Annual Environmental Report

2024

Clogherhead

D0265-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2024 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0265-01, Clogherhead, in Louth 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)

- Clogherhead WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 2600, 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
TPEFF2100D0265SW001	Clogherhead WWTP	Treated	Compliant	N/A

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 CLOGHERHEAD WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - CLOGHERHEAD 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) mg/l	6	183	96
Suspended Solids mg/l	6	338	163
COD-Cr mg/l	6	588	279
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	1605	1074

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’. 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 - TPEFF2100D0265SW001

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	6	N/A	N/A	43	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	17	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous) mg/l	25	50	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	8.04	Pass
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	15	18	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	7.87	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	10	12	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	6.62	Pass
pH pH units	6	9	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	7.45	Pass
Faecal coliforms cfu/100ml	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	16955	
E. Coli cfu/100ml	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	17546	
Enterococci (Intestinal) cfu/100ml	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	3908	

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):

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 TPEFF2100D0265SW001

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	314755, 287792	CW21006024BE2003	Yes	No	No	Yes	High
Downstream	316506.88, 283516.06	CW21006024BE2002	Yes	No	No	Yes	High

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 coastal/transitional 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 WWTP discharge was compliant with the ELV's set in the wastewater discharge licence.

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

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

The discharge from the wastewater treatment plant does not have an observable impact on the bathing 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 - CLOGHERHEAD WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - Clogherhead 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	131523	12796	90
SS	76744	5243	93
cBOD	45390	2415	95

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - Clogherhead 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.

Clogherhead WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m^3/day) - As Constructed	1080
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	360
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m^3/day)	1605
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	1074
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	2600
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)[Note1]	3292
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 - CLOGHERHEAD 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 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)
Abatement equipment off-line	Plant or equipment maintenance at WWTP	No	Yes

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2024	1
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2024	1
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	316453, 283597	Yes	Medium Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW003	316923, 283611	Yes	Medium 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?	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 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
There are no Specified Improvement Programmes for this Agglomeration.							

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

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Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Included in this AER
D0265-01-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: 03/03/2025

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

Clogherhead Ambient Monitoring Data 2024

Ambient Monitoring Report Summary Table

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)				WFD Status 2016-2021
			Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	
Upstream Monitoring Point	314755, 287792	CW21006024BE2003	Yes	No	No	Yes	High
Downstream Monitoring Point	316506.88, 283516.06	CW21006024BE2002	Yes	No	No	Yes	High

Note: The Clogherhead upstream and downstream monitoring points are at the Port Beach and Close Lifeboat Station (RNLI) respectively.

2024 Ambient Monitoring Summary

Upstream		pH	Ammonia N	Total Suspended Solids	Biological Oxygen Demand	Enterococci	E Coli	Faecal Coliforms	Salinity	Temperature
Station Reference	Sample Date	pH units	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	cfu/100mls	cfu/100mls	cfu/100mls	ppt	°C
CW21006024BE2003	05/03/2024	8	0.42	126	1	190	4800	4300	33.5	8.6
CW21006024BE2003	16/05/2024	8.18	0.69	217	1.8	3.16227766	3.16227766	3.16227766	0.3	8.4
CW21006024BE2003	03/07/2024	8.2	0.52	126	2	0	1	1	33	13.8
CW21006024BE2003	16/10/2024	7.8	0.78	12	1				29.5	7.2
	Mean	**8.05**	**0.60**	**120.25**	**1.45**	**65.69**	**1602.69**	**1436.02**	**24.08**	**9.50**
	95%ile	**8.20**	**0.77**	**203.35**	**1.97**	**171.71**	**4320.71**	**3870.71**	**33.43**	**13.02**

Downstream		pH	Ammonia N	Total Suspended Solids	Biological Oxygen Demand	Enterococci	E Coli	Faecal Coliforms	Salinity	Temperature
Station Reference	Sample Date	pH units	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	cfu/100mls	cfu/100mls	cfu/100mls	ppt	°C
CW21006024BE2002	05/03/2024	8.1	0.61	56	< 1	67	1500	1500	18.1	8.5
CW21006024BE2002	16/05/2024	7.8	0.49	218	1.3	< 10	< 10	< 10	19.9	8.4
CW21006024BE2002	03/07/2024	8.2	0.42	6	3	9	16	16	33.5	14
CW21006024BE2002	16/10/2024	7.8	0.73	20	< 1				19.4	7.2
	Mean	**31.90**	**2.25**	**300.00**	**5.71**	**83.07**	**1523.07**	**1523.07**	**90.90**	**38.10**
	95%ile	**8.19**	**0.71**	**193.70**	**2.75**	**61.20**	**1351.60**	**1351.60**	**31.46**	**13.18**

Clogherhead Bathing Waters (EPA Beaches.ie)

The Escherichia coli and Intestinal enterococci results for the 2024 sample period are tabled below.

Sample Date	E.coli Result	Intestinal Enterococci Result	Water Quality
22/05/2024	<10	3	Excellent
04/06/2024	<10	<1	Excellent
10/06/2024	10	8	Excellent
24/06/2024	20	5	Excellent
01/07/2024	<10	3	Excellent
08/07/2024	52	2	Excellent
15/07/2024	<10	<1	Excellent
22/07/2024	41	17	Excellent
23/07/2024	41	32	Excellent
30/07/2024	<10	2	Excellent
31/07/2024	<10	1	Excellent
06/08/2024	20	4	Excellent
12/08/2024	<10	5	Excellent
14/08/2024	<10	3	Excellent
19/08/2024	10	12	Excellent
20/08/2024	216	75	Excellent
26/08/2024	30	9	Excellent
27/08/2024	<10	13	Excellent
02/09/2024	932	290	Poor
09/09/2024	135	5	Excellent