

Annual Environmental Report

2018



Athboy

D0124-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2018 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0124-01, Athboy, in Meath in accordance with the requirements of the wastewater discharge licence for the agglomeration. Specified reports are included as an appendix to the AER as follows:

1.1 Licence specific reporting included in AER

Assessment / Report	Included in AER
There is no Licence Specific Reports included in the AER.	

1.2 Treatment Type

The agglomeration is served by a wastewater treatment plant ATHBOY WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 5800. The treatment process includes the following:

1.2.1 ATHBOY WWTP

Treatment type	Yes / No	Details
Preliminary Treatment	Yes	Screening
Primary Treatment	No	
Secondary Treatment	Yes	SBR
Nutrient Removal	Yes	Ferric Sulphate
Tertiary Treatment	No	

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 2.2 Discharges from the agglomeration.

1.3 ELV Overview

1.3.1 ATHBOY WWTP

Compliance Status	
Were all parameters compliant for ATHBOY WWTP treatment plant	No
Where non compliant see Table 2.2.1 for details of parameters	

1.4 Sludge Removal

The amount of sludge removed from the wastewater treatment plant is shown below along with the transported destination of the sludge from the treatment plant.

Treatment Plant	Sludge type	Quantity	Unit	% Dry Solids	Destination
ATHBOY WWTP	Cake Sludge	385.63	Weight (Tonnes)	19.5	Paddy Brady Agri

Annual Statement of Measures

There were no major capital or operational changes undertaken.

2 MONITORING REPORTS SUMMARY

2.1 Summary report on monthly influent monitoring

A summary of influent monitoring for the treatment plant is presented in below. This monitoring is primarily undertaken in order to determine the overall efficiency of the plant in removing pollutants from the raw wastewater.

2.1.1 Influent Monitoring Summary - ATHBOY WWTP

Parameters	Number of Samples	Annual Max	Annual Mean
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD)	12	600	210.92
Total Nitrogen	12	67.2	36.73
COD-Cr	12	843	292.95
Suspended Solids	12	667	206.02
Total Phosphorus (as P)	12	11.6	4.61
Hydraulic Capacity		4788	1170

If other inputs in the form of sludge / leachate are added to the WWTP then these are included in Section 3.5 if applicable.

Significance of Results:

The annual mean hydraulic loading is less than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity as detailed further in Section 3.2. The annual maximum hydraulic loading is greater than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity as detailed further in Section 3.2.

2.2 Discharges from the agglomeration

2.2.1 Effluent Monitoring Summary - ATHBOY WWTP

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)
Ammonia-Total (as N)	0.44	0.88	0	12	3	1	0.33	Fail
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N)	0	0	0	4	0	0	3.54	N/A
Visual Inspection	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	N/A
Total Phosphorus (as P)	1	1.2	0	12	0	0	0.41	Pass
Conductivity @25°C	0	0	0	9	0	0	1054.32	N/A
Temperature	0	0	0	1	0	0	19.1	N/A
Total Nitrogen	0	0	0	12	0	0	5.19	N/A
pH	6 to 9	0	0	11	0	0	7.56	Pass
Suspended Solids	35	87.5	0	12	0	0	10.14	Pass
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified	0.22	0.44	0	12	8	4	0.31	Fail

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)	0	0	0	12	0	0	0.28	N/A
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD)	10	20	0	12	2	0	6.49	Pass
COD-Cr	125	250	0	12	0	0	23.32	Pass
Nitrate (as N)	0	0	0	12	0	0	2.27	N/A

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):

Inadequate Operational Procedures and Dosing Pump Failure.

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is not compliant with the ELV's set in the Wastewater Discharge Licence. There were 8 exceedances in relation to the Ortho-P ELV, of which 4 were above the Condition 2 ELV. There were 3 exceedances in relation to the Ammonia-N ELV, of which 1 was above the Condition 2 ELV. The impact on receiving water is assessed further in Section 2.3.

2.3 Ambient monitoring summary

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.

2.3.1 Ambient Monitoring Report Summary - ATHBOY WWTP

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	Code	Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	WFD Status
Upstream	271765, 264214	TPEFF2300D0124SW001	No	No	No	No	Moderate
Downstream	272476, 263261	TPEFF2300D0124SW001	No	Yes	No	No	Moderate

2.3.2 Ambient Monitoring Parameter Summary - ATHBOY WWTP

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
Ammonia-Total (as N)	RS07A010200	0.03	RS07A010270	0.03	0.14	0
Dissolved Oxygen	RS07A010200	47.11	RS07A010270	52.1		
Temperature	RS07A010200	11.53	RS07A010270	11.68		
Total Nitrogen	RS07A010200	1.74	RS07A010270	3.26		
pH	RS07A010200	7.99	RS07A010270	8.01		
BOD - 5 days (Total)	RS07A010200	1	RS07A010270	1.01	2.6	0.4
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified	RS07A010200	0.03	RS07A010270	0.04	0.075	11.1

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 EQS. Where the ambient monitoring results meets the EQS this 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 negative impact on the water quality.

The discharge from the WWTP has no observable negative impact on the Water Framework Directive status.

3 OPERATIONAL REPORTS SUMMARY

3.1 Treatment Efficiency Report

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:

3.1.1 Treatment Efficiency Report Summary - ATHBOY WWTP

Parameter	Influent mass loading (kg/year)	Effluent mass emission (kg/year)	Efficiency (% reduction of influent load)
TN	14960.73	1904.83	87.27
COD	119322.7	8563.16	92.82
SS	83913.17	3723.56	95.56
cBOD	85909.48	2382.38	97.23
TP	1876.8	149.57	92.03

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

3.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary

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.

ATHBOY WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m ³ /day) - As Constructed	3915
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	1305
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m ³ /day)	4788
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	1170
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	5800
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)	4828
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	972
Will the capacity be exceeded in the next three years? (Yes/No)	No

3.3 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
1	Blocked Sewer	0	1

3.4 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.

3.4.1 Summary of Incidents

Incident Type	Cause	No. of incident occurrences	Recurring (Y/N)	Closed (Y/N)
Non-compliance	Inadequate Operational Procedures	3	Yes	Yes
Non-compliance	Inadequate Operational Procedures	1	Yes	No
Non-compliance	Dosing Pump Failure	2	Yes	No

3.4.2 Summary of Overall Incidents

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2018	6
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2018	6
Explanation of any discrepancies between the two numbers above	N/A

3.5 Sludge / Other inputs to the 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)
Domestic /Septic Tank Sludge	280	Weight (Tonnes)	3.4	0.07	No	No	No

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:

No Appendix Included.

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 2018 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2018 (m ³)	Monitoring Status
ATHBOY PUMPING STATION	272048, 262611	Yes	Low	Meeting			Not Monitored
SW-2	272048, 262611	Yes	Low	Meeting			Not Monitored

4.1.2 Inspection Summary Report

SWO Summary	
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m ³)?	Not Monitored
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?	No
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 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)	Licence Schedule	Licence Completion Date	Date Expired? (N/NA/Y)	Status of Works	Timeframe for Completing the Work	Comments
Athboy pumping station (main)	C	29/06/2010	Yes	Works Completed		
Rathcairn pumping station RA1	C	29/06/2010	Yes	Works Completed		
Rathcairn pumping station RA2 (main)	C	29/06/2010	Yes	Works Completed		
Rathcairn pumping station RA3	C	29/06/2010	Yes	Works Completed		
Rathcairn pumping station RA4	C	29/06/2010	Yes	Works Completed		
WWTP and ancillary works	C	29/06/2010	Yes	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	Improvement Source	Expected Completion Date	Comments
There are no Improvements Programme for this Agglomeration.				

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.

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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
Drinking Water Abstraction Point Risk Assessment	Yes	2011	No	
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	2015	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?	No
List reason e.g. additional SWO identified	N/A
Is there a need to request/advise the EPA of any modifications to the existing WWDL?	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:

Date: 19/03/2019

This AER has been produced by Irish Water'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.