

Annual Environmental Report

2024



Enfield

D0131-02

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Revision Number	Description of Change	Date of Approval
1	Changes to Section 1.1 Annual Statement of Measures and Section 2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary	03/07/2025

1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2024 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0131-02, Enfield, in Meath 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.

A revised Waste Water Discharge Licence was issued on the 31/07/2024 (D0131-02)

1.1 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF MEASURES

A summary of any improvements undertaken is provided where applicable.

The following upgrade works commenced on-site at Enfield WWTP in 2023 and are currently programmed to be completed by December 2025.

1. Design, build, commission and Operation all works including, but not limited to, new final settlement tanks, and MLSS Pumping station to increase the treatment capacity at Enfield WwTP from 3,500 p.e to 6,200 p.e.
2. Design, build, commission and operation of 11 no. Sludge Drying Reed Beds to dewater indigenous sludge generated by Enfield WwTP in addition to receiving up to 3000m³/annum of liquid sludge imports from neighbouring WwTPs.
3. Design and build flood defence and scour protection works to reduce the risk of flooding to the existing WwTP site and protect existing the access road from erosion by the River Blackwater.
4. Decommission redundant assets within the existing WwTP site (Existing FSTs and Sludge thickener and Belt press), following completion of the above upgrade works.
5. The new treated effluent primary discharge from the WwTP became operational from the 30th September 2024. An extended testing period to ensure satisfactory performance of the Sludge Drying Reed beds will run until December 2025.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- Enfield WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 6,200 (as of September 2024), 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
TPEFF2300D0131SW001	Enfield 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 ENFIELD WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - ENFIELD 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	70	43
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	342	196
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	8.91	5.90
COD-Cr mg/l	12	772	440
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	525	217
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	5829	1857.5

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 - TPEFF3900D0131SW001

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	29	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	30 / *35	75	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	9.40	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous_ mg/l	20	40	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	4.47	Pass
pH pH units	6-9	6 - 9	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.30	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	3 / *1.2	3.6	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.189	Pass
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	0.5	0.6	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.270	Pass
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	10	N/A	N/A	21.05	
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	*0.5	0.6	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.148	Pass

Notes:

1 – This represents the Emission Limit Values after the Interpretation provided for under Condition 2 of the licence is applied

* ELV under new licence D0131-2, applicable from August 2024 where different

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 TPEFF3900D0131SW003

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	276618, 239946	RS07B020100	No	No	No	No	Poor
Downstream	275982, 240339	RS07B020120	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	RS07B020100	1.07	RS07B020120	1.19	1.50	8.1
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	RS07B020100	0.057	RS07B020120	0.061	0.065	5.9
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	RS07B020100	0.037	RS07B020120	0.037	0.035	-0.9
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	RS07B020100	1.98	RS07B020120	N/A	N/A	
Conductivity @25°C µS/cm	RS07B020100	686	RS07B020120	N/A	N/A	
Chloride mg/l	RS07B020100	21	RS07B020120	N/A	N/A	
Total Nitrogen mg/l	RS07B020100	2.42	RS07B020120	3.77	N/A	
Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation	RS07B020100	93	RS07B020120	96	N/A	
Alkalinity-total (as CaCO3) mg/l	RS07B020100	324	RS07B020120	N/A	N/A	
True Colour mg/litre Pt Co	RS07B020100	68	RS07B020120	N/A	N/A	
pH pH units	RS07B020100	7.83	RS07B020120	7.80	N/A	
Temperature °C	RS07B020100	10	RS07B020120	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	RS07B020100	360	RS07B020120	N/A	N/A	
Dissolved Oxygen mg/l	RS07B020100	9.32	RS07B020120	9.21	N/A	

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 & 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.

As per the 3rd Cycle Boyne Catchment Report (HA 07), the significant pressure on the Blackwater (Longwood)_030 waterbody is Agriculture.

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 - ENFIELD WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - Enfield 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	147188	2669	98
COD	298103	17475	94
SS	132809	5611	96
TN	28901	12559	57
TP	4000	161	96

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - Enfield 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.

Enfield WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m ³ /day) - As Constructed	2363
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	787
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m ³ /day)	5829
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	1857.5
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	3,500 (6,200 from September 2024)
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week) ^{Note1}	5085
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	0 (1,115 from September 2024)
Will the capacity be exceeded in the next three years? (Yes/No)	Yes *

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.

* Upgrade works commenced on-site at Enfield WWTP in 2023 and increased the treatment capacity from 3,500 to 6,200PE in September 2024.

2.1.5 SLUDGE / OTHER INPUTS - ENFIELD 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 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)
There were no reportable incidents in 2024.			

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2024	0
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2024	0
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 (m ³)	Monitoring Status
SW2	276345, 240103	Yes	Low Significance	Meeting Criteria	Unknown	Unknown	Monitored*

* The SWO monitoring equipment was out of order in 2024.

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
D0131-SIP:01	Upgrade the waste water treatment plant to comply with the conditions of this licence	C	31/12/2024	Y	Commissioning Phase		Wastewater Treatment upgrade commissioned; Sludge drying reed beds in commissioning phase
D0131-SIP:02	Discharge to be discontinued: TPEFF2300D0131SW001	C	31/12/2024	Y	Completed *		The new primary discharge became operational from 30 th September 2024.

** The original primary discharge location (on the existing WwTP side of the Blackwater) is no longer used for the treated effluent discharge into the Blackwater River. However, this discharge location is still utilised in the event that Storm Overflow conditions require a discharge to the river.*

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

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	Included in this AER
D0131-01-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	EPA Initiated Review
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?	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: 16/05/2025

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.