

Annual Environmental Report

2021



Ballylongford

D0459-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2021 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0459-01, Ballylongford, in Kerry 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)

- Ballylongford WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 1000, the treatment type is 3N - Tertiary N 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
TPEFF1300D0459SW001	Ballylongford 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 BALLYLONGFORD WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - BALLYLONGFORD 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
pH pH units	6	7.90	7.56
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	1	5.86	5.86
COD-Cr mg/l	6	190	87
Suspended Solids mg/l	6	74	40
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	6	52	28
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	2	0.640	0.602
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	690	416

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 - TPEFF1300D0459SW001

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	7	N/A	N/A	8.92	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	N/A	7	N/A	N/A	4.31	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	25	50	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	1.40	Pass
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	15	18	N/A	7	N/A	N/A	3.32	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	10	12	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	0.045	Pass
pH pH units	9.00	9.00	N/A	7	N/A	N/A	7.51	Pass
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	8.00	9.60	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	0.525	Pass
E. Coli no./100mls	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	506	
Enterococci (Intestinal) no./100mls	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	47	

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)
Visual Inspection Descriptive	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Faecal coliforms no./100mls	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	458	

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 TPEFF1300D0459SW001

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 Ecological Status
Upstream	99989, 144861	RS24B030860	No	No	No	Yes	Unassigned
Downstream	100516, 146471	TW36004123SN3001	No	No	No	Yes	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 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 BOD, concentrations downstream of the effluent discharge is noted.

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 - BALLYLONGFORD WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - Ballylongford 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)
cBOD	4298	235	95
COD	13493	1567	88

Parameter	Influent mass loading (kg/year)	Effluent mass emission (kg/year)	Efficiency (% reduction of influent load)
TP	N/A	N/A	N/A
SS	6157	757	88
TN	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - Ballylongford 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.

Ballylongford WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m ³ /day) - As Constructed	675
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	225
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m ³ /day)	690
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	416
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	1000
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week) ^{Note1}	432
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	568
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 - BALLYLONGFORD 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 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)
Abatement Equipment offline	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	Yes
Abatement Equipment offline	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	No
Uncontrolled release	Other	1	No	Yes

Incident Type	Cause	No. of incident occurrences	Recurring (Y/N)	Closed (Y/N)
Uncontrolled release	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	Yes

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
SW002	99664, 145217	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Monitored
SW003	99900, 144859	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Monitored
SW004	99856, 145121	Yes	Low	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 SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m3)?	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

SWO Summary

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
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There are no Specified Improvement Programmes for this Agglomeration.

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
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No additional improvements 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	2016	No
Shellfish Impact 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
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	No
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: 03/05/2022

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7 APPENDIX

Appendix
Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary

Ballylongford Ambient Summary

Ambeint Monitoring Report Summary Data

Ambient monitoring point/Coastal Monitoring Code	Irish Grid Reference	Designations				
		Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	WFD Status
RS24B030700	E100516: N146472	No	No	No	No	Good
TW36004123SN3001	E99893: N144862	No	No	No	Yes	Good

Ambient Monitoring Results Summary

Monitoring point	Date	Temp	PH	BOD mg/l	Ammonia	Phosphorus ug/l	Salinity	TON mg/l	DO %	DO Mg/l	Suspended Solids mg/l	E Coli	Faecal Coliforms	Intestinal Enterococci
RS24B030700	24-Mar-21	10.4	8.1	1.7	<0.02	82	<0.1	0.8			5	>201	>2420	>201
RS24B030700	19-May-21	12.8	8.9	1.5	<0.02	0.04	<0.1	<0.2			<4			
RS24B030700	14-Jul-21	16.7	7.7	2.1	0.057	0.08	6.7	0.15		16.7				
RS24B030700	17-Nov-21	10.9	7.9	2.5	0.07	0.09	<0.1	1.01		10.9	<10			
TW36004123SN3001	24-Mar-21	10.9	8.1	1.9	0.47	58	24.6	0.47			34	>201	1553	>201
TW36004123SN3001	19-May-21	13.3	8.2	1	<0.035	<0.01	30.7	0.03		11.25	4			
TW36004123SN3001	14-Jul-21	17	8.1	2.5	<0.035	0.01	32	0.03		9.94	6			
TW36004123SN3001	17-Nov-21	11.9	7.8	3.1	<0.035	0.08	8.6	0.8		11.02	32			

Bathing Water Results Summary (if revelant)

Monitoring point	Date	Parameter	Parameter	Parameter	Parameter	etc
		Results	Results	Results	Results	Results

Parameter Name	U/S Location	U/S Annual Mean	D/S Location	D/S Annual Mean	Difference	EQS	% of EQS
BOD (mg/l)	100516, 146472	1.950	99893, 144862	2.125	-0.175	1.500	-11.667
Ammonia (mg/l)	100516, 146472	0.042	99893, 144862	0.038	0.004	0.065	5.8
Ortho-phosphate (mg/l)	100516, 146472		99893, 144862		0.000	0.060	0.0
pH	100516, 146472	8.150	99893, 144862	8.050	0.100		#DIV/0!