

Annual Environmental Report

2020



Lahinch

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2020 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0080-01, Lahinch, in Clare 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.

WWTP upgrade required. At Assessment and planning stage -Conceptual design progressingExpected completion 31/08/2025

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- LAHINCH WWTP - 2020 with a Plant Capacity PE of 8400, 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
TPEFF0300D0080SW001	LAHINCH WWTP - 2020	Treated	Non-Compliant	Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceo mg/l Suspended Solids mg/l Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) 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 LAHINCH WWTP - 2020 - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - LAHINCH WWTP - 2020

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	13	352	164.84
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous) mg/l	13	272	95.33
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	13	5.68	2.28
Suspended Solids mg/l	13	168	54.16
Total Nitrogen mg/l	13	42	16.59
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	1480	584

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 less than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity. Further details on the plant capacity and efficiency can be found under the section '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 - TPEFF0300D0080SW001

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	13	N/A	N/A	53.55	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	87.5	N/A	13	5	1	19.1	Fail
Temperature °C	25	25	N/A	11	N/A	N/A	13.43	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous) mg/l	25	50	N/A	13	3	1	13.22	Fail
Total Oxidised Nitrogen (as N) mg/l	15	18	N/A	13	3	3	6.97	Fail
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	10	12	N/A	13	1	1	6.31	Fail
pH pH units	9	9	N/A	13	N/A	N/A	6.55	Pass
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	2	2.4	N/A	13	6	5	1.73	Fail

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)
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	1	N/A	N/A	0.99	
Faecal coliforms no./100mls	N/A	N/A	N/A	3	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Conductivity @25°C µS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	13	N/A	N/A	561.75	
Total Nitrogen mg/l	N/A	N/A	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	15.03	

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):

Inadequate infrastructure

Significance of Results:

The WWTP was non-compliant with the ELVs set in the wastewater discharge licence

2.1.3 AMBIENT MONITORING SUMMARY FOR THE TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGE TPEFF0300D0080SW001

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	109150, 189327	RS28I010600	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 does not 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.

A deterioration in water quality has been identified, however it is not known if it or is not caused by the WWTP.

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.

2.1.4 OPERATIONAL PERFORMANCE SUMMARY - LAHINCH WWTP - 2020

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - LAHINCH WWTP - 2020

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	22420	2538	89
TP	491	306	38
SS	11676	3386	71
COD	35539	9491	73
TN	3577	2262	37

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - LAHINCH WWTP - 2020

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.

LAHINCH WWTP - 2020	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m ³ /day) - As Constructed	2034
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	678
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m ³ /day)	1480

LAHINCH WWTP - 2020	
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m ³ /day)	584
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	8400
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week) ^{Note1}	3045
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	5355
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 - LAHINCH WWTP - 2020

'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
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	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 2020 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2020 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW001	110270, 188260	No	Medium	Not Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
TBC	110270, 188259	No	Unknown	Not Meeting	Unknown	Unknown	Monitored
TBC	109283, 187577	No	Medium	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

SWO Summary	
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
There are no Specified Improvement Programmes for this Agglomeration.							

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
-	WWTP upgrade required. At Assessment and planning stage - Conceptual design progressing	other	31/08/2025	N/A

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
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	Yes
List reason e.g. changes to monitoring requirements	Change in ambient sampling location
Have these processes commenced?	No
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:

Signed: Date: 28/06/2021

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7 APPENDIX

Appendix

Appendix 7.1 - Ambient monitoring summary

Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Irish Grid Reference	EPA Feature Coding Tool code	Receiving Waters Designation (Y/N)			
			Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish
O'Briens Bridge (D/S Lahinch WWTP)	109150; 189327	RB28101060	No	No	No	No

U/S site not safely accessible

Parameter Name	Upstream Monitoring Point Location	Upstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	Downstream Monitoring Point Location	Downstream Monitoring Point Annual Mean	%EQS
cBOD mg/l			O'Briens Bridge	2	76.92%
Ortho-Phosphate (as P) mg/l			O'Briens Bridge	0.03	40.00%
Ammonia (as N) mg/l			O'Briens Bridge	0.14	100.00%

Parameter	Ammonia N	DO % Sat	DO mg/l	Temperature	TN	BOD	Ortho-Phosphate P	pH	Suspended Solids	Visual Inspection		
Max.	--	120	--	--	--	--	--	9	--	--		
Min.	--	80	--	--	--	--	--	6	--	--		
Test Method	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--		
Station Reference	Sample Date	Analyst Conclusion	mg/l	% O2	mg/l	Degrees C	mg/l	mg/l	mg/l	pH units	mg/l	Descriptive
RS28I010600	20-May-2020	-	0.392	105.9	10.44	16.3	< 0.2	< 2	< 0.01	8.2	7.2	
RS28I010600	8-July-2020	-	0.034	93.3	9.38	15.1	0.8	< 2	0.018	7.4		Clear
RS28I010600	16-Sep-2020	-	0.106	85.5	8.27	17.4	1.51	< 2	0.043	7.54		Clear
RS28I010600	4-Nov-2020	-	0.037	94.1	10.26	12.1	0.38	< 2	< 0.01	7.48		clear