

Annual Environmental Report

2024



Tullamore

D0039-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2024 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0039-01, Tullamore, in Offaly 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.

There were no capital works, significant changes or operational changes undertaken in 2024.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- Tullamore WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 45000, the treatment type is 3P - Tertiary P removal.

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
TPEFF2500D0039SW001	Tullamore WWTP	Treated	Non-Compliant	Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l

1.4 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTING

Assessment / Report

There are no Licence Specific Reports included in this AER.

2 TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT SUMMARY

2.1 TULLAMORE WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - TULLAMORE 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
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	1557	484
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	19	6.10
pH pH units	12	7.81	7.48
COD-Cr mg/l	12	2434	830
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	12	12	4.02
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	142	48
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	12	53	29
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	1199	336
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	16550	5903

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 less 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 - TPEFF2500D0039SW001

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 exceedances with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
COD-Cr mg/l	125	250	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	24	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	15	37.5	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	5.58	Pass
pH pH units	6	9	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.67	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	8	16	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	1.82	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	0.5	1	N/A	12	2	1	0.239	Fail
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	0.5	0.6	N/A	12	1	1	0.236	Fail
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0.25	0.5	N/A	12	3	1	0.162	Fail

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 exceedances with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	33	
Nitrite (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.104	
Conductivity @20°C µS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	1478	
Nitrate (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	28	

Notes:

1 – This represents the Emission Limit Values after the Interpretation provided for under Condition 2 of the licence is applied

2 – For pH the WWDA specifies a range of pH 6 - 9

Cause of Exceedance(s):

Dosing pump failure or maintenance at WWTP & Inadequate Operational Procedures/Training.

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is non-compliant with the ELV's set in the Waste Water Discharge Licence. The impact in receiving waters is assessed further in Section 2.

2.1.3 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE TPEFF2500D0039SW001

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 Ecological Status
Upstream	233276, 224875	RS25T030300	No	No	No	No	Poor
Downstream	229513, 225049	RS25T030400	No	No	No	No	Moderate

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 not compliant with the ELV's set in the wastewater discharge licence.

The ambient monitoring results do not meet the required EQS at the upstream and the downstream monitoring locations. 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.

As per the 3rd Cycle Lower Shannon (Brosna) Catchment Report (HA 25A), the significant pressure on the At Risk Tullamore_040 waterbody is Urban Runoff.

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 - TULLAMORE WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - Tullamore 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)
cBOD	772483	4188	99
SS	1111741	12806	99
TP	14018	541	96
COD	1906187	56070	97
TN	110244	76442	31

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - Tullamore 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.

Tullamore WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m ³ /day) - As Constructed	33000
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	11000
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m ³ /day)	16550
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	5903
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	45000
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week) ^{Note1}	27459
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	17541
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 - TULLAMORE 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)
Landfill Leachate (delivered by tanker)	2262.54	Volume (m3)	27.55	0.11	Yes	Yes	Yes
Domestic /Septic Tank Sludge	25497	Weight (Tonnes)	310.1	1.18	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other	23369.4	Weight (Tonnes)	284.6	1.1	Yes	Yes	Yes
Other	3764	Weight (Tonnes)	45.83	0.17	Yes	Yes	Yes

3 COMPLAINTS AND INCIDENTS

3.1 COMPLAINTS SUMMARY

A summary of complaints of an environmental nature related to the discharge(s) to water from the WWTP and network is included below.

Number of Complaints	Nature of Complaint	Number Open Complaints	Number Closed Complaints
There were no relevant environmental complaints in 2024.			

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 Uisce Éireann 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	Recurring (Y/N)	Closed (Y/N)
Breach of ELV	Dosing pump failure or maintenance at WWTP	Yes	Yes
Breach of ELV	Inadequate Operational Procedures/Training	Yes	Yes

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2024	2
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2024	2
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 (chamber) where applicable	Irish Grid Ref. (outfall)	Included in Schedule of the WWDL	Significance of the overflow(High / Medium / Low)	Assessed against DoEHLG Criteria	No. of times activated in 2024 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2024 (m ³)	Monitoring Status
SW002	232859, 224820	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW003	235074, 225080	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW004	233175, 226540	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW005	233238, 224887	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW007	233445, 224836	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW010	234224, 224931	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored

WWDL Name / Code for Storm Water Overflow (chamber) where applicable	Irish Grid Ref. (outfall)	Included in Schedule of the WWDL	Significance of the overflow(High / Medium / Low)	Assessed against DoEHLG Criteria	No. of times activated in 2024 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2024 (m ³)	Monitoring Status
TBC	TBC	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	233756, 225070	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	234691, 223785	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	233045, 224853	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored

The contents presented in this table include the most up to date information available at the time of writing. Any TBC SWO(s) were identified as part of the on-going National SWO programme and will be updated in subsequent AER(s) once the information is confirmed.

SWO Summary	
How much wastewater discharge by metered SWOs during 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?	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 a 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
D0039-SIP:01	Construction of the proposed secondary discharge outfall to the Clodiagh River for p.e. in excess of 30,000, and not greater than 15,000	C	01/01/2012	Yes	Not Started		
D0039-SIP:02	De-commissioning of secondary discharge SW14 (SW002)	C	01/01/2014	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:03	De-commissioning of SW003 storm water overflow	C	01/01/2012	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:04	De-commissioning of SW004 storm water overflow	C	01/01/2014	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:05	De-commissioning of SW005 storm water overflow	C	01/01/2012	Yes	Works Completed		

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
D0039-SIP:06	De-commissioning of SW007 storm water overflow	C	01/01/2014	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:07	Discharge to cease: SW003 to Tullamore River	A	01/01/2012	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:08	Discharge to cease: SW004 to Tullamore River	A	01/01/2014	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:09	Discharge to cease: SW005 to Tullamore River	A	01/01/2012	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:10	Installation of storm water storage tank at the inlet of the works	C	01/01/2012	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:11	SW002 to Tullamore River to be discontinued (formerly SW14)	A	01/01/2014	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:12	SW007 to Tullamore River to be discontinued	A	01/01/2014	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:13	Upgrade of the existing WWTP including the installation of storm water storage tank at the inlet of the works	C	01/01/2012	Yes	Works Completed		
D0039-SIP:14	Upgrading of SW10 to comply with DoE criteria for SWOs.	C	01/01/2014	Yes	Works Completed		

A summary of the status of any other improvements identified by under Condition 5 assessments- is included below.

4.2.2 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Improvement Identifier	Improvement Description / or any Operational Improvements	Improvement Source	Expected Completion Date	Comments
No additional improvements planned at this time.				

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 Tables 4.2.1 and 4.2.2.

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 a list of the various reports required for this agglomeration and a brief summary of their recommendations.

Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Included in this AER
D0039-01-Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	No

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	Yes
List reason e.g. changes to monitoring requirements	Ambient Monitoring Location Changes
Have these processes commenced?	No
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:

Date: 26/04/2025

This AER has been produced by Uisce Éireann'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

Tullamore Ambient Monitoring Summary 2024

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)			
			Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish
Upstream Monitoring Point	233276, 224875	RS25T030300	No	No	No	No
Downstream Monitoring Point	229513, 225049	RS25T030400	No	No	No	No

Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Current WFD Status	cBOD	o-Phosphate (as P)	Ammonia (as N)
Upstream Monitoring Point	Poor	1.566	0.047	0.1614
Downstream Monitoring Point	Moderate	1.735	0.033	0.0684
<i>Difference</i>		<i>0.169</i>	<i>-0.014</i>	<i>-0.093</i>
EQS		1.500	0.035	0.065
% of EQS		11.246%	-40.493%	-142.992%

Ambient Monitoring Data 2024

		Temp	pH	BOD	COD	Suspended solids	Total Nitrogen as N	Total Phosphorus as P	Total Ammonia as N	Ortho-Phosphate as P	Nitrite as N	Nitrate as N	Conductivity	DO	DO
Station	Sample Date	Degrees C	pH units	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	µS/m	mg/l	% sat
Upstream	18/01/2024	3.8	8.01	1.7	23	7.5	7.7	0.032	0.074	0.015	0.018	4.257	691	12.16	93.1
Upstream	14/03/2024	9.1	7.76	1.9	33	27	2.9	0.075	0.063	0.065	0.054	2.207	571	10.2	91.4
Upstream	25/03/2024	11.1	8.21	< 1	32	36.2	3.3	< 0.1	0.045	< 0.02	0.015	2.3	622	11	90.1
Upstream	26/03/2024	10.2	8.21	7.5	43	29.2	4.4	0.28	1.5	0.25	0.023	2.7	648	11.1	92.1
Upstream	17/04/2024	9	7.98	< 1	28	2.5	2.9	0.036	0.039	0.018	0.008	2.756	694	10.31	89.5
Upstream	15/05/2024	13.4	8.05	< 1	< 20	< 2.5	4.1	0.119	< 0.02	0.104	0.013	2.631	691	9.85	96.3
Upstream	11/06/2024	14	7.99	1.4	< 20	< 2.5	5.5	0.016	< 0.02	< 0.006	3.082	0.013	674	10.89	105.7
Upstream	18/07/2024	15.8	7.91	< 1	< 20	< 2.5	2.41	0.027	< 0.02	0.014	2.217	0.019	654	8.24	83.4
Upstream	22/08/2024	14.6	7.9	< 1	< 20	4	2.49	0.04	0.15	0.029	0.052	2.012	668	7.73	77.5
Upstream	12/09/2024	11.4	7.96	< 1	< 20	5.5	2.22	0.033	< 0.02	0.015	0.012	1.772	645	9.52	88.2
Upstream	24/10/2024	11.7	7.89	< 1	< 20	< 2.5	1.69	0.036	< 0.02	0.025	0.01	1.297	694	8.35	78.2
Upstream	19/11/2024	7.3	7.88	2.2	37	8	2.32	0.078	0.081	0.04	0.015	2.194	637	9.33	79
Upstream	11/12/2024	6.9	7.7	< 1	27	< 2.5	3.27	0.758	0.075	0.019	0.022	2.621	717	9.11	76.3
	Mean	10.638	7.958	1.566	23.681	9.903	3.477	0.123	0.161	0.047	0.426	2.060	662.000	9.830	87.754
	95%ile	15.080	8.210	4.320	39.400	32.000	6.380	0.471	0.690	0.162	2.563	3.356	703.200	11.524	100.060

		Temp	pH	BOD	COD	Suspended solids	Total Nitrogen as N	Total Phosphorus as P	Total Ammonia as N	Ortho-Phosphate as P	Nitrite as N	Nitrate as N	Conductivity	DO	DO
Station	Sample Date	Degrees C	pH units	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	µS/m	mg/l	% sat
Downstream	18/01/2024	4.9	7.8	2.1	< 20	11	7.6	0.035	0.062	0.014	0.028	5.383	732	11.87	93.5
Downstream	14/03/2024	9.4	7.72	2	30	29	3.2	0.067	0.048	0.065	0.03	2.771	605	10.2	91.5
Downstream	25/03/2024	10.1	8.14	8.1	41	41.6	4.1	0.12	0.044	0.038	0.023	2.7	651	12.1	89.1
Downstream	26/03/2024	10.3	8.26	2.7	34	25.6	3.4	< 0.1	0.28	< 0.02	0.015	2.3	620	11.2	92.2
Downstream	17/04/2024	9.2	7.84	< 1	25	5	3.2	0.034	0.026	0.017	0.007	2.88	693	9.64	84.1
Downstream	15/05/2024	13.8	7.77	< 1	< 20	< 2.5	8.9	0.061	0.025	0.048	0.017	6.363	779	9.4	92.5
Downstream	11/06/2024	13.6	7.76	1.3	< 20	< 2.5	9.2	0.057	0.217	0.035	7.766	0.099	817	11.82	113.7
Downstream	18/07/2024	15.1	7.8	< 1	< 20	< 2.5	6.3	0.054	< 0.02	0.043	6.125	0.041	754	8.08	80.7
Downstream	22/08/2024	14.3	7.62	< 1	< 20	< 2.5	4.7	0.05	0.025	0.039	0.024	4.494	798	7.41	73.7
Downstream	12/09/2024	12.6	7.82	< 1	< 20	3	7.86	0.046	< 0.02	0.026	0.012	7.362	807	9.31	88.3
Downstream	24/10/2024	12.3	7.65	< 1	< 20	2.5	5.68	0.044	< 0.02	0.029	0.021	5.747	775	7.62	72.2
Downstream	19/11/2024	8	7.8	1.4	< 20	5	2.84	0.161	0.071	0.04	0.025	2.494	608	8.74	76
Downstream	11/12/2024	7	7.8	< 1	34	2.5	4.38	0.046	0.049	0.02	0.017	3.744	742	9.92	81.1
	Mean	10.815	7.829	1.735	21.318	10.175	5.489	0.065	0.068	0.033	1.085	3.568	721.615	9.793	86.815
	95%ile	15.093	8.210	6.387	40.440	34.730	8.536	0.404	0.546	0.142	5.060	6.147	803.850	12.020	103.726

Note: Where the concentration in the result is less than the limit of detection (LOD), a value of LOD/sqrt(2) was used in calculating the mean and 95%ile concentrations.