

# Annual Environmental Report

2019



Ballyshannon

D0128-01

## **CONTENTS**

### **1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2019 AER**

- 1.1 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF MEASURES
- 1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY
- 1.3 ELV OVERVIEW
- 1.4 LICENSE SPECIFIC REPORT INCLUDED IN AER

### **2 TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT SUMMARY**

- 2.1 BALLYSHANNON WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE
  - 2.1.1 INFLUENT SUMMARY - BALLYSHANNON WWTP
  - 2.1.2 EFFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - BALLYSHANNON WWTP -
  - 2.1.3 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE -
  - 2.1.4 OPERATIONAL REPORTS SUMMARY FOR BALLYSHANNON WWTP
  - 2.1.5 SLUDGE/OTHER INPUTS TO BALLYSHANNON WWTP

### **3 COMPLAINTS AND INCIDENTS**

- 3.1 COMPLAINTS SUMMARY
- 3.2 REPORTED INCIDENTS SUMMARY
  - 3.2.1 SUMMARY OF INCIDENTS
  - 3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

### **4 INFRASTRUCTURAL ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAMME OF IMPROVEMENTS**

- 4.1 STORM WATER OVERFLOW IDENTIFICATION AND INSPECTION REPORT
  - 4.1.1 SWO IDENTIFICATION AND INSPECTION SUMMARY REPORT
- 4.2 REPORT ON PROGRESS MADE AND PROPOSALS BEING DEVELOPED TO MEET THE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS
  - 4.2.1 SPECIFIED IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME SUMMARY
  - 4.2.2 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME SUMMARY
  - 4.2.3 SEWER INTEGRITY RISK ASSESSMENT

### **5 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTS**

- 5.1 PRIORITY SUBSTANCES ASSESSMENT

### **6 CERTIFICATION AND SIGN OFF**

- 6.1 SUMMARY OF AER CONTENTS

### **7 APPENDIX**

7.1 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY

# 1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2019 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0128-01, Ballyshannon, 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.

There were no major capital or operational changes undertaken.

## 1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- Ballyshannon WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 6100, the treatment type is 2 - Secondary treatment

## 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
TPEFF0600D0128SW001	Ballyshannon WWTP	Treated	Compliant	N/A

## 1.4 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTING INCLUDED IN AER

Assessment / Report	Included in AER
<b>There are no Licence Specific Reports included in the AER.</b>	

## 2 TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT SUMMARY

### 2.1 BALLYSHANNON WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

#### 2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - BALLYSHANNON 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	367	161.17
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	117	70.33
Total Nitrogen mg/l	12	53.7	26.72
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	12	5.63	3.21
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	180	81.25
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	9650	1366

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'. The design of the wastewater treatment plant allows for peak values and therefore the peak loads have not impacted on compliance with Emission Limit Values.

## 2.1.2 EFFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - TPEFF0600D0128SW001

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	16.83	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	30	75	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	3	Pass
Temperature °C	25	25	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	4.64	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	20	40	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.83	Pass
pH pH units	9	9	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	7.41	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	5	6	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.08	Pass
Conductivity 20 C µS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	651.92	
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.95	
Faecal coliforms cfu/100ml	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	N/A	N/A	10461.43	

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)
<b>ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.9	
<b>Phenols (Total) µg/l</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	5	N/A	N/A	34.09	
<b>Nitrate (as N) mg/l</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	16.05	
<b>Total Nitrogen mg/l</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	18.64	
<b>Fats, Oils &amp; Greases mg/l</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	5	
<b>Enterococci (Intestinal) cfu/100ml</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	N/A	N/A	5157.14	
<b>Nitrite (as N) mg/l</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	0.06	
<b>E. Coli MPN/100ml</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	7	N/A	N/A	25491.43	
<b>Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	16.12	

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):

Not applicable

### Significance of Results:

The WWTP is 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 TPEFF0600D0128SW001

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
<b>There is no Ambient data included in the AER.</b>							

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 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 - BALLYSHANNON WWTP

### 2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - Ballyshannon 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)
TP	738	218	70
COD	37119	3877	90
SS	18713	691	96
cBOD	16199	192	99
TN	6154	4293	30

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

### 2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - Ballyshannon 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.

Ballyshannon WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> /day) - As Constructed	3546
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m <sup>3</sup> /day)	1182
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m <sup>3</sup> /day)	9650

Ballyshannon WWTP	
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m <sup>3</sup> /day)	1366
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	6100
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week) <sup>Note1</sup>	2804
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	3296
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 - BALLYSHANNON 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 is included below.

Number of Complaints	Nature of Complaint	Number Open Complaints	Number Closed Complaints
2	Blocked Sewer	0	2

### 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)
<b>There were no reportable incidents in 2019.</b>				

### 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
SW2	187194, 361863	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW6	185812.711033839, 361875.963414891	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
SW3	187116, 361571	Yes	Low	Not Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Not Monitored
TBC	TBC	No	Low	Not yet Assessed	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?	No

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
<b>There are no Specified Improvement Programmes for this Agglomeration.</b>							

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
<b>There are no Improvements Programme for this Agglomeration.</b>				

### **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

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.

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?	Yes
List reason e.g. additional SWO identified	to include additional storm water overflows
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?	No
Are all outstanding reports and assessments from previous AERs included as an appendix to this AER	No

I certify that the information given in this Annual Environmental Report is truthful, accurate and complete:

Signed:    Date: 17/06/2020

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 ,

Katherine Walshe

Acting Head of Environmental Regulation.

# 7 APPENDIX

Appendix
Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary

Ambient Monitoring

Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Irish Grid Reference	EPA Feature Coding Tool code	Receiving Waters Designation (Y/N)				WFD Status
			Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish	
Downstream Monitoring Point	185567, 361985	IE_NW_030_0100	No	No	No	No	Good

Entity	Category	MONTH	Location	Lab Ref	Date	Ammonia (as N)	BOD	Chlorophyll	COD	Dissolved Inorganic Nitrogen (as N)	Dissolved Oxygen % Saturation	E coli	Intestinal Enterococci	Faecal Coliforms (E. coli)	Orthophosphate	pH	Suspended Solids	Temperature	Total Nitrogen N	Salinity	Total Oxidised Nitrogen N
Erne Estuary	Transitional Water Body	April	Ballyshannon - Upstream	192502308	10-Apr-19	<0.02	<1	<4	NT	<0.02	100.4	7	9	0	0.03	7.71	NT	NT	0.5	NT	NT
Erne Estuary	Transitional Water Body	April	Ballyshannon - Downstream	192502309	10-Apr-19	<0.02	<1	<4	NT	<0.02	100.2	5	20	4	<0.02	7.75	NT	8.8	0.4	NT	NT
Erne Estuary	Transitional Water Body	June	Ballyshannon - Upstream	192503653	18-Jun-19	<0.02	<2	<4	NT	<0.2	99.6	579	7	1120	<0.02	8.07	NT	NT	1.4	NT	NT
Erne Estuary	Transitional Water Body	June	Ballyshannon - Downstream	192503654	18-Jun-19	<0.02	<2	<4	NT	<0.2	99.6	365	8	921	<0.02	8.05	NT	NT	0.9	NT	NT
Erne Estuary	Transitional Water Body	September	Ballyshannon - Upstream	192505402	17-Sep-19	0.02	<2	<4	NT	<0.3	102.6	42	7	179	0.03	8.3	NT	15.2	NT	NT	NT
Erne Estuary	Transitional Water Body	September	Ballyshannon - Downstream	192505403	17-Sep-19	0.02	<2	<4	NT	<0.3	103	51	4	206	<0.02	8.31	NT	15.3	NT	NT	NT
Erne Estuary	Transitional Water Body	November	Ballyshannon - Upstream	192505420	04-Nov-19	0.02	<2	<4	NT	<0.2	94.5	18	8	36	<0.02	8.25	NT	NT	1	NT	NT
Erne Estuary	Transitional Water Body	November	Ballyshannon - Downstream	192505421	04-Nov-19	0.02	<2	<4	NT	<0.2	95	19	3	24	<0.02	8.26	NT	NT	1	NT	NT