

# Annual Environmental Report

2018



Mullaghmore

D0239-01

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# 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2018 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 are included as an appendix to the AER as follows:

## 1.1 Licence specific reporting included in AER

| Assessment / Report                           | Included in AER |
|---|-----------------|
| No Licence Specific Reporting included in AER | NA              |

## 1.2 Treatment Type

The agglomeration is served by a wastewater treatment plant MULLAGHMORE WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 320. The treatment process includes the following:

### 1.2.1 MULLAGHMORE WWTP

| Treatment type        | Yes / No | Details     |
|-----------------------|----------|-------------|
| Preliminary Treatment | No       |             |
| Primary Treatment     | Yes      | Septic Tank |
| Secondary Treatment   | No       |             |
| Nutrient Removal      | No       |             |
| Tertiary Treatment    | No       |             |

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 2.2 Discharges from the agglomeration.

### 1.3 ELV Overview

#### 1.3.1 MULLAGHMORE WWTP

| Compliance Status  |     |
|--|-----|
| Were all parameters compliant for MULLAGHMORE WWTP treatment plant | Yes |
| Where noncompliant see table 2.2.1 for details of parameters       |     |

### 1.4 Sludge Removal

The amount of sludge removed from the wastewater treatment plant is shown below along with the transported destination of the sludge from the treatment plant.

| Treatment Plant  | Sludge type   | Quantity | Unit            | % Dry Solids | Destination           |
|------------------|---------------|----------|-----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| MULLAGHMORE WWTP | Liquid Sludge | 1162     | Weight (Tonnes) | 3.12         | D0014-01 (Sligo WwTP) |

#### Annual Statement of Measures

A proposed new wastewater treatment plant at Mullaghmore is currently at planning & design stage.

## 2 MONITORING REPORTS SUMMARY

### 2.1 Summary report on monthly influent monitoring

A summary of influent monitoring for the treatment plant is presented in below. This monitoring is primarily undertaken in order to determine the overall efficiency of the plant in removing pollutants from the raw wastewater.

#### 2.1.1 Influent Monitoring Summary - MULLAGHMORE WWTP

| Parameters  | Number of Samples | Annual Max | Annual Mean |
|---|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Suspended Solids mg/l                               | 6                 | 200        | 99.78       |
| BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l | 6                 | 330        | 91.11       |
| Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l                        | 6                 | 7.9        | 1.68        |
| COD-Cr mg/l   | 6                 | 864        | 275.68      |
| Total Nitrogen mg/l                                 | 6                 | 70.3       | 18.46       |
| Hydraulic Capacity                                  | 0                 | 1266.7     | 305.6       |

If other inputs in the form of sludge / leachate are added to the WWTP then these are included in Section 3.5 if applicable

#### Significance of Results:

The annual mean hydraulic loading is greater than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity as detailed further in Section 3.2. The annual maximum hydraulic loading is greater than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity as detailed further in Section 3.2.

## 2.2 Discharges from the agglomeration

### 2.2.1 Effluent Monitoring Summary - MULLAGHMORE WWTP

| 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) |
|--|-----------------------|---|---|--------------------------|-----------------------|--|-------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>COD-Cr mg/l</b>   | -                     | NA  | -   | 6                        | -                     | -  | 92.31       | Pass                           |
| <b>Faecal coliforms no./100mls</b>                         | -                     | NA  | -   | 2                        | -                     | -  | 230987.78   | Pass                           |
| <b>BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l</b> | 20% Reduction         | NA  | -   | 6                        | -                     | -  | 24.29       | Pass                           |
| <b>Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l</b>                           | -                     | NA  | -   | 6                        | -                     | -  | 13.19       | Pass                           |
| <b>Enterococci (Intestinal) cfu/100ml</b>                  | -                     | NA  | -   | 2                        | -                     | -  | 40243.72    | Pass                           |
| <b>Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l</b>                 | -                     | NA  | -   | 6                        | -                     | -  | 1.14        | Pass                           |
| <b>E. Coli MPN/100ml</b>                                   | -                     | NA  | -   | 2                        | -                     | -  | 225354.75   | Pass                           |
| <b>Suspended Solids mg/l</b>                               | 50% Reduction         | NA  | -   | 6                        | 2                     | -  | 46.44       | Fail                           |

Notes:

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

2 - For parameters where a mean ELV applies

Cause of Exceedance(s):

Not Applicable

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is non-compliant with the ELV's set in the Wastewater Discharge Licence.

There were two exceedances in relation to the suspended solids (SS) ELV.

The impact on receiving waters is assessed further in Section 2.3.

## 2.3 Ambient monitoring summary

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.

### 2.3.1 Ambient Monitoring Report Summary - MULLAGHMORE WWTP

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 | Code             | Bathing Water | Drinking Water | FWPM | Shellfish | WFD Status |
|--|----------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|------|-----------|------------|
| Downstream   | 171129, 358007       | CW06007036ER2007 | No            | No             | No   | No        | Unassigned |



### 2.3.2 Ambient Monitoring Parameter Summary - MULLAGHMORE WWTP

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 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.

### 3 OPERATIONAL REPORTS SUMMARY

#### 3.1 Treatment Efficiency Report

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:

##### 3.1.1 Treatment Efficiency Report Summary - MULLAGHMORE WWTP

| Parameter   | Influent mass loading (kg/year) | Effluent mass emission (kg/year) | Efficiency (% reduction of influent load) | Comment |
|-------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---------|
| <b>TN</b>   | 2757.56                         | Unknown                          | -   |         |
| <b>TP</b>   | 301.79                          | Unknown                          | -   |         |
| <b>COD</b>  | 41183.93                        | 13790.91                         | 66.51                                     |         |
| <b>SS</b>   | 14905.48                        | 6937.58                          | 53.46                                     |         |
| <b>cBOD</b> | 13611.06                        | 3629.41                          | 73.33                                     |         |

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

### 3.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary

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 <sup>3</sup> /day) - As Constructed         | 216    |
| DWF to the Treatment Plant (m <sup>3</sup> /day)                       | 72     |
| Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m <sup>3</sup> /day)           | 1266.7 |
| Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m <sup>3</sup> /day) | 305.6  |
| Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed                                 | 320    |
| Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)                     | 757    |
| Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining                                      | 0      |
| Will the capacity be exceeded in the next three years? (Yes/No)        | Yes    |

### 3.3 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 is no complaint data included in the AER. |                     |                        |                          |

### 3.4 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.

#### 3.4.1 Summary of Incidents

| Incident Type  | Cause                         | No. of incident occurrences | Recurring (Y/N) | Closed (Y/N) |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Non-compliance | WWTP operating above capacity | 4                           | Yes             | No           |

#### 3.4.2 Summary of Overall Incidents

| Question   | Answer |
|--|--------|
| Number of Incidents in 2018                                    | 4      |
| Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2018       | 4      |
| Explanation of any discrepancies between the two numbers above |        |

### 3.5 Sludge / Other inputs to the 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) |
|---|----------|------|------|-------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>There is no Sludge and Other Input data for the Treatment Plant included in the AER.</b> |          |      |      |                   |  |   |   |

## 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:

**No Appendix Included**

#### 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 2018 (No. of events) | Total volume discharged in 2018 (m <sup>3</sup> ) | Monitoring Status |
|---|-----------------|-------------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|--|---|-------------------|
| <b>SWO AT INLET TO SEPTIC TANK</b>        | 171070, 358077  | No                                  | Unknown   | Not yet Assessed                 | Unknown  | Unknown   | Not Monitored     |

#### 4.1.2 Inspection Summary Report

| SWO Summary   |     |
|---|-----|
| How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m <sup>3</sup> )?           |     |
| Is each SWO identified as non meeting DoEHLG Guidance included in the Programme of Improvements?      | Yes |
| The SWO Assessment included the requirements of relevant of WWDL schedules?                           | No  |
| Have the EPA been advised of any additional SWOs / charges 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 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)   | Licence Schedule | Licence Completion Date | Date Expired? (N/NA/Y) | Status of Works   | Timeframe for Completing the Work | Comments |
|---|------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Improvement works to increase the organic and hydraulic treatment capacity of the plant to ensure compliance with Condition 1.7.</b> | C                | 31/12/2018              | Yes                    | At Planning Stage |                                   |          |

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 | Improvement Source | Expected Completion Date | Comments |
|--|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| <b>There are no Improvement Programmes for this Agglomeration.</b> |                         |                    |                          |          |

### 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 Table".

## 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 (e.g. Appendix X). |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---|
| <b>Priority Substances Assessment</b> | Yes                 | 2015                 | 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   |        |
| Is there a need to request/advise the EPA of any modifications to the existing WWDL?   | No     |
| List reason e.g. changes to monitoring requirements  |        |
| Have these processes commenced?  |        |
| Are all outstanding reports and assessments from previous AERs included as an appendix to this AER   | NA     |

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

Signed:

Date: 01/04/2019

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## 7 APPENDIX

In the appendix include all the detailed or site specific reports that are relevant to the AER. Reports omitted from previous AERs should also be appended here.

### Appendix

#### Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary

Data/Statistics - 2018

| Entity      | Station                     | Station Code     | Sample Reason | Sample Date | Ammonia N<br>mg/l | BOD, 5 days w<br>mg/l | Dissolved Inor<br>mg/l | E Coli<br>MPN/100mls | Enterococci<br>cfu/100mls |
|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Donegal Bay | Downstream Mullaghmore WwTP | CW06007036ER2007 | Compliance    | 16/01/2018  |                   | 1                     |                        |                      |                           |
| Donegal Bay | Downstream Mullaghmore WwTP | CW06007036ER2007 | Compliance    | 02/05/2018  |                   |                       |                        | 20                   | 3                         |
| Donegal Bay | Downstream Mullaghmore WwTP | CW06007036ER2007 | Compliance    | 02/05/2018  |                   | 1.7                   | 0.2                    |                      |                           |
| Donegal Bay | Downstream Mullaghmore WwTP | CW06007036ER2007 | Compliance    | 12/09/2018  |                   | 3.2                   | 2.3                    |                      |                           |
| Donegal Bay | Downstream Mullaghmore WwTP | CW06007036ER2007 | Compliance    | 12/09/2018  | 0.023             |                       |                        | 0                    | 55                        |
| Donegal Bay | Downstream Mullaghmore WwTP | CW06007036ER2007 | Compliance    | 12/10/2018  |                   | 1.7                   | 0.5                    |                      |                           |

Average

0.023

1.9

1

10

29

| Faecal Coliform<br>no./100mls | Nitrate N<br>mg/l | Nitrite NO2<br>mg/l | pH<br>pH units | Salinity<br>ppt | Suspended Solids<br>mg/l |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------------|
| 1                             |                   |                     | 8.12           | 30.8            | 32.7                     |
|                               | 0.15              | 0.005               | 8.2            |                 | 228                      |
|                               | 2.2               | 0.087               | 8.3            | 42.2            | 178                      |
| 30                            |                   |                     |                |                 |                          |
|                               | 0.15              | 0.006               | 7.9            | 38.9            | 127                      |

15.5      0.833333333    0.032666667    8.13      37.3      141.425