Annual Environmental Report

2024

Tubbercurry

D0092-01

CONTENTS

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2024 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0092-01, Tubbercurry, 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)

- Tubbercurry WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 3500, 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
TPEFF2700D0092SW004	Tubbercurry WWTP	Treated	Non-Compliant	ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified 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 TUBBERCURRY WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - TUBBERCURRY 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	188	67
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	9.20	2.45
COD-Cr mg/l	12	374	128
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	93	25
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceo mg/l	12	210	54
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	4147	1611

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 - TPEFF2700D0092SW001

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	17	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	25	62.5	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	8.55	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceo mg/l	25	50	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	2.18	Pass
Temperature °C	25	25	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	13	Pass
pH pH units	9	9	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.55	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	2	2.4	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.145	Pass
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0.65	0.78	N/A	12	4	3	0.239	Fail
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	2.54	
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.352	

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):

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 TPEFF2700D0092SW001

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	151339, 312040	RS34T020040	No	No	No	No	Moderate
Downstream	151078, 311707	RS34T020050	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 for the following: ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l.

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 Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l, BOD (5 days) Total mg/l, ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l., 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 unknown.

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 - TUBBERCURRY WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - Tubbercurry 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)
TN	14648	1203	92
COD	75209	8241	89
cBOD	31690	1034	97
TP	1441	167	88
SS	39334	4049	90

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - Tubbercurry 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.

Tubbercurry WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m^3/day) - As Constructed	3500
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	338
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m^3/day)	4147
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	1610.66
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	3500
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)[Note1]	2848
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	652
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 - TUBBERCURRY 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	Adverse Weather	No	Yes
Breach of ELV	Inadequate Operational Procedures/Training	Yes	No

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 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW2	152102, 311952	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	70742	Not Monitored
SW3	151114, 311778	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	152102, 311953	No	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	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 (m3)?	70742
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

SWO Summary	
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
D0092-SIP:01	Construction of outfall pipe to River Moy and pumping station	C	30/06/2016	Yes	Works Completed		
D0092-SIP:02	Discharges to be discontinued (SW002)	A	30/06/2016	Yes	Works Completed		
D0092-SIP:03	Waste Water Treatment plant and ancillary works	C	30/06/2016	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
D0092-01-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?	N/A
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	N/A
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	N/A

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

Signed: Date: 28/05/2025

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 ,

Eleanor Roche

Head of Environmental Regulation.

7 APPENDIX

Appendix
Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary

Tubbercurry WWTP

Ambient Monitoring Points from WWDL (or as agreed by EPA)	Irish Grid Reference	EPA Feature Coding Tool code	Receiving Waters Designation (Y/N)				WFD Status
			Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	
Upstream Monitoring Station	151339E 312040N	RS34T020040	No	No	No	No	Moderate
Downstream Monitoring Station	151078E 311707N	RS34T020050	No	No	No	No	Moderate

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS (mean)	% EQS
cBOD mg/l	151339E 312040N	4.634	151078E 311707N	1.556	1.5	-205.2
Ortho-Phosphate (as P) mg/l	151339E 312040N	0.0236	151078E 311707N	0.0579	0.035	-97.999
Ammonia (as N) mg/l	151339E 312040N	0.034	151078E 311707N	0.1207	0.065	-133.385

	County	Licence Ref.	Agglomeration	Receiving Water Body	Monitoring Location	Monitoring Result Source	Date	pH	Temperature (°C)	BOD mg/l	COD mg/l	SS mg/l	Total Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	Ammonia (as N) mg/l	Orthophosphate (as P) mg/l	Dissolved Oxygen mg/l	Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	Faecal Coliforms cfu/100ml	Escherichia coli cfu/100ml	Intestinal Enterococci cfu/100ml	Visual Inspection	SSRS	Water level	Conductivity	Nitrate	Chloride	Fluoride	Ammonium (NH4)	Major anions	Major Cations	Priority Subs	Metals & Organic Compounds	Salinity	Nitrate	Nitrite	Chlorophyll
	Sligo	D0092-01	Tubbercurry	Tubbercurry River	**Number of samples Required**			10	10	10	0	0	10	0	10	10	10	0	0	0	0	0	52	As required	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	Issued on	03/03/2010			Upstream: SW1u (E151337 N312034)																																		
					Downstream:SW1d (E151078 N311707)																																		
1					Upstream	SS Excel	10/01/2024	7.9	2.8	1			0.9		0.04	0.01	14.05																						
1					Downstream	SS Excel	10/01/2024	7.9	2.9	1			0.9		0.07	0.01	14.02																						
2					Upstream	SS Excel	21/02/2024	7.6	8.7	< 1.0			0.8		0.05	< 0.01	11.3																						
2					Downstream	SS Excel	21/02/2024	7.5	9.6	< 1.0			1		0.03	0.02	10.52																						
3					Upstream	SS Excel	06/03/2024	7.8	7.8	<1			0.6		<0.02	<0.01	11.98																						
3					Downstream	SS Excel	06/03/2024	7.6	8.9	1.7			2.1		0.03	0.08	11.07																						
4					Upstream	SS Excel	11/04/2024	7.8	10.7	<1			0.6		0.02	<0.01	11.12																						
4					Downstream	SS Excel	11/04/2024	7.6	12.1	<1			0.9		0.02	0.02	9.53																						
5					Upstream	SS Excel	16/05/2024	7.9	16	<1			0.6		0.03	<0.01	10.97																						
5					Downstream	SS Excel	16/05/2024	7.2	14.5	1.4			6.5		1.00	0.11	7.15																						
5					Upstream of SWO	SS Excel	16/05/2024	7.6	13.9	<1.0			0.9		<0.02	<0.01	9.54																						
5					Downstream of SWO	SS Excel	16/05/2024	7.5	13.6	<1			1		<0.02	<0.01	9.45																						
6					Upstream of SWO	SS Excel	14/06/2024	7.5	12.9	<1			1.25		0.04	0.02	8.89																						
6					Downstream of SWO	SS Excel	14/06/2024	7.5	13.7	3.5			1.1		0.03	0.02	6.59																						
7					Upstream	SS Excel	04/07/2024	7.9	13.4	<1			<0.5		<0.02	<0.01	10.36																						
7					Downstream	SS Excel	04/07/2024	7.9	13.8	2.7			1.2		<0.02	0.07	9.66																						
7					Upstream of SWO	SS Excel	04/07/2024	7.5	13	2.1			1.4		0.06	0.01	6.3																						
7					Downstream of SWO	SS Excel	04/07/2024	7.5	12.4	1.5			1.1		0.26	0.03	7.96																						
8					Upstream	SS Excel	20/08/2024	7.5	18.1	3.5			2		< 0.02	0.1	8.59																						
8					Downstream	SS Excel	20/08/2024	7.5	17.9	2.1			2		< 0.02	0.09	8.65																						
8					Upstream of SWO	SS Excel	20/08/2024	7.4	16.9	1.8			1.7		0.06	0.02	8.56																						
8					Downstream of SWO	SS Excel	20/08/2024	7.5	17.4	1.6			1.9		0.13	0.03	8.94																						
9					Upstream	cert	27/09/2024	7.5	14.1	1.5			1.7		<0.02	0.06																							
9					Downstream	cert	27/09/2024	7.3	13.9	1.9			3.1		<0.02	0.25																							
9					Upstream of SWO	cert	27/09/2024	7.3	14.4	<1			1.6		0.07	0.01																							
9					Downstream of SWO	cert	27/09/2024	7.3	14.7	<1			1.4		0.11	0.01																							
10					Upstream	cert	26/11/2024	7.7	6.9	50.7			0.8		0.04	0.02	12.04																						
10					Downstream	cert	26/11/2024	7.8	6.4	<1.0			0.9		0.03	0.07	12.25																						
10					Upstream of SWO	cert	26/11/2024	7.6	8.6	<1.0			1.7		0.05	0.05	9.89																						
10					Downstream of SWO	cert	26/11/2024	7.6	9	<1.0			1.8		0.06	0.05	9.62																						