

Annual Environmental Report

2019



Blarney

D0043-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2019 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0043-01, Blarney, in Cork 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)

- Blarney WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 13000, the treatment type is 3NP - Tertiary N&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
TPEFF0500D0043SW001	Blarney WWTP	Treated	Non-Compliant	ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified 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 BLARNEY WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - BLARNEY 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
COD-Cr mg/l	12	644	250.4
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	271	144.98
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	4.57	3.13
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	63.7	24.83
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	274	118.57
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	8076	3496

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 greater 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 - TPEFF0500D0043SW001

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	13.66	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	30	75	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	3.69	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	20	40	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	1.8	Pass
pH pH units	9	9	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.3	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	1.5	1.8	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.26	Pass
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	1.5	1.8	N/A	12	1	1	0.39	Fail
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	0.8	0.96	N/A	12	3	3	0.31	Fail
Nitrate (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	13.5	
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	13.55	

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)
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	14.07	

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):

Influent flows were lowest during the months where this exceedance occurred, and chemical dosing was not adjusted sufficiently.

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 TPEFF0500D0043SW001

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	158581, 74628	RS19S010300	No	No	No	No	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.

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 - BLARNEY WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - Blarney 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	153909	2314	99
SS	188188	4748	97
TP	4064	505	88
TN	32227	18089	44
COD	325018	17556	95

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - Blarney 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.

Blarney WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m ³ /day) - As Constructed	2925
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	975
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m ³ /day)	8076
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	3496
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	13000
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week) ^{Note1}	7655
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	5345
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 - BLARNEY 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	15	Volume (m3)		100	No	Yes	No
Domestic /Septic Tank Sludge	330	Volume (m3)		100	No	Yes	No
Domestic /Septic Tank Sludge	441	Volume (m3)		100	No	Yes	No
Domestic /Septic Tank Sludge	253	Volume (m3)		100	No	Yes	No
Domestic /Septic Tank Sludge	0	Weight (Tonnes)		100	No	No	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
There were no relevant environmental complaints in 2019.			

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)
Other	Plant or equipment breakdown at WWTP	1	No	Yes
Breach of ELV	Dosing pump failure or maintenance at WWTP	1	No	No

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2019	2
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2019	2
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
SW04	157548, 74040	Yes	Low	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	TBC	No	Low	Not yet Assessed	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW01	159261, 74835	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Monitored
TBC	TBC	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?	N/A

SWO Summary	
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 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
D0043-SIP:01	Decommissioning of Cloghroe package plant	C	01/04/2012	Yes	Works Completed		
D0043-SIP:02	Discharge SW04 to the Owennagearagh River to be discontinued	A	01/04/2012	Yes	Works Completed		
D0043-SIP:03	Ensure SW04 complies with criteria set out in DoEHLG.....	C	01/04/2012	Yes	Works Completed		

Specified Improvement Programmes (under Schedule A and C of WWDL)	Description	Licence Schedule	Licence Completion Date	Date Expired? (N/NAY)	Status of Works	Timeframe for Completing the Work	Comments
D0043-SIP:04	Installation of drainage works and pumping station to divert flow to WWTP	C	01/04/2012	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 / 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	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?	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: 15/04/2020

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

Downstream (Tower Bridge)RS19S01300																
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			Sample Code		78099	78552	79324	79660	80823	81549	82254	82936	83832	84132		
	EQS		Sample Date		20/02/2019	13/03/2019	17/04/2019	02/05/2019	19/06/2019	18/07/2019	15/08/2019	18/09/2019	23/10/2019	06/11/2019		
	Mean	95%ile	Frequency	Actual	Grab	Grab	Grab	Grab	Grab	Grab	Grab	Grab	Grab	Grab	Average	
D.O % O ₂	80% < 95%ile < 120%		10	10	99.6	92.7	97.3	99.5	100.6	97.9	97.1	100.4	97.9	97.3	0.99	
Temperature C°	≤ 1.5 C° increase		10	10	10	6.8	10.2	10.2	13.3	15.1	14.8	12.5	11.6	10	0.06	
pH	6 < pH < 9		10	10	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.7	7.9	7.8	7.7	7.9	7.7	7.8	0.04	
BOD mg/L	≤ 1.5	≤ 2.6	10	10	0.5	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	2.4	0.5	5.77	
Orthophosphate (P) mg/l	≤ 0.035	≤ 0.075	10	10	0.059	0.033	0.032	0.03	0.104	0.18	0.065	0.065	0.034	0.037	6.13	
Ammonia (N) mg/l	≤ 0.065	≤ 0.140	10	10	0.088	0.033	0.031	0.01	0.033	0.02	0.017	0.041	0.05	0.043	0.04	
NO ₃ (N) mg/l	≤ 0.25 @ 34 PSU		10	10	4.71	6.34	6.73	6.12	5.57	5.74	4.71	5.26	6.31	6.18	5.77	
TN (N) mg/l	n/a		10	10	10.2	5.95	5.7	6	5.4	5.8	4.7	5.1	6.4	6	6.13	