Annual Environmental Report

2020

Mullaghmore

D0239-01

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7.1 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2020 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0239-01, Mullaghmore, 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.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- MULLAGHMORE WWTP - 2020 with a Plant Capacity PE of 320, the treatment type is 1 - Primary 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
TPEFF2700D0239SW001	MULLAGHMORE WWTP - 2020	Treated	Non-compliant	BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous) 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 MULLAGHMORE WWTP - 2020 - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - MULLAGHMORE 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	6	4.8	1.71
COD-Cr mg/l	6	307	107.06
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous) mg/l	6	288	46.77
Total Nitrogen mg/l	6	28.7	15.79
Suspended Solids mg/l	6	818	97.44
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	1451	403

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'.

2.1.2 EFFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - TPEFF2700D0239SW001

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)
Faecal coliforms no./100mls	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Suspended Solids mg/l	50% reduction	N/A	N/A	6	5	N/A	30.38	Fail
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	8.56	
E. Coli MPN/100ml	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	2017192.32	
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	2.09	
Enterococci (Intestinal) cfu/100ml	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	76977.59	
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous) mg/l	20% reduction	N/A	N/A	5	4	N/A	30.93	Fail

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):

Refer to incident section of the report

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 TPEFF2700D0239SW001

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
Downstream	170900, 357100	CW06007036ER2004	Yes	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 non compliant with the ELV's set in the wastewater discharge licence.

The ambient monitoring results meet the required EQS. The EQS relates to the Oxygenation and Nutrient Conditions set out in the Surface Water Regulations 2009.

The discharge from the wastewater treatment plant does not have an observable impact on the water quality.

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 - MULLAGHMORE WWTP - 2020

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - MULLAGHMORE 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	1909	N/A	N/A
cBOD	5653	4125	27
TP	207	N/A	N/A
COD	12941	N/A	N/A
SS	11778	3672	69

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - MULLAGHMORE 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.

MULLAGHMORE WWTP - 2020	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m^3/day) - As Constructed	216
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	72
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m^3/day)	1451

MULLAGHMORE WWTP - 2020	
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	403
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	320
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)[Note1]	771
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 - MULLAGHMORE 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)
Uncontrolled release	Plant or equipment maintenance at WWTP	1	No	Yes

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Specified % Reduction Value not achieved	WWTP operating above capacity	1	Yes	No
Uncontrolled release	Plant or equipment maintenance at WWTP	1	Yes	Yes

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2020	3
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2020	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 2020 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2020 (m3)	Monitoring Status
There are no Storm Water Overflows in this Agglomeration.							

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?	N/A
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?	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
D0239-SIP:01	Improvement works to increase the organic and hydraulic treatment capacity of the plant to ensure compliance with Condition 1.7.	C	31/12/2018	Yes	At Planning Stage		The required works are not currently funded in the 2020-2024 period, and will be considered when planning for the next investment plan period.

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
D0239-IP:67	Included for upgrade in 2025 - 2029 Capital Investment Programme.	Improved Operational Control	31/12/2029	

4.2.3 SEWER INTEGRITY RISK ASSESSMENT

N/A

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	2015	No	

5.1 PRIORITY SUBSTANCES ASSESSMENT

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

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: 12/05/2021

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 Points WHERE THE AMBIENT POINTS ARE NOT IN EIMS AER – PLEASE COMPLETE THE BELOW TABLE

Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Irish Grid Reference	EPA Feature Coding Tool code	Receiving Waters Designation (Y/N)				WFD Status
			Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	
CW06007036ER2004	170,900m E, 357,100m N	CW06007036ER2007	Yes	No	No	No	Unassigned

WHERE THE AMBIENT DATA IS NOT IN EDEN/EIMS – PLEASE COMPLETE THE BELOW TABLE and PLEASE ALSO INLCUDE THE MONITORING DATA Ambient Impact Assessment Table

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS (95%Ile)	%EQS
Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen (mg N/l)			CW06007036 ER2007	0.40275	1.0 (High Status) , 2.6 (Good Status)	
Dissolved Oxygen			CW06007036 ER2007	NR		

Supply Name	Sample Date	tored Entity	Station	Ammonia (as N) mg/l N	BOD mg/L	E. Coli MPN/100m	Enterococci No/100ml	Faecal Coliforms cfu/100ml	Inorganic Nitrogen-Dissolved (CalcGallery) mg/l N	Nitrate as N-Dissolved mg/l N	Nitrite (as N) mg/l N	Nitrite as N-Dissolved mg/l N	pH pH Units	Suspended Solids mg/L
Mullaghmore	24/01/2020	D0239	Coastal	0.45	2.3				0.456	<0.15		0.006	8.1	80
Mullaghmore	28/05/2020	D0239	Coastal			0	0	<1						
Mullaghmore	28/05/2020	D0239	Coastal	0.46	1.9				0.465	<0.15		0.006	8.6	59
Mullaghmore	04/09/2020	D0239	Coastal	0.5	1.4				0.471	<0.15		<0.005	7.8	86
Mullaghmore	04/09/2020	D0239	Coastal			148	300	1700						
Mullaghmore	06/11/2020	D0239	Coastal	0.17	<1				0.219	<0.15		<0.005	8.1	83