

# Annual Environmental Report

2019



Thurles

D0026-01

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# 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2019 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0026-01, Thurles, in Tipperary 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.

## 1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- THURLES WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 15000, 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
TPEFF2800D0026SW001	THURLES WWTP	Treated	Non-Compliant	Ammonia-Total (as N) 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 THURLES WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

#### 2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - THURLES 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
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	268	147
COD-Cr mg/l	12	454	248.42
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	6.1	3.28
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	250	128.08
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	12884	5903.76

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 - TPEFF2800D0026SW001

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	N/A	N/A	18.75	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	N/A	12	1	N/A	15.3	Pass
pH pH units	9	9	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.51	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	6	12	N/A	12	1	N/A	3.83	Pass
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	2	2.4	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.4	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	0.5	1	N/A	12	2	2	0.39	Fail
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0.3	0.6	N/A	12	1	N/A	0.1	Pass
Nitrate (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.76	
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.79	

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)
Nitrite (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.03	

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):

Plant or equipment breakdown

### Significance of Results:

The WWTP is non compliant with the ELVs set in the Wastewater Discharge Licence. The impact on receiving waters is assessed further in Section 2.

## 2.1.3 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE TPEFF2800D0026SW001

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	211027, 156078	RS16S020910	No	No	No	No	Moderate
Downstream	210823, 155952	RS16S020940	No	No	No	No	Moderate

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
<b>BOD - 5 days (Total) mg/l</b>	RS16S020910	2.008	RS16S020940	1.992	1.5	-1.1
<b>Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l</b>	RS16S020910	0.022	RS16S020940	0.03	0.065	12.8
<b>ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l</b>	RS16S020910	0.036	RS16S020940	0.032	0.035	-10
<b>Dissolved Oxygen mg/l</b>	RS16S020910	9.636	RS16S020940	9.638		
<b>Temperature °C</b>	RS16S020910	10.817	RS16S020940	10.964		
<b>pH pH units</b>	RS16S020910	7.992	RS16S020940	8.011		
<b>Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l</b>	RS16S020910	0.057	RS16S020940	0.057		
<b>Dissolved Oxygen % O2</b>	RS16S020910	88.033	RS16S020940	87.825		

### Significance of Results:

The WWTP discharge was not 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 - THURLES WWTP

### 2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - THURLES 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)
<b>cBOD</b>	46750	1399	97
<b>TN</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>TP</b>	1198	147	88
<b>COD</b>	90672	6844	92
<b>SS</b>	53655	5585	90

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

### 2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - THURLES 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.

THURLES WWTP	
<b>Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m<sup>3</sup>/day) - As Constructed</b>	10800
<b>DWF to the Treatment Plant (m<sup>3</sup>/day)</b>	3600
<b>Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m<sup>3</sup>/day)</b>	12884

THURLES WWTP	
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m <sup>3</sup> /day)	5903.76
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	15000
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week) <sup>Note1</sup>	10189
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	4811
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 - THURLES 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 tanker)	1200	Weight (Tonnes)	100	1	No	Yes	No
Waterworks Sludge	1015	Weight (Tonnes)	30	0.3	Yes	Yes	No

## 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
35	Blocked Sewer	0	35
1	Sewage	0	1

### 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	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	Yes	Yes
Non-compliance	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	0	No	Yes

### 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	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 2019 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2019 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW005	212919.4, 158131	Yes	Low	Not Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Monitored
TBC	212802.6, 158962.17	No	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	212910.00714155, 158611.24264977	No	Low	Not Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW002	210956.36026243, 156248.97002585	Yes	Low	Not Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW003	212920.75150683, 158658.76551992	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW004	212802.6, 158962.17	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Monitored
TBC	212921.5, 157937.35	No	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored

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 2019 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2019 (m3)	Monitoring Status
TBC	210956.3, 156248.97	No	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored

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?	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 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
<b>D0026-SIP:01</b>	Improvement works as required for the achievement of orthophosphate (as P) ELV set in the licence	C	31/12/2020	No	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 Identifier	Improvement Description / or any Operational Improvements	Improvement Source	Expected Completion Date	Comments
<b>D0026-IP:43</b>	Drainage Area Plan expected to be completed by Q2 2020.	Other	30/06/2020	

#### 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
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	2015	No	

### 5.1 PRIORITY SUBSTANCES ASSESSMENT

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



## 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?	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?	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: 13/08/2020

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## **7 APPENDIX**

There are no Appendices included