

Annual Environmental Report

2020



Ramelton

D0341-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2020 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0341-01, Ramelton, in Donegal 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.

No significant changes or operational improvements works were undertaken in 2020 at Ramelton WWTW

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

- Currently there is no treatment provided at Ramelton . Please refer to section 4 for details of the Programme of Improvements.

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
TPEFF0600D0341SW001	Ramelton Untreated Discharge - 2020	Untreated	Non-Compliant	BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l COD-Cr mg/l Suspended Solids mg/l Total Phosphorus (as P) 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

2.1.1 EFFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY -

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	6	5	4	614.6	Fail
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	N/A	6	5	4	445.05	Fail
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	25	50	N/A	6	5	4	81	Fail
pH pH units	9	9	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	7.24	Pass
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	2	2.4	N/A	6	3	3	2.26	Fail
E. Coli MPN/100ml	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	N/A	N/A	375775	
Enterococci (Intestinal) cfu/100ml	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	N/A	N/A	17125	
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	12.41	
Nitrite (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	0.1	

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)
Conductivity @20°C µS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	6659	
Faecal coliforms cfu/100ml	N/A	N/A	N/A	4	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	25.43	
Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	14.4	
Nitrate (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	1.9	
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	1.33	
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	1.99	

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):

Untreated sewage is discharging from Ramelton. Ramelton requires a Waste Water Treatment Plant

Significance of Results:

The WWTP is not compliant with the ELVs set in the WWDL

2.1.2 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE UNTREATED DISCHARGE TPEFF0600D0341SW001

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
Downstream	223010, 421440	TW06007073LS1021	Yes	No	No	Yes	Moderate
Downstream	222905, 421443	TW06007073LS1020	Yes	No	No	Yes	Moderate

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 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.

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.

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
There were no relevant environmental complaints in 2020.			

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	WWTP upgrade required to meet ELV	1	Yes	No

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2020	1
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2020	1
Explanation of any discrepancies between the two numbers above	No difference between numbers

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 2020 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2020 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW2	222544, 421150	Yes	Low	Not Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	TBC, TBC	No	Unknown	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored

SWO Summary	
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m3)?	0
Is each SWO identified as not meeting DoEHLG Guidance included in the Programme of Improvements?	Yes
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
D0341-SIP:01	Provision of Waste Water Treatment Plant and ancillary works	C	31/12/2015	Yes	At Planning Stage	31/12/2025	
D0341-SIP:02	SW2 to cease or upgrade	A	31/12/2015	Yes	At Planning Stage	31/12/2025	
D0341-SIP:03	Upgrade of waste water collection network	C	31/12/2015	Yes	At Planning Stage	31/12/2025	
D0341-SIP:04	Upgrading of Storm Water Overflows to comply with the criteria outlined in the DoECLG 'Procedures and Criteria in relation to Storm Water overflows, 1995'	C	31/12/2015	Yes	At Planning Stage	31/12/2025	

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
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.

5 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTS

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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
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	2018	No	
Shellfish Impact Assessment	Yes	2018	No	

5.1 PRIORITY SUBSTANCES ASSESSMENT

The Priority Substances Assessment Report has been included in the AER 2018

5.2 SHELLFISH IMPACT ASSESSMENT

The Shellfish Impact Assessment Report has been included in the AER 2018

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?	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: 22/03/2021

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

Appendix

Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary

Category	MONTH	Location	Lab Ref	Date	Ammonia (as N)	BOD	Chlorophyll	Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen (as N)	Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation	E coli	Intestinal Enterococci	Faecal Coliforms (E. coli)	Orthophosphate	Temperature	Total Oxidised Nitrogen N	Total Nitrogen N	Salinity	pH	Suspended Solids
Transitional Water Body	May	Ramelton - Upstream	202501743	13-May-20	0.24	<2	4.45	0.24	90.7	NT	NT	NT	0.03	NT	NT	0.2	NT	7.9	NT
Transitional Water Body	May	Ramelton - Downstream	202501744	13-May-20	0.11	<2	9.26	0.11	100.5	NT	NT	NT	0.18	NT	NT	<0.2	NT	8	NT
Transitional Water Body	June	Ramelton - Upstream	202502129	10-Jun-20	0.03	<2	<4	<0.82	99.7	NT	NT	NT	<0.02	NT	NT	0.3	NT	7.74	NT
Transitional Water Body	June	Ramelton - Downstream	202502130	10-Jun-20	0.04	<2	4.47	<1.19	99.4	NT	NT	NT	<0.02	NT	NT	0.4	NT	7.85	NT
Transitional Water Body	September	Ramelton - Upstream	202503040	09-Sep-20	0.02	<2	<4	<0.5	98.1	NT	NT	NT	0.03	NT	NT	<0.5	NT	7.2	NT
Transitional Water Body	September	Ramelton - Downstream	202503041	09-Sep-20	<0.02	2.3	5.9	<0.5	98.2	NT	NT	NT	0.03	NT	NT	<0.5	NT	7.77	NT
Coastal Water Body	November	Ramelton - Upstream	202503876	17-Nov-20	0.02	<2	<4	<1.19	91.6	NT	NT	NT	<0.02	NT	NT	0.32	NT	7.41	NT
Coastal Water Body	November	Ramelton - Downstream	202503877	17-Nov-20	0.05	<2	<4	<1.19	92.4	NT	NT	NT	<0.02	NT	NT	0.32	NT	7.29	NT