

Annual Environmental Report

2019



Avoca

D0411-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2019 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0411-01, Avoca, in Wicklow 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.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

Currently there is no treatment provided at Avoca. 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
TPEFF3400D0411SW001	Avoca WWTP	Untreated	Non-Compliant	BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l Suspended Solids 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)
pH pH units	6-9	6-9	N/A	6	0	0	7.3	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	5*	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	42.6	N/A
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	3.3	N/A
Suspended Solids mg/l	35*	50%	18.75%	6	6	N/A	164.7	Fail
COD-Cr mg/l	125*	N/A	N/A	6	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	25*	20%	10%	6	6	N/A	170.7	Fail

Notes:

1- This represents the Emission Limit Values after the Interpretation provided for under Condition 2 of the licence is applied.

2- Interim % reductions apply to a small number of licences and are based on the minimum % reduction relative to the influent load for each sample.

3- Grab samples

* ELV applicable from 31/12/2019 only

Cause of Exceedance(s):

Plant consists of a tank which is practically inaccessible and provides little or no effective treatment.

Significance of Results:

No effective treatment.

2.1.2 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE UNTREATED DISCHARGE TPEFF3400D0411SW001

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
Upstream	320367, 179913	RS10A030700	No	No	No	No	Bad
Downstream	319302, 177214	RS10A030800	No	No	No	No	Bad

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
BOD - 5 days (Total) mg/l	RS10A030700	0.738	RS10A030800	0.788	1.5	3.33
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	RS10A030700	0.029	RS10A030800	0.032	0.065	4.6
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	RS10A030700	0.01	RS10A030800	0.01	0.035	0.7
pH pH units	RS10A030700	6.46	RS10A030800	6.66		

Significance of Results:

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

The 2019 ambient monitoring results meet the required EQS. The EQS relates to the Oxygenation and Nutrient Conditions set out in the Surface Water Regulations 2009.

However, based on the effluent compliance results and the lack of treatment, the discharge from the wastewater treatment plant may be having a negative impact on the water quality.

The WFD status is Bad both upstream and downstream. Based on the effluent compliance results and the lack of treatment, the discharge from the wastewater treatment plant may be having an observable negative impact on the Water Framework Directive status.

It should be noted that the receiving water, the Avoca River, is seriously polluted largely as a result of copper mining (now ceased) in the Avoca valley upstream of the Primary Discharge. The WFD status stated above reflects this.

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)
Specified % Reduction Value not achieved	WWTP upgrade required to meet ELV	1	Yes	No

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2019	1
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2019	1
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	320383, 179385	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?	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?	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
D0411-SIP:01	Upgrade Avoca WWTP to provide secondary treatment in order to meet the emission limit values specified in Schedule A.1 of this licence.	C	31/12/2019	No	At Planning Stage	08/11/2024	

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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Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Year included in AER	Included in this AER	Reference to relevant section of AER
There is no Licence Specific Report Required in this AER Annual Review.				

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	N/A

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

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.