

Annual Environmental Report

2020



Skibbereen

D0166-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2020 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0166-01, Skibbereen, 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.

N/A

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- SKIBBEREEN WWTP - 2020 with a Plant Capacity PE of 4700, 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
TPEFF0500D0166SW001	SKIBBEREEN WWTP - 2020	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 SKIBBEREEN WWTP - 2020 - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - SKIBBEREEN WWTP - 2020

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 Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	17.56	3.64
COD-Cr mg/l	12	668	206.54
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	281	85.27
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	304	79.11
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	28.1	14.68
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	3300	2269

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 - TPEFF0500D0166SW001

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	29.29	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	N/A	12	1	N/A	15.89	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	25	50	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	4.68	Pass
Total Nitrogen mg/l	15	18	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	4.14	Pass
pH pH units	9	9	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.44	Pass
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	8	9.6	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.94	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.55	
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	1.1	
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	2.87	

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):

Not applicable

Significance of Results:

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

2.1.3 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE TPEFF0500D0166SW001

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	111834, 33894	TW05003182IN1002	No	No	No	Yes	Moderate
Downstream	108958, 33485	TW05003182IN1003	No	No	No	Yes	Moderate

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	TW05003182IN1002	2.1	TW05003182IN1003	2.575	1.5	31.7
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	TW05003182IN1002	0.032	TW05003182IN1003	0.035	0.065	3.8
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	TW05003182IN1002	0.02	TW05003182IN1003	0.02	0.035	-1.4
Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation	TW05003182IN1002	99.125	TW05003182IN1003	98.8		
pH pH units	TW05003182IN1002	7.45	TW05003182IN1003	7.45		
Temperature °C	TW05003182IN1002	14	TW05003182IN1003	14.4		
Total Nitrogen mg/l	TW05003182IN1002	1.68	TW05003182IN1003	1.605		

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 BOD, concentrations downstream of the effluent discharge is noted.

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

Other causes of deterioration in water quality in the area are: Catchment Pressures

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 - SKIBBEREEN WWTP - 2020

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - SKIBBEREEN WWTP - 2020

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)
TN	13954	4002	71
cBOD	75179	4571	94
SS	81039	15359	81
TP	3456	1062	69
COD	196288	28313	86

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - SKIBBEREEN WWTP - 2020

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.

SKIBBEREEN WWTP - 2020	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m ³ /day) - As Constructed	3243
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	1081
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m ³ /day)	3300

SKIBBEREEN WWTP - 2020	
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	2269
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	4700
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week) ^{Note1}	3961
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	739
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 - SKIBBEREEN WWTP - 2020

'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 2020.			

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)
There were no reportable incidents in 2020.				

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2020	0
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2020	0
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 2020 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2020 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW003	112238, 33864	No	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW4	112239, 33841	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Monitored
SW5	111565, 34043	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Monitored
SW8	112436, 34611	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Monitored
TBC	111577, 34069	No	Low	Not Meeting	Unknown	0	Monitored

SWO Summary	
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m3)?	N/A
Is each SWO identified as not meeting DoEHLG Guidance included in the Programme of Improvements?	No
The SWO Assessment included the requirements of relevant of WWDL schedules?	N/A
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/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
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	
Shellfish Impact Assessment	Yes	2016	No	

5.1 PRIORITY SUBSTANCES ASSESSMENT

The Priority Substances Assessment Report has been included in the AER 2014

5.2 SHELLFISH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Shellfish Impact Assessment Report has been included in the AER 2016

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?	No
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	No
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	Yes

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

Signed: Date: 29/03/2021

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7 APPENDIX

Appendix

Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary

Skibbereen Upstream	Transitional						Median	Mean	95%ile
	EQS								
	Mean	95%ile	12/03/2020 12:55	07/05/2020 12:50	19/08/2020 10:30	07/10/2020 10:20			
D.O % O ₂	80%<95%ile<120%								101.465
Temperature C°	≤ 1.5 C° increase								18.555
pH	6 < pH < 9								
BOD mg/L	n/a	≤ 4	2.5	2.9	2	0.5		2.84	
Orthophosphate (P) mg/l	≤0.04 @35 PSU (Median)						0.022	0.017	0.023
Ammonia (N) mg/l	≤ 0.065	≤ 0.140	0.02	0.089	0.013	0.006		0.032	
TN (N) mg/l	n/a						1.6	1.67	2.15

Skibbereen Downstream	Transitional						Median	Mean	95%ile
	EQS								
	Mean	95%ile	12/03/2020 13:08	07/05/2020 12:40	19/08/2020 10:40	07/10/2020 10:35			
D.O % O ₂	80%<95%ile<120%								100.87
Temperature C°	≤ 1.5 C° increase						12.95	14.4	18.115
pH	6 < pH < 9								
BOD mg/L	n/a	≤ 4	4.8	3.3	0.5	1.2		4.575	
Orthophosphate (P) mg/l	≤0.04 @35 PSU (Median)						0.014	0.025	0.019
Ammonia (N) mg/l	≤ 0.065	≤ 0.140	0.009	0.097	0.024	0.008		0.0345	
TN (N) mg/l	n/a						1.6	1.78	1.74

Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Irish Grid Reference	EPA Feature Coding tool Code	Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	Current WFD Status
Upstream Monitoring Point	E111834 N33894	TW05003182IN1002	No	No	No	No	Moderate
Downstream Monitoring Point	E108958 N33485	TW05003182IN1003	No	No	No	No	Moderate

Significance of Results	
Did the ambient monitoring results meet the EQS Required?	No
Is there an observable negative impact on water quality?	Unknown - "observable" TBC
List the parameters causing the impact?	BOD
A deterioration has been identified, but it is not known if it is caused by the TP	TRUE
Do the discharges from the WWTP have an observable negative impact on the WFD?	Unknown - "observable" TBC
Any other known impacts	Catchment Pressures

