# Annual Environmental Report 2020



Genties

D0210-01

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Rev 1 Note: Section 4.1.1 Question 1 answer changed to "Unknown". Approved 12/07/2021

# **1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2020 AER**

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0210-01, Glenties, 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.

# **1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY**

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

• GLENTIES WWTP - 2020 with a Plant Capacity PE of 1600, 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
TPEFF0600D0210SW001	GLENTIES WWTP - 2020	Treated	Compliant	N/A

# **1.4 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTING INCLUDED IN AER**

Assessment / Report	Included in AER
Small Stream Risk Score Assessment	Yes

# **2 TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT SUMMARY**

# 2.1 GLENTIES WWTP - 2020 - TREATED DISCHARGE

# **2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - GLENTIES WWTP - 2020**

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 BOD) mg/I	6	346	82.54
Total Nitrogen mg/l	6	71.2	19.78
Suspended Solids mg/l	6	244	46.44
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	6	9.02	2.26
COD-Cr mg/l	6	571	163.29
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	598	282

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 less 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 - TPEFF0600D0210SW001**

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	6	N/A	N/A	2.43	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	25	50	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	1.23	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	25	62.5	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	0.34	Pass
pH pH units	9	9	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	7.02	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	3	6	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	0.18	Pass
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	1	2	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	0.23	Pass
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	8.53	
Conductivity @20°C µS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	406.44	
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	0.21	

Notes:

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

#### **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 TPEFF0600D0210SW001

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	181839, 394219	RS38S010170	No	No	Yes	No	Good
Downstream	180444, 393117	RS38O040300	No	No	Yes	No	Good

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 compliant with the ELV's set in the wastewater discharge licence.

The 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 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.

# 2.1.4 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - GLENTIES WWTP - 2020

#### 2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - GLENTIES WWTP - 2020

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)
ТN	2035	923	55
COD	16797	791	95
ТР	233	22	90
SS	4777	220	95
cBOD	8491	134	98

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

#### 2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - GLENTIES WWTP - 2020

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.

GLENTIES WWTP - 2020	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m³/day) - As Constructed	1200

GLENTIES WWTP - 2020		
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m <sup>3</sup> /day)		
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m³/day)	598	
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m³/day)	282	
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed		
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week) <sup>Note1</sup>	459	
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining		
Will the capacity be exceeded in the next three years? (Yes/No)	No	

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 - GLENTIES WWTP - 2020

'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 environm	ental complaints in 2020.			

# **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)
There were no reportable	incidents in 20			

# **3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS**

Question	
Number of Incidents in 2020	0
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2020	0
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	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 2020 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2020 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW2	181815, 394157	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
твс	181829, 394403	No	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	0	Monitored

SWO Summary		
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m3)?	Un	known
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 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
D0210-SIP:02	Provision of storm water holding tank at proposed main pumping station (location of existing septic tank)	С	31/12/2014	Yes	Works Completed		
D0210-SIP:03	SW000 located at Gortnamucklagh townland (at rear of church) to be discontinued	A	31/12/2014	Yes	Works Completed		
D0210-SIP:01	Provision of new Waste Water Treatment Plant and ancillary works	С	31/12/2014	Yes	Works Completed		

A summary of the status of any improvements identified by under Condition 5.2 is included below.

# 4.2.2 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Improvement	Improvement Description / or any Operational	Improvement	Expected Completion	Comments
Identifier	Improvements	Source	Date	
There are no Improven	nents Programme 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**

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.

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
Pearl Mussel Report	Yes	2013	No	
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	2015	No	
Small Stream Risk Score Assessment	Yes	2016	Yes	5.3

# **5.1 PEARL MUSSEL REPORT**

The Pearl Mussel Report Report has been included in the AER 2013

# **5.2 PRIORITY SUBSTANCES ASSESSMENT**

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

# **5.3 SMALL STREAM RISK SCORE ASSESSMENT**

The Small Stream Risk Score Assessment Report is included in Appendix 7.2 - Small Stream Risk Score Assessment. A summary of the findings of this report is included below.

Parameter	Value
Condition 5 Improvement Programme Reference	N/A
Does SSRS indicate discharges are posing a pollution risk?	Yes
Does improvement programme include any procedural and/or infrastructal works?	No
Downstream SSRS Water Quality Risk	Moderately Polluted
SSRS Required?	Yes
Upstream SSRS Water Quality Risk	Moderatly Polluted
What is Downstream SSRS?	Q3
What is Upstream SSRS?	Q3-4

# **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	Yes

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

Signed: Date: 12/07/2021

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 ,

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# **7 APPENDIX**

#### Appendix

Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary

Appendix 7.2 - Small Stream Risk Score Assessment

#### Rivers Monitoring Report Master\_to end December - 2020

Municiple	Entity Name	Month	Location	Lab Ref	Date	pH	Temperature	Conductivity @ 20°C	DO	BOD	COD Su	uspended Solids Am	mmonia (as N)	Nitrate (as N)	Nitrite (as N)	Orthophosphate	Total Nitrogen	TON	Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen DIN	Total Phosphorus	E coli	Enterococci	Faecal Coliforms	Chlorophyll	Salinity	SSRS
Dungloe	Owenea	Feburary	Glenties - Upstream	202500675	27-Feb-20	6.6	4.7	101	96	1	NT	<6	0.022	NT	NT	<0.05	1.02	NT	NT	<0.05	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Dungloe	Owenea	Feburary	Glenties - Downstream	202500678	27-Feb-20	6.6	3.5	105	96.4	1	NT	<6	0.006	NT	NT	<0.05	1.19	NT	NT	<0.05	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Dungloe	Owenea	March	Glenties - Upstream	202501015	23-Mar-20	6.9	6.6	107	101.8	<1	NT	<6	<0.015	NT	NT	<0.05	0.22	NT	NT	0.02	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	10.4 >7.25 Probably not at risk
Dungloe	Owenea	March	Glenties - Downstream	202501016	23-Mar-20	6.8	6.9	115	102.4	<1	NT	<6	<0.015	NT	NT	<0.05	0.64	NT	NT	0.02	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	9.6 >7.25 Probably not at risk.
Dungloe	Owenea	May	Glenties - Upstream	202501239	20-May-20	7.2	15.1	127	104.3	1	NT	<6	<0.015	NT	NT	<0.05	<1	NT	NT	<0.05	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Dungloe	Owenea	May	Glenties - Downstream	202501242	20-May-20	7.2	14.9	133	109.3	1	NT	<6	<0.015	NT	NT	<0.05	<1	NT	NT	<0.05	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Dungloe	Owenea	June	Glenties - Upstream	202501536	18-Jun-20	7.1	15.1	119	93.9	1	NT	<6	<0.015	NT	NT	0.093	0.67	NT	NT	<0.05	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Dungloe	Owenea	June	Glenties - Downstream	202501539	18-Jun-20	7	95.6	126	95.6	2	NT	<6	<0.015	NT	NT	<0.05	0.33	NT	NT	0.02	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Dungloe	Owenea	August	Glenties - Upstream	202502531	27-Aug-20	6.7	14.3	75	90.3	1	NT	<6	0.022	NT	NT	<0.05	1.21	NT	NT	<0.05	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Dungloe	Owenea	August	Glenties - Downstream	202502534	27-Aug-20	6.8	14	68	90.7	1	1	<6	<0.015	NT	NT	<0.05	1.13	NT	NT	<0.05	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Dungloe	Owenea	October	Glenties - Upstream	202503194	20-Oct-20	6.7	10.7	45	93.2	2	NT	<6	<0.015	NT	NT	<0.05	0.78	NT	NT	<0.05	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT
Dungloe	Owenea	October	Glenties - Downstream	202503197	20-Oct-20	6.7	10.6	48	92.9	1	NT	<6	0.015	NT	NT	<0.05	0.59	NT	NT	<0.05	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT

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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*.

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**Step 1.** Calculate the Index 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) 26 sum (a+b+c+d+e) Average Index Score (AIS) TIS/5 (5 for 5 groups) 5.2 SSR Score (AIS x 2) Ю·Ц

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



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itation no	(Glentics)	Code:	Date	23/03/2	1020	Time:	245	
		Location: Douc	astream			Grid (6 figure)	:	
202501016		Stream Order:			1	Stream flow:		
Field Che	emistry	Modifications: Y/N	Canal sed wid	ened-bank er	osion-	Riffle/Glide		
0%	102.4	arterial drainage			1	Slow flow		
	12 54	Bedrock						
emp (°C)	6.9.	Boulder (>128mm)						
onductivity	115.0	(Cobbl) (32-128mm)						
H	6.77	Gravel (8-32mm)						
ank width (cm)	700	Sand (0.25-2mm)			1 <sup>1</sup> m a			
let width (cm)	680	Silt (<0.25mm)						
vg Depth (cm)	50	Slope: Low - Mediur	n - High - Ver	v Hinh				
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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*.

**Step 1.** Calculate the Index 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 (TTS) sum (a+b+c+d+e)

Average Index Score (AIS) 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

