Annual Environmental Report

2024

Mullaghmore

D0239-01

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7.1 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2024 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 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	Treated	Non-compliant	BOD (5 days) Total mg/l, Suspended Solids 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 MULLAGHMORE WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - MULLAGHMORE 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
Total Nitrogen mg/l	6	56	43
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceo mg/l	6	194	145
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	6	6.25	4.54
COD-Cr mg/l	6	313	231
Suspended Solids mg/l	6	220	156
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	789	346

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’. 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 - 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 exceedances with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
Enterococci (Intestinal) cfu/100ml	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	24196	
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	29	
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	0.513	
Temperature °C	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	16	
Suspended Solids mg/l	50% Reduction	N/A	N/A	6	2	2	58	Fail
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceo mg/l	20% Reduction	N/A	N/A	6	4	4	99	Fail
E. Coli no./100mls	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	24196	
Faecal coliforms no./100mls	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	24196	

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 not compliant with the ELV's set in the Wastewater Discharge Licence.

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

Based on ambient monitoring results a deterioration in BOD (5 days) Total 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.

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

2.1.4 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - MULLAGHMORE WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - MULLAGHMORE 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)
SS	21714	8023	63
COD	32093	N/A	N/A
TP	630	N/A	N/A
TN	5954	N/A	N/A
cBOD	20130	13708	32

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

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	
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)	789

MULLAGHMORE WWTP	
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m^3/day)	346.5
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	320
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)[Note1]	827
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

'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)
Specified % Reduction Value not achieved	WWTP operating above capacity	Yes	No

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 (m3)	Monitoring Status
There are no Storm Water Overflows in this Agglomeration.							

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)?	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 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
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		

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

N/A

5 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTS

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Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Included in this AER
D0239-01-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: 29/05/2025

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 ,

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7 APPENDIX

Appendix
Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary

Mullaghmore WWTP

		Receiving Waters Designations (Y/N)				
Ambient Monitoring Point Code	Irish Grid Reference	Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	WFD Status
CW06007036ER2004	170900E 357100N	Yes	No	No	No	Unassigned

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**	**Ammonia (as N) mg/l**	**Orthophosphate (as P) mg/l**	**Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen (as N) mg/l**	**Faecal Coliforms no/100ml**	**Escherichia coli no/100ml**	**Intestinal Enterococci cfu/100ml**	**Visual Inspection**
Sligo	D0239-01	Mullaghmore	170900E 357100 N	**Number of samples Required**			4	4	4	0	4	0	0	4	2	2	2	52
Issued on				Upstream: SW1u														
				Downstream :SW1d														
		1		Coastal Monitoring	ss excel	05/03/2024	8		<1		52			0.49				
		2	includes micro	Coastal Monitoring	ss excel	03/05/2024	8.2		<1		59			0.51	<1	<1	50	
		3	includes micro	Coastal Monitoring	ss excel	07/08/2024	8.1		1.1		61			0.43	<1	<1	866	
		4		Coastal Monitoring	cert	29/11/2024	7.7		1.9		30			0.576				