Annual Environmental Report

2021

Convoy

D0344-01

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1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE 2021 AER

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for D0344-01, Convoy, 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 was no major capital or operational changes undertaken by DBO Contractor during 2021. None noted on DBO PMS Report.

1.2 TREATMENT SUMMARY

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

- Convoy WWTP with a Plant Capacity PE of 3500, 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
TPEFF0600D0344SW004	Convoy WWTP	Treated	Non-Compliant	ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l

1.4 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTING

Assessment / Report
There are no Licence Specific Reports included in this AER.

2 TREATMENT PLANT PERFORMANCE AND IMPACT SUMMARY

2.1 CONVOY WWTP - TREATED DISCHARGE

2.1.1 INFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - CONVOY 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
Suspended Solids mg/l	12	506	156
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	12	5.08	2.01
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	12	705	166
pH units	12	7.90	7.53
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	12	34	20
COD-Cr mg/l	12	2140	426
Total Phosphorus (as P) mg/l	1	1.34	1.34
Hydraulic Capacity	N/A	2402	790

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'.

2.1.2 EFFLUENT MONITORING SUMMARY - TPEFF0600D0344SW004

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 exceedances with Condition 2 Interpretation included	Annual Mean	Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)
COD-Cr mg/l	125	250	N/A	11	N/A	N/A	23	Pass
Suspended Solids mg/l	35	88	N/A	11	N/A	N/A	5.65	Pass
BOD, 5 days with Inhibition (Carbonaceous BOD) mg/l	25	50	N/A	11	N/A	N/A	2.18	Pass
pH units	9	9	N/A	11	N/A	N/A	7.50	Pass
Ammonia-Total (as N) mg/l	4	4.8	N/A	11	N/A	N/A	0.113	Pass
ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l	1	1.2	N/A	11	1	1	0.212	Fail
Conductivity @20°C µS/cm	N/A	N/A	N/A	11	N/A	N/A	1185	

Notes:
1 – This represents the Emission Limit Values after the Interpretation provided for under Condition 2 of the licence is applied

2 – For pH the WWDA specifies a range of pH 6 - 9

Cause of Exceedance(s):

Out of specification discharge from Network potentially from large Non Domestic Section 16 Licensed Discharge.

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 TPEFF0600D0344SW004

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 Ecological Status
Upstream	222245, 401274	RS01D010404	No	No	No	No	Poor
Downstream	222344, 401226	RS01D010410	No	No	No	No	Poor

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 for the following: ortho-Phosphate (as P) - unspecified mg/l.

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 - CONVOY WWTP

2.1.4.1 Treatment Efficiency Report - Convoy 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)
SS	42106	1429	97
TN	N/A	N/A	N/A
TP	430	N/A	N/A
COD	115122	5766	95
cBOD	44858	550	99

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

2.1.4.2 Treatment Capacity Report Summary - Convoy 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.

Convoy WWTP	
Peak Hydraulic Capacity (m^3/day) - As Constructed	875

Convoy WWTP	
DWF to the Treatment Plant (m³/day)	875
Current Hydraulic Loading - annual max (m³/day)	2402
Average Hydraulic loading to the Treatment Plant (m³/day)	790
Organic Capacity (PE) - As Constructed	3500
Organic Capacity (PE) - Collected Load (peak week)[Note1]	1575
Organic Capacity (PE) - Remaining	1925
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 - CONVOY 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 related to the discharge(s) to water from the WWTP and network is included below.

Number of Complaints	Nature of Complaint	Number Open Complaints	Number Closed Complaints
There were no relevant environmental complaints in 2021.			

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	Shock load to the WWTP	1	Yes	No

3.2.2 SUMMARY OF OVERALL INCIDENTS

Question	Answer
Number of Incidents in 2021	1
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2021	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 (chamber) where applicable	Irish Grid Ref. (outfall)	Included in Schedule of the WWDL	Significance of the overflow(High / Medium / Low)	Assessed against DoEHLG Criteria	No. of times activated in 2021 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2021 (m3)	Monitoring Status
SW003	222180, 401335	Yes	Low	Meeting	Unknown	1226	Monitored

Any TBC SWO(s) were identified as part of the on-going National SWO programme and will be updated in subsequent AER(s) once the information is confirmed.

SWO Summary	
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m3)?	1226
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?	Yes
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 a 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
D0344-SIP:01	SW001 Primary Discharge Point Convert to Storm Water overflow	C	31/12/2015	No	Works Completed		
D0344-SIP:02	Upgrade of storm water overflow (associated with discharge point SW001/SW005) to comply with the criteria outlined in the DoECLG 'Procedures and Criteria in relation to Storm Water Overflows' (1995)	C	31/12/2015	Yes	Works Completed		
D0344-SIP:03	Upgrade of storm water overflow (associated with discharge point SW002) to comply with the criteria outlined in the DoECLG 'Procedures and Criteria in relation to Storm Water Overflows' (1995)	C	31/12/2015	Yes	Works Completed		
D0344-SIP:04	Upgrade of storm water overflow (associated with discharge point	C	31/12/2015	Yes	Not Started		

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
	SW003) to comply with the criteria outlined in the DoECLG 'Procedures and Criteria in relation to Storm Water Overflows' (1995)						
D0344-SIP:05	WWTP upgrade to provide secondary treatment	C	31/12/2015	Yes	Works Completed		

A summary of the status of any other improvements identified by under Condition 5 assessments- is included below.

4.2.2 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME SUMMARY

Improvement Identifier	Improvement Description / or any Operational Improvements	Improvement Source	Expected Completion Date	Comments
No additional improvements planned at this time.				

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 Tables 4.2.1 and 4.2.2.

5 LICENCE SPECIFIC REPORTS

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Licence Specific Report	Required by licence	Year included in AER	Included in this AER
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	2015	No
Small Stream Risk Score Assessment	Yes	2016	No

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
Has a Technical amendment/licence review application been submitted to the Agency by IW?	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:

Signed: Date: 21/04/2022

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

Municipal District	Month	Category	Entity Name	Station	Lab Ref	Date	pH pH units	Temperature °C	Conductivity @ 20°C us/cm	DO % Sat	BOD (mg/l)	COD (mg/l)	Suspended Solids (mg/l)	Ammonia (as N) (mg/l)	Nitrate (as N) (mg/l)	Nitrite (as N) (mg/l)	Orthophosphate (mg/l)	Total Nitrogen (mg/l)	TON (mg/l)	SSRS Rating
Stranorlar	January	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Upstream	212500068	12-Jan-21	7.3	5.5	126	90	1	NT	<6	0.041	NT	NT	<0.05	0.68	NT	NT
Stranorlar	February	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Upstream	212500399	16-Feb-21	7.6	7.8	150	94.4	<1	NT	<6	0.062	NT	NT	<0.05	0.68	NT	NT
Stranorlar	March	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Upstream	212500643	09-Mar-21	8	8	268	91.9	1	NT	<6	0.031	NT	NT	<0.05	0.92	NT	NT
Stranorlar	April	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Upstream	212501229	21-Apr-21	7.8	8.7	174	99.1	1	NT	<6	<0.05	NT	NT	<0.05	<1	NT	NT
Stranorlar	May	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Upstream	212501515	19-May-21	7.8	10.5	241	90.1	1	NT	<6	0.017	NT	NT	<0.05	0.62	NT	NT
Stranorlar	June	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Upstream	212502172	24-Jun-21	8.1	13.7	306	91.7	1	NT	<6	0.021	NT	NT	<0.05	0.98	NT	NT
Stranorlar	July	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Upstream	212502418	27-Jul-21	7.6	17.2	280	86.7	3	NT	<6	0.066	NT	NT	<0.05	1.03	NT	NT
Stranorlar	August	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Upstream	212502996	25-Aug-21	7.8	17.3	197	100.3	1	NT	<6	<0.015	NT	NT	0.095	2.34	NT	NT
Stranorlar	September	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Upstream	212503331	14-Sep-21	7.6	14.7	250	92.5	1	NT	<6	0.023	NT	NT	<0.05	1.16	NT	NT
Stranorlar	October	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Upstream	212503792	15-Oct-21	7.6	11.2	175	90.2	1	NT	12	0.027	NT	NT	<0.05	1.19	NT	NT
Stranorlar	November	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Upstream	212504148	15-Nov-21	7.4	12.2	176	90.2	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	<6.5 Stream at Risk
Stranorlar	January	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Downstream	212500071	12-Jan-21	7.6	5.2	133	90.5	1	NT	<6	0.041	NT	NT	<0.05	0.66	NT	NT
Stranorlar	February	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Downstream	212500402	16-Feb-21	7.7	7.1	165	94.4	<1	NT	<6	0.03	NT	NT	<0.05	1.02	NT	NT
Stranorlar	March	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Downstream	212500646	09-Mar-21	7.9	8.5	282	91	<1	NT	<6	0.043	NT	NT	<0.05	1.16	NT	NT
Stranorlar	April	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Downstream	212501232	21-Apr-21	7.7	9.5	191	100.9	1	NT	<6	<0.05	NT	NT	<0.05	<1	NT	NT
Stranorlar	May	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Downstream	212501518	19-May-21	7.8	10.1	264	89.7	1	NT	<6	<0.015	NT	NT	<0.05	0.75	NT	NT
Stranorlar	June	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Downstream	212502175	24-Jun-21	8	13.4	340	90.2	1	NT	<6	0.028	NT	NT	<0.05	0.98	NT	NT
Stranorlar	July	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Downstream	212502421	27-Jul-21	7.7	17.6	326	83.4	1	NT	<6	0.057	NT	NT	<0.05	1.42	NT	NT
Stranorlar	August	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Downstream	212502999	25-Aug-21	8	16.7	223	106	1	NT	<6	0.016	NT	NT	0.096	1.36	NT	NT
Stranorlar	September	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Downstream	212503334	14-Sep-21	7.9	14.9	259	92.5	1	NT	<6	0.015	NT	NT	<0.05	0.85	NT	NT
Stranorlar	October	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Downstream	212503795	15-Oct-21	7.7	11	203	89.6	1	NT	<6	0.039	NT	NT	<0.05	1.25	NT	NT
Stranorlar	November	River Quality	Deele	Convoy - Downstream	212504149	15-Nov-21	7.4	NT	184	90.4	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	NT	<6.5 Stream at Risk

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