

Annual Environmental Report

2024



Kinnegad

D0104-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2024 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0104-01, Kinnegad, in Westmeath 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 changes undertaken in 2024.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- Kinnegad WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 4800, 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
TPEFF3200D0104SW001	Kinnegad WWTP	Treated	Non-Compliant	Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l

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 KINNEGAD WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - KINNEGAD 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 Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	88	17.3
COD-Cr mg/l	12	7875	1488
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	12	75	38
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	12	60	12
pH pH units	12	8.20	7.68
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	6570	1064
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	120	60
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	2364	446
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	1495	873

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 - TPEFF3200D0104SW001

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	25	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	8.59	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	20	40	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	2.09	Pass
pH pH units	6	9	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.15	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	1	2	N/A	12	1	1	0.41	Fail
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0.6	0.72	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.13	Pass
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	14.26	

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 Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	16	
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.24	
Nitrite (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.301	
Conductivity @20°C µS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	726	
Nitrate (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	14.08	

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):

Inadequate Operational Procedures/Training

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is non compliant with the ELV's 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

TPEFF3200D0104SW001

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	260311, 245276	RS07K010100	No	No	No	No	Poor
Downstream	260585, 245669	RS07K010150	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
BOD - 5 days (Total) mg/l	RS07K010100	1.01	RS07K010150	0.995	1.50	-0.7
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	RS07K010100	0.100	RS07K010150	0.044	0.065	-85.7
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	RS07K010100	0.014	RS07K010150	0.012	0.035	-8.5
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	RS07K010100	1.85	RS07K010150	N/A	N/A	

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS	% of EQS
Total Hardness (as CaCO3) mg/l	RS07K010100	381	RS07K010150	N/A	N/A	
Total Nitrogen mg/l	RS07K010100	3.12	RS07K010150	3.13	N/A	
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	RS07K010100	0.077	RS07K010150	0.074	N/A	
Dissolved Oxygen % O2	RS07K010100	84	RS07K010150	85	N/A	
Chloride mg/l	RS07K010100	26	RS07K010150	N/A	N/A	
Conductivity @25°C µS/cm	RS07K010100	740	RS07K010150	N/A	N/A	
Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation	RS07K010100	89	RS07K010150	87	N/A	
Dissolved Oxygen mg/l	RS07K010100	9.42	RS07K010150	9.04	N/A	
True Colour mg/litre Pt Co	RS07K010100	48	RS07K010150	N/A	N/A	
pH pH units	RS07K010100	7.86	RS07K010150	7.79	N/A	
Conductivity @20°C µS/cm	RS07K010100	659	RS07K010150	661	N/A	
Alkalinity-total (as CaCO3) mg/l	RS07K010100	337	RS07K010150	N/A	N/A	
COD-Cr mg/l	RS07K010100	34	RS07K010150	33	N/A	

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	EQS	% of EQS
Temperature °C	RS07K010100	12	RS07K010150	13	N/A	

Significance of Results:

The WWTP discharge was not compliant with the ELV's set in the wastewater discharge licence for the following: Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l.

The ambient monitoring results do not meet the required EQS at the upstream monitoring location. 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 - KINNEGAD WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - Kinnegad 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	142164	665	100
COD	474015	7883	98
SS	338988	2736	99
TN	19019	5009	74
TP	5502	77	99

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - Kinnegad 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.

Kinnegad WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m ³ /day) - As Constructed	3240
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	1080
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m ³ /day)	1495
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	873
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	4800
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week) ^{Note1}	3628
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	1172
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.

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 2024.			

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	Recurring (Y/N)	Closed (Y/N)
Uncontrolled release	Adverse Weather	No	Yes
Abatement equipment off-line	Plant or equipment maintenance at WWTP	No	No
Breach of ELV	Inadequate Operational Procedures/Training	No	No

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2024	3
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2024	3
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 2024 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2024 (m³)	Monitoring Status
SW002	260412, 245360	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Monitored
SW004	260129, 245135	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW3	260129, 245135	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	260465, 245433	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored

The contents presented in this table include the most up to date information available at the time of writing. 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 wastewater discharge by metered SWOs during 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
D0104-SIP:01	Installation of new storm water storage tank	C	31/12/2012	Yes	Works Completed		
D0104-SIP:02	Waste water treatment plant and ancillary works	C	31/12/2013	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 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	Included in this AER
D0104-01-Priority Substances 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
Is there a need to advise the EPA for Consideration of a Technical Amendment/Review of the Licence?	Yes
List reason e.g. additional SWO identified	To include additional SWO identified
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?	Yes
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: 14/04/2025

This AER has been produced by Uisce Éireann'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

There are no Appendices included.