Annual Environmental Report





Longford

D0060-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2021 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0060-01, Longford, in Longford 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 were no capital works, significant changes or operational improvements undertaken in 2021.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

• LONGFORD WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 20000, the treatment type is 3NP - Tertiary N&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
TPEFF2000D0060SW001	LONGFORD WWTP	Treated	Compliant	N/A

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 LONGFORD WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - LONGFORD 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	12	66	33
pH pH units	12	7.47	7.25
COD-Cr mg/l	12	2008	650.28
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	1716	489.52
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	42	11
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	12	34	18
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/I	12	818	285
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	12855	6031

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'. 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 - TPEFF2000D0060SW001

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	32	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	9.49	Pass
Temperature °C	25	25	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	13	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	15	30	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	3.00	Pass
Fats, Oils & Greases mg/l	15	18	N/A	4	N/A	N/A	1.63	Pass
pH pH units	6.00	9.00	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.48	Pass
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	1.00	1.20	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.205	Pass

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)
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	0.800	1.60	N/A	12	1	N/A	0.336	Pass
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0.440	0.530	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.031	Pass
Nitrate (as NO3) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	54	
Conductivity @20°C μS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	797	
Visual Inspection Descriptive	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Nitrate (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	12	
Nitrite (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	N/A	N/A	0.231	
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	14	

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 compliant with the ELV's set in the Wastewater Discharge Licence.

2.1.3 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE TPEFF2000D0060SW001

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	212028, 275631	RS26C010857	No	No	No	No	Unassigned
Downstream	211645, 275909	RS26C010900	No	No	No	No	Unassigned

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 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 Ortho-P & Ammonia 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.

It is unknown if the wastewater treatment plant is having an observable negative impact on the Water Framework Directive status. The WFD status is Unassigned both u/s and d/s of the WWTP.

2.1.4 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - LONGFORD WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - LONGFORD 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	22943	454	98
COD	1325391	70336	95
SS	997742	20967	98
cBOD	580301	6626	99
TN	66661	29981	55

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - LONGFORD 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.

LONGFORD WWTP			
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m³/day) - As Constructed	12000		
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	4000		
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}			
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 - LONGFORD 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)
Other	16251.8	Volume (m³)	197	0.73	Yes	Yes	No
Other	769.2	Weight (Tonnes)	9.4	0.03	No	Yes	No
Industrial / Commercial Sludge	15286.1	Volume (m³)	186	0.7	Yes	Yes	No
Domestic /Septic Tank Sludge	7944	Volume (m³)	97	0.37	Yes	Yes	No
Waterworks Sludge	28253.7	Volume (m³)	1	1.32	Yes	Yes	No

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 2021.						

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)
Other	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	Yes
Abatement Equipment offline	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	Yes
Breach of ELV *	WWTP biological sludge issue	1	No	No

Incident Type	Cause	No. of incident occurrences	Recurring (Y/N)	Closed (Y/N)
Uncontrolled release	Blocked Sewer	1	No	Yes

* This incident does not relate to a compliance result. The EPA took a grab spilt sample of the final effluent discharge during an ORM audit on the 19/10/2021, which yielded a non-compliant Ammonia result of 1.4mg/l. The grab spilt sample provided to Longford Co.Co. also yielded a non-complaint Ammonia result of 1.53mg/l. This grab sample was reported at the request of the EPA as per SV19746.

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2021	4
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2021	4
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 2021 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2021 (m³)	Monitoring Status
твс	213238, 277951	No	Medium	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
твс	212771, 274726	No	Medium	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
твс	213319, 275682	No	Medium	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
твс	213405, 275729	No	Medium	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW2	212689, 275688	Yes	Medium	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored

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 sewage was discharged via monitored SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m ³)?	Unknown
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?	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 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
D0060-SIP:01	Discharge from SW2 shall comply with the definition of a SWO, as defined in DoEHLG 'Procedures & criteria in relation to SWOs', by 30/06/11	A	30/06/2011	Yes	Works Completed		

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
D0060-SIP:02	WWTP and Ancillary works Phase Note 1(Increased plant capacity to 30,000p.e.)	С	30/06/2011	Yes	Works Completed		
D0060-SIP:03	WWTP and Ancillary works Phase Note 1(Pipeline to the R. Shannon to convey treated effluent.)	С	30/03/2011	Yes	Not Started		Capital works not funded in RC3. Capital works funding post 2024 will be contingent on the project being included in the 2025-2029 investment period.

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	Improvement Description / or any Operational	Improvement	Expected Completion	Comments
Identifier	Improvements	Source	Date	
No additional improver	nents 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

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Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Year included in AER	Included in this AER	
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	2013	No	
Toxicity of Final Effluent	Yes	2016	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
Has a Technical amendment/licence review application been submitted to the Agency by IW?	No
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	Yes
List reason e.g., changes to monitoring requirements	Ambient Monitoring Location Changes
Have these processes commenced?	No
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:

Date: 22/04/2022

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

Longford 2021 Ambient Monitoring Summary

			Receiving Waters Designation (Yes/No)				
Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Irish National Grid Reference (Easting, Northing)	EPA Feature Coding Tool code	Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	
Upstream Monitoring Point	212028, 275631	RS26C010857	No	No	No	No	
Downstream Monitoring Point	211645, 275909	RS26C010900	No	No	No	No	

			Mean (mg/l)	
Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Current WFD Status	cBOD	o-Phosphate (as P)	Ammonia (as N)
Upstream Monitoring Point	Unassigned	1.477	0.036	0.084
Downstream Monitoring Point	Unassigned	1.451	0.038	0.091
Difference		-0.026	0.003	0.007
EQS		1.500	0.035	0.065
% of EQS		-1.746%	8.333%	10.330%

2021 Ambient Monitoring Data

StationName	Sample Date	BOD	Total N	Ortho P	Ammonia	рН	DO %	DO	Faecal Coliform s
		mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	pH Units	%Sat	mg/l	cfu
Upstream	06/01/2021	1.60	1.7	0.033	0.099	7.87	108.6	13.23	
Upstream	10/02/2021	<1	1.8	0.032	0.098	7.75	98.7	12.17	
Upstream	10/03/2021	2.90	1.5	0.049	0.11	7.91	95	10.6	
Upstream	14/04/2021	2.1	1.1	0.020	<0.02	8.18	117	11.27	
Upstream	05/05/2021	1.4	1.1	0.024	0.053	8.16	98.2	9.93	
Upstream	09/06/2021	1.6	0.7	0.019	0.044	8.09	90.3	9.21	
Upstream	14/07/2021	2.3	1	0.049	0.106	7.69	80.4	9.53	
Upstream	11/08/2021	1.90	1.8	0.056	0.025	7.63	96.9	8.8	
Upstream	08/09/2021	<1	<0.5	0.031	0.149	8.07	106.3	9.6	
Upstream	14/10/2021	<1	1.3	0.038	0.047	7.66	102.2	10.07	
Upstream	10/11/2021	1.10	1.6	0.044	0.032	7.55	88.4	9.91	
Upstream	01/12/2021	<1	1.5	0.031	0.109	7.81	88.9	9.21	
	Mean	1.477	1.29	0.036	0.084	7.86	97.6	10.3	
	95%ile	2.570	1.80	0.052	0.145	8.17	112.4	12.6	
Downstream	06/01/2021	1.40	1.9	0.033	0.095	7.78	107	13.1	
Downstream	10/02/2021	1.00	1.8	0.032	0.103	7.75	104.9	12	1120
Downstream	10/03/2021	3.20	1.5	0.048	0.103	7.93	100.9	10.57	
Downstream	14/04/2021	1.70	1.6	0.023	0.026	8.11	108.5	10.11	
Downstream	05/05/2021	1.70	1.6	0.024	0.048	8.08	98.7	9.98	
Downstream	09/06/2021	1.50	1.4	0.024	0.065	8.07	84.7	8.89	
Downstream	14/07/2021	1.40	2.1	0.052	0.179	7.58	79.2	9.51	3694
Downstream	11/08/2021	1.80	1.7	0.057	0.028	7.61	81.1	7.89	
Downstream	08/09/2021	1.20	1.4	0.042	0.272	7.97	97.8	8.52	
Downstream	14/10/2021	<1	1.3	0.051	0.073	7.74	99.5	9.78	
Downstream	10/11/2021	1.10	1.7	0.044	0.028	7.5	86.2	10.16	
Downstream	01/12/2021	<1	1.4	0.031	0.074	7.97	87.2	9.03	
	Mean	1.451	1.62	0.038	0.091	7.84	94.6	10.0	2407
	95%ile	2.430	1.99	0.054	0.221	8.09	107.7	12.5	3565

Note: Where the concentration in the result is less than the limit of detection (LOD), a value of LOD/sqrt(2) was used in calculating the mean and 95% ile concentrations.