# Annual Environmental Report

2019



Raphoe

D0209-01

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### 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2019 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0209-01, Raphoe, in Donegal 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 was no major capital or operational changes undertaken in 2019. Construction of new WWTP and primary discharge point to commence. The scheme is currently on IW CIP at Design stage.

#### 1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

• RAPHOE WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 800, 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
TPEFF0600D0209SW001	RAPHOE WWTP	Treated	Non-Compliant	Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l Suspended Solids mg/l

# 1.4 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTING INCLUDED IN AER

Assessment / Report	Included in AER
There are no Licence Specific Reports included in the AER.	

## 2 TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT SUMMARY

#### 2.1 RAPHOE WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

#### 2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - RAPHOE 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 Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	11	6.66	4.53
COD-Cr mg/I	12	505	271.89
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	284	198.79
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	56	31.39
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	241	138.11
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	4153	765

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 - TPEFF0600D0209SW001

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)
COD-Cr mg/l	125	250	N/A	12	0	0	53.21	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	N/A	12	5	0	29.04	Fail
pH pH units	9	9	N/A	12	0	0	7.31	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	5	10	N/A	12	12	10	13.71	Fail
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	0.25	0.5	N/A	12	12	12	8.67	Fail
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0.15	0.18	N/A	12	12	12	2.4	Fail
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	2.81	
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	18.82	
Conductivity 20 C μS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	543.2	

Notes:

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

#### **Cause of Exceedance(s):**

Plant Overloaded. WWTP not designed for cBOD, Ammonia or Ortho P removal. Minor Suspended Solids ELV exceedances due to inlet screen failures.

#### **Significance of Results:**

The WWTP is non-compliant with the ELV's set in the WWDL. The impact on receiving waters is assessed further in Section 2.

# 2.1.3 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE TPEFF0600D0209SW001

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 Status
Upstream	225791, 401979	RS01S030150	No	No	No	No	Poor
Downstream	226417, 401895	RS01S030200	No	No	No	No	Poor

The table below provides a summary of monitoring results for designated ambient monitoring points. The upstream and downstream annual mean values are shown (mg/l), and the difference between both monitoring stations is given as a percentage of the Environmental Quality Standard (EQS) where relevant.

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS	% of EQS
BOD - 5 days (Total) mg/l	RS01S030150	1.727	RS01S030200	2.45	1.5	48.2
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	RS01S030150	0.072	RS01S030200	0.254	0.065	279.8
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	RS01S030150	0.047	RS01S030200	0.099	0.035	148.3
Conductivity 20 C μS/cm	RS01S030150	343.364	RS01S030200	375.455		
Orthophosphate (MRP) filtered (As P) mg/l	RS01S030150	0.05	RS01S030200	0.178		
pH pH units	RS01S030150	7.564	RS01S030200	7.556		
Temperature °C	RS01S030150	10.727	RS01S030200	10.8		
Suspended Solids mg/l	RS01S030150	7.9	RS01S030200	9.4		
Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation	RS01S030150	101.936	RS01S030200	96.638		

## **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. 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, BOD & Ortho P concentrations downstream of the effluent discharge is noted.

A deterioration in water quality has been identified; however, it is not known if it is caused by the WWTP.

Other causes of deterioration in water quality in the area are unknown.

The discharge from the wastewater treatment plant does have an observable negative impact on the Water Framework Directive status.

#### 2.1.4 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - RAPHOE WWTP

#### 2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - RAPHOE 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)
ТР	975	626	36
TN	7007	4200	40
COD	60686	11877	80
cBOD	30826	3060	90
SS	44369	6482	85

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

#### 2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - RAPHOE 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.

RAPHOE WWTP			
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m³/day) - As Constructed	1282		
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m³/day)	335		
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m³/day)			
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m³/day)			
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed			
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)Note1	1727		
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 - RAPHOE 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 is included below.

Number of Complaints	Nature of Complaint	Number Open Complaints	Number Closed Complaints					
There were no relevant environme	There were no relevant environmental complaints in 2019.							

#### 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 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.

#### 3.2.1 SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS

Incident Type	Cause	No. of incident occurrences	Recurring (Y/N)	Closed (Y/N)
Breach of ELV	WWTP operating above capacity	1	Yes	No

## **3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS**

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2019	1
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2019	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	RAT	Included in Schedule A4 of the WWDL	Significance of the overflow(High / Medium / Low)	Assessed against DoEHLG Criteria	No. of times activated in 2019 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2019 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW002	225903, 401991	Yes	Low	Not Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Monitored

SWO Summary	
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m <sup>3</sup> )?	Unknown
Is each SWO identified as not meeting DoEHLG Guidance included in the Programme of Improvements?	Yes
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 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
D0209-SIP:02	Installation of storm water storage tank	С	31/12/2015	Yes	At Planning Stage	31/12/2027	
D0209-SIP:05	Upgrading of Storm Water Overflows to comply with the criteria outlined in the DoECLG "Procedures and Criteria in relation to Storm Water Overflows, 1995"	С	31/12/2015	Yes	At Planning Stage	31/12/2027	
D0209-SIP:01	Increase the treatment capacity of the WWTP	С	31/12/2015	Yes	At Planning Stage	31/12/2028	
D0209-SIP:03	Provide nutrient removal	С	31/12/2015	Yes	At Planning Stage	31/12/2027	

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
D0209-SIP:04	Provide tertiary treatment	С	31/12/2015	Yes	At Planning Stage	31/12/2027	

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			Expected Completion Date	Comments
There are no Improvement Programmes for this Agglomeration.				

#### **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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Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Year included in AER	Included in this AER	Reference to relevant section of AER
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	2015	No	

#### **5.1 PRIORITY SUBSTANCES ASSESSMENT**

The Priority Substances Assessment Report has been included in the 2015 AER.

# **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?	Yes
List reason e.g. additional SWO identified	New WWTP and new primary discharge point.
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.	No
List reason e.g. changes to monitoring requirements	N/A
Have these processes commenced?	No
Are all outstanding reports and assessments from previous AERs included as an appendix to this AER	No

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

Signed: Date: 23/04/2020

This AER has been produced by Irish Water's Environmental Information System (EIMS) and has been electronically signed off in that system for and on behalf of,

Katherine Walshe

Acting Head of Environmental Regulation.

# **7 APPENDIX**

#### Appendix

Appendix 7.1 - Small Stream Risk Score Assessment

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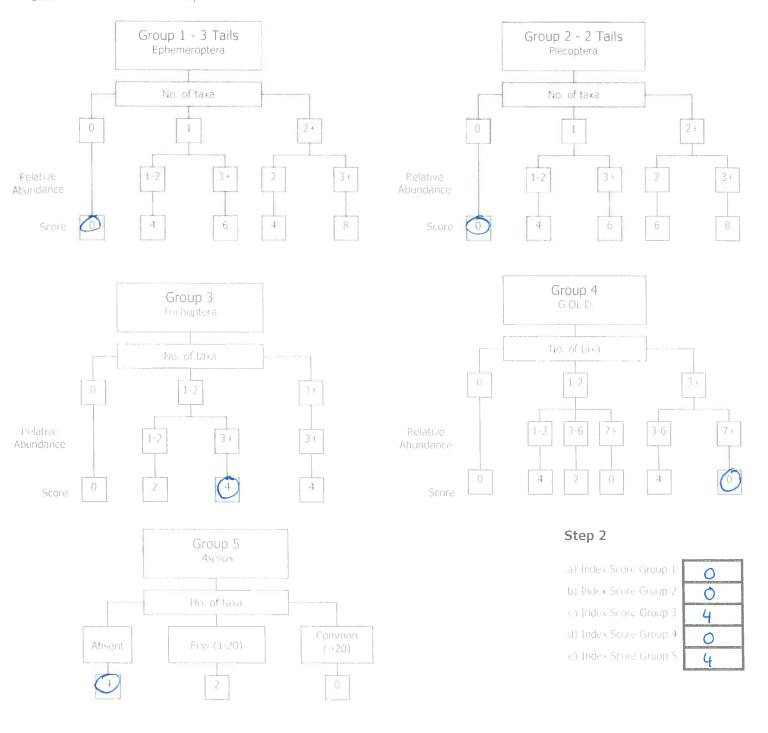
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NOTE Baetis is an Ephemeropteran and is the most commonly occurring invertebrate genus in streams in Ireland. It is vital that Baetis is not counted in SSRS. See Appendix B for more details on how to identify Baetis,

Abundance

Taxa

**Step 1.** Calculate the Illuex Score by circling the appropriate box representing the total number of taxa and the total abundance calculated from *each macroinvertebrate group* calculated from page 1 of the recording sheet and enter in to the boxes in Step 2.



Step 3. Calculate the Total Index Score, the Average Index Score and the SSR Score using the boxes below

Total Index Score (TIS)

sum (a+b+c+d+e) TIS/5 (5 for 5 groups) (AI5 x 2) Step 4. Assess the stream by comparing the final SSR score with the categories below and tick the appropriate box > 7.25 > 6.5 - 7.25 < 6.5 Probably not at risk Stream at risk Stream may be at risk Name (print): Don Shuk DON SMITH 19 Date: 26 / 3 Surveyor (signed):

Average Index Score (AIS)

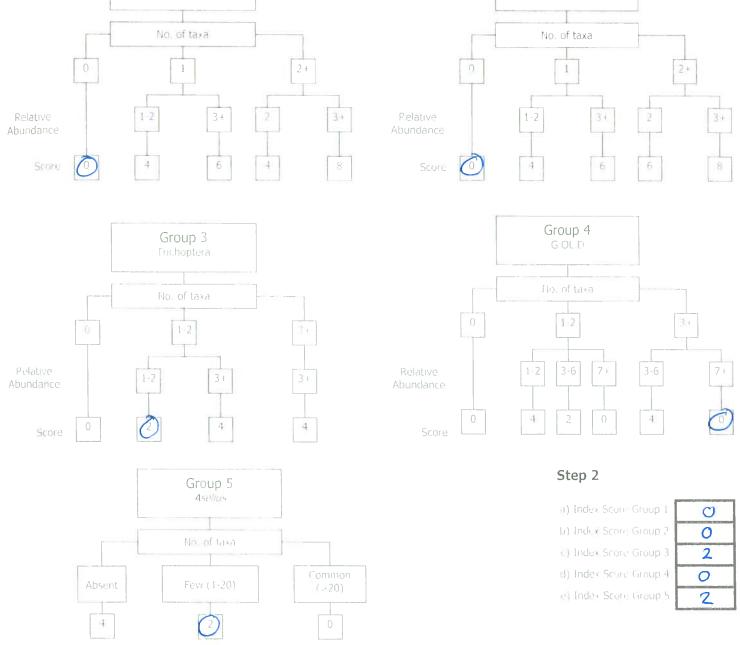
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abundance calculated from each macroinvertebrate group calculated from page 1 of the recording sheet and enter in to the boxes in Step 2 Group 1 - 3 Tails Group 2 - 2 Tails Ephemeroptera Plecoptera No. of taxa No. of taxa



Step 3. Calculate the Total Index Score, the Average Index Score and the SSR Score using the boxes below

Total Index Score (TIS) Average Index Score (AIS) SSR Score 1-6 sum (a+b+c+d+e) TIS/5 (5 for 5 groups) (AIS x 2)

**Step 4.** Assess the stream by comparing the final SSR score with the categories below and tick the appropriate box



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