# Annual Environmental Report

2022



Ballina

D0016-01

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# 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2022 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0016-01, Ballina, in Mayo 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)

Ballina (Mayo) WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 25000, 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	
TPEFF2200D0016SW001	Ballina (Mayo) WWTP	Treated	Compliant	N/A	

# 1.4 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTING

Assessment / Report

**Toxicity of Final Effluent** 

## 2 TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT SUMMARY

# 2.1 BALLINA (MAYO) WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

## 2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - BALLINA (MAYO) 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	51	27
COD-Cr mg/I	12	1411	525
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceo mg/l	12	799	238
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	689	223
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	19147	2582

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 - TPEFF2200D0016SW003**

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	24	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	5.77	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceo mg/I	25	50	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	2.45	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	10	12	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.920	Pass
pH pH units	9	9	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.66	Pass
ortho- Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	5	6	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	1.18	Pass
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	9.91	
Conductivity @20°C µS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	565	

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)
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	1.68	
Nitrite (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.340	
Nitrate (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	8.32	
Faecal coliforms cfu/100ml	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	9391	
Enterococci (Intestinal) cfu/100ml	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	1812	
E. Coli MPN/100ml	N/A	N/A	N/A	2	N/A	N/A	9172	

#### Notes:

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

Not applicable

<sup>1 –</sup> 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

#### **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 TPEFF2200D0016SW003

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

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 coastal/transitional 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.

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 downstream monitoring location. 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 (as N), concentrations downstream of the effluent discharge is noted.

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

Other causes of deterioration in water quality in the area are: Unknown

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 - BALLINA (MAYO) WWTP

#### 2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - Ballina (Mayo) 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)
COD	1213380	80669	93
TP	N/A	5549	N/A
ss	516125	19112	96
cBOD	550488	8109	99
TN	61318	32833	46

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

#### 2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - Ballina (Mayo) 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.

Ballina (Mayo) WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m³/day) - As Constructed	13620
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m³/day)	4540
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m³/day)	19147

Ballina (Mayo) WWTP	
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m³/day)	2582
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	25000
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)Note1	14731
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	10269
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 - BALLINA (MAYO) 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)
Landfill Leachate (delivered by sewer network)	54278	Volume (m3)	661	5.76	Yes	No	Yes
Other	2350	Volume (m3)	29	0.02	Yes	No	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.

lumber of Complaints Nature of Complaint		Number Open Complaints	Number Closed Complaints				
There were no relevant environmental complaints in 2022.							

#### 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 Uisce Éireann 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 maintenance at WWTP	1	No	Yes
Abatement Equipment offline	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	Yes
Abatement Equipment offline	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	Yes

Incident Type	Cause	No. of incident occurrences	Recurring (Y/N)	Closed (Y/N)
Abatement Equipment offline	EO caused by power failure	1	No	Yes
Other	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	No
Uncontrolled release	Adverse Weather	1	No	Yes

## **3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS**

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2022	6
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2022	6
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 2022 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2022 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW2	124978,319144	Yes	Low Significance	Not Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW003	124858,318960	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW4	125420,319502	Yes	Low Significance	Not Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW5	125065,319275	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW6	124855,319021	Yes	Low Significance	Not Meeting Criteria Unknown		Unknown	Not Monitored
SW7	124617,318768	Yes	Low Significance	Not Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored

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 2022 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2022 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW8	124676,318755	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW9	124630,318667	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
твс	123870,316709	No	Low Significance	Not Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW010	123299,321077	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW006	124599,318714	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
твс	124855,319021	No	Low Significance	Not Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
твс	124855,319021	No	Low Significance	Not Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
твс	124015,317622	No	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	ТВС

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 (m3)?	Unknown

SWO Summary	
Is each SWO identified as not meeting DoEHLG Guidance included in the Programme of Improvements?	No
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 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
D0016-SIP:01	Upgrade SWOs to comply with DoE criteria (SW2)	С	31/12/2011	Yes	Works Completed		
D0016-SIP:02	Upgrading of pumping station at Bachelor's Walk (SW2)	С	01/05/2009	Yes	Works Completed		

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	
No additional improver	ments 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**

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.

Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Year included in AER	Included in this AER
Toxicity of Final Effluent	Yes	2021	Yes

# **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: 27/03/2023

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Eleanor Roche

Acting Head of Environmental Regulation.

# **7 APPENDIX**

### Appendix

Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary

**Appendix 7.2 - Toxicity of Final Effluent** 

# Ballina D0016-01 Ambient Monitoring Data

Ambient			WFD Status				
trom WWIII (or	Irish Grid Reference	LEPA FEMILIFE COMING	Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	
Upstream Monitoring Point	125292,319885	TW22005298MY1012	No	No	No	No	Moderate
Downstream Monitoring Point	125292, 320420	TW22005298MY1013	No	No	No	No	Moderate

### **Ambient Impact Assessment Table**

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS (Mean)	%EQS
cBOD mg/l	TW22005298MY1012	1.5	TW22005298MY1012	1.5	1.5	0
Ammonia (as N) mg/l	TW22005298MY1013	0.021	TW22005298MY1013	0.22	0.065	0.769%

## **Ballina D0016-01 Ambient Monitoring**

Data		Station Reference	Dissolved Oxygen	Ammonia N	Biological Oxygen Demand	Calcium	Chloride	Conductivity @ 20°C	E Coli	Enterococci	Faecal Coliforms
			%Sat	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	μS/cm	MPN/100mls	cfu/100mls	cfu/100mls
1-March-2022	Upstream Ambient	TW22005298MY1012	94.2	0.017	<1	60	22.7	361	60	27	80
6-October-											
2022	Upstream Ambient	TW22005298MY1012	78.2	0.025	2	39	16.9	221	1400	28	1400
	Downstream										
1-March-2022	Ambient	TW22005298MY1013	95	0.015	<1	65	24.3	391	96	23	100
6-October-	Downstream										
2022	Ambient	TW22005298MY1013	79.4	0.028	2	44	44.8	322	290	130	720

Fluoride	Magnesium	Sodium	Iron	Potassium	Total Hardness	рН	Sulphate	Temperature	Total Nitrogen N	Nitrate N
		,	,,			рН				
mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	ug/l	mg/l	mg/l	units	mg/l	Degrees C	mg/l	mg/l
<0.2	5	13	310	2	129	8.1	8.55	7.6	0.862	0.622
0.06	3	9	1422	2	104	7.8	14	13.1	1.05	0.218
<0.2	6	15	319	2	153	8	9.2	7.8	0.892	0.865
0.07	5	23	1536	2	121	7.9	17.6	13	0.889	0.221





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22-18055 Job Number:

**Issue Number:** 

**Report Date:** 

8 April 2022

Site: Not Applicable

**PO Number:** PO5338

Date Samples Received: 07/03/2022

Please find attached the results for the samples received at our laboratory on 07/03/2022.

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**Authorised Date:** 8 April 2022

Debbie Kelly

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Site: Not Applicable

Sample Description: 1420025 Date of Sampling: 01/03/2022

Sample Type: Effluent (Final) Time of Sampling: 11:15

Lab Reference Number: 637225 Date Sample Received: 07/03/2022

Site / Analysis Method Ref. Start Date		Parameter	Result	Units	PV Value (Drinking Water Only)			
*U	11/03/2022	Inhibitory effect to Vibrio fischeri	6.6% giving 15.2 toxic units	%vol/vol	-			
S/S3238	08/03/2022	48 h LC50 to Tisbe battagliai	>32% giving <3.1 toxic units	%vol/vol	-			
Toxicity Chemistry Suite Shannon								
S/S3011#	07/03/2022	Conductivity @ 20°C	1010	uS/cm @20°C	-			
S/S1003#	07/03/2022	Dissolved Oxygen	9.13	mg/l O2	-			
S/S1041	07/03/2022	PH	8.34	pH Unit	-			
S/S3011	07/03/2022	Salinity	0.5	ppt	-			

#### Comments

Sampling time/date has been provided but is outside the recommended timeframe on receipt.

# = INAB Accredited, U = UKAS Accredited, \* = Subcontracted

#### Note:

PV Value is the parametric value, taken from European Communities, (Drinking Water) Regulations, 2014. S.I. No. 122 of 2014 and relates only to drinking water samples.

For queries on results, please contact us within two weeks of the report date to ensure that we can accommodate your query as samples cannot be stored indefinitely.

NAC & ATC - No abnormal change and acceptable to customers.

TVC - Total viable count

Site D = Analysed at City Analysts Dublin. Site S = Analysed at City Analysts Shannon



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#### **CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS**

Client : Jackie O'Hara (WWTP)

Mayo County Council

Irish Water, C/O Mayo County Council Water Services, Aras an Chontae, The Mall

Castlebar, Co. Mayo

Report No. Date of Receipt 479714 01/03/2022 01/03/2022

Start Date of Analysis Date of Report

01/03/2022 08/04/2022

Order Number

Sample taken by : CLS

Lab No	Sample Description	Test	Ref.	Result	Units
1420025	Ballina Effluent Composite 01.03.2022@11.15	Toxicity, 48h LC50 to Tisbe	S	>32% giving	Null
	(Easting 125206, Northing 320206)	battagliai (marine crustacean)		<3.1 toxic units	Unit
	Toxicity testing	Toxicity, 30 min EC50 to Vibrio	S	6.6% giving	Null
		fischeri (bacteria)	1200	15.2 toxic units	Unit

Approved by:

AnnMarie Nee

**Environmental Services Administrator** 

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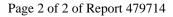


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