2019 11:30	Grab	Dissolved (% Saturati		Percentage	99.2		0	99.2
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430680	Upstream of TPEFF0500D0332SW007	21/03/2019 11:30	Grab	pH	pH units	pH Units	7.6		2	7.6
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430680	Upstream of TPEFF0500D0332SW007	24/10/2019 11:30	Grab	Ammonia-	mg/l	milligrams	0.023		0	0.023
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430680	Upstream of TPEFF0500D0332SW007	24/10/2019 11:30	Grab	BOD - 5 da	mg/l	milligrams per litre	<1.0		1	0.5
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430680	Upstream of TPEFF0500D0332SW007	24/10/2019 11:30	Grab	ortho-Phos	mg/l	milligrams	0.017		0	0.017
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430680	Upstream of TPEFF0500D0332SW007	24/10/2019 11:30	Grab	Temperatu	°C	Degrees ce	10.9		0	10.9
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430680	Upstream of TPEFF0500D0332SW007	24/10/2019 11:30	Grab	Suspended	mg/l	milligrams per litre	<2.5		2.5	1.25
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430680	Upstream of TPEFF0500D0332SW007	24/10/2019 11:30	Grab	Dissolved (% Saturati		Percentage	96.4		0	96.4
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430680	Upstream of TPEFF0500D0332SW007	24/10/2019 11:30	Grab	pH	pH units	pH Units	7.1		2	7.1
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430820	d/s monitoring TPEFF0500D0332SW007	21/03/2019 13:25	Grab	Ammonia-	mg/l	milligrams	0.363		0	0.363
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430820	d/s monitoring TPEFF0500D0332SW007	21/03/2019 13:25	Grab	BOD - 5 da	mg/l	milligrams	2.5		1	2.5
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430820	d/s monitoring TPEFF0500D0332SW007	21/03/2019 13:25	Grab	Dissolved (% Saturati		Percentage	80		0	80
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430820	d/s monitoring TPEFF0500D0332SW007	21/03/2019 13:25	Grab	ortho-Phos	mg/l	milligrams	0.335		0	0.335
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430820	d/s monitoring TPEFF0500D0332SW007	21/03/2019 13:25	Grab	pH	pH units	pH Units	7.6		2	7.6
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430820	d/s monitoring TPEFF0500D0332SW007	21/03/2019 13:25	Grab	Suspended	mg/l	milligrams	3		2.5	3
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430820	d/s monitoring TPEFF0500D0332SW007	21/03/2019 13:25	Grab	Temperatu	°C	Degrees ce	12		0	12
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430820	d/s monitoring TPEFF0500D0332SW007	24/10/2019 11:35	Grab	BOD - 5 da	mg/l	milligrams	1.3		1	1.3
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430820	d/s monitoring TPEFF0500D0332SW007	24/10/2019 11:35	Grab	ortho-Phos	mg/l	milligrams	0.05		0	0.05
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430820	d/s monitoring TPEFF0500D0332SW007	24/10/2019 11:35	Grab	pH	pH units	pH Units	7.3		2	7.3
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430820	d/s monitoring TPEFF0500D0332SW007	24/10/2019 11:35	Grab	Suspended	mg/l	milligrams	4		2.5	4
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430820	d/s monitoring TPEFF0500D0332SW007	24/10/2019 11:35	Grab	Temperatu	°C	Degrees ce	10.8		0	10.8
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430820	d/s monitoring TPEFF0500D0332SW007	24/10/2019 11:35	Grab	Dissolved (% Saturati		Percentage	93.4		0	93.4
IE_SW_18F03040	RS18M430820	d/s monitoring TPEFF0500D0332SW007	24/10/2019 11:35	Grab	Ammonia-	mg/l	milligrams	0.06		0	0.06