

Annual Environmental Report

2019



Cobh

D0054-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2019 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0054-01, Cobh, 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.

The agglomeration is not served by a wastewater treatment plant. The Cobh Septic Tank, with a capacity of 800 PE is organically overloaded and effectively provides no treatment. The existing primary outfall is through Whitepoint outfall.

1.1 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF MEASURES

A summary of any improvements undertaken is provided where applicable.

Cobh is part of the Cork Lower Harbour Main Drainage Project and will be connected to the new secondary WWTP at Shanbally. Works are ongoing involving new pumping stations, new sewers, and a drilled crossing under the estuary.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

- Currently there is no treatment provided at Cobh. 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
TPEFF0500D0054SW001	COBH SEPTIC TANK	Untreated	Non-Compliant	N/A

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)
There is no Effluent data included in the AER.								

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):

The septic tank is overloaded and essentially provides no treatment.

Significance of Results:

The septic tank is overloaded and essentially provides no treatment.

2.1.2 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE UNTREATED DISCHARGE TPEFF0500D0054SW007

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
There is no Ambient data included in the AER.							

Significance of Results:

The WWTP discharge was not compliant with the ELV's set in the wastewater discharge licence.

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)
There were no reportable incidents in 2019.				

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2019	0
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2019	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	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
SW017	179466, 66275	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW018	180068, 66442	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW019	180281, 66502	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW016	180178, 66468	Yes	Low	Not 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?	yes
The SWO Assessment included the requirements of relevant of WWDL schedules?	Unknown
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/NAY)	Status of Works	Timeframe for Completing the Work	Comments
D0054-SIP:01	Discharges from SW01 (primary discharge) to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0054-SIP:02	Discharges from SW02 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	

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
D0054-SIP:05	Discharges from SW05 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0054-SIP:06	Discharges from SW06 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0054-SIP:08	Discharges from SW08 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0054-SIP:13	Discharges from SW13 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0054-SIP:15	Discharges from SW15 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0054-SIP:03	Discharges from SW03 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0054-SIP:04	Discharges from SW04 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	

D0054-SIP:07	Discharges from SW07 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0054-SIP:09	Discharges from SW09 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0054-SIP:10	Discharges from SW10 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0054-SIP:11	Discharges from SW11 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0054-SIP:12	Discharges from SW12 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0054-SIP:14	Discharges from SW14 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0054-SIP:16	Discharges from SW16 to cease	A	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	
D0054-SIP:17	Infrastructural works to cease discharges	C	01/01/2015	Yes	Work ongoing on-site	31/12/2021	

D0054-SIP:18	Upgrade collecting system(reduce infiltration, remediate structural damage, separate storm water, install major pumping station and provide marine pipeline crossing)	C	01/01/2015	Yes	Completed		
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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?	N/A
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	N/A
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: 05/03/2020

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

There are no Appendices included