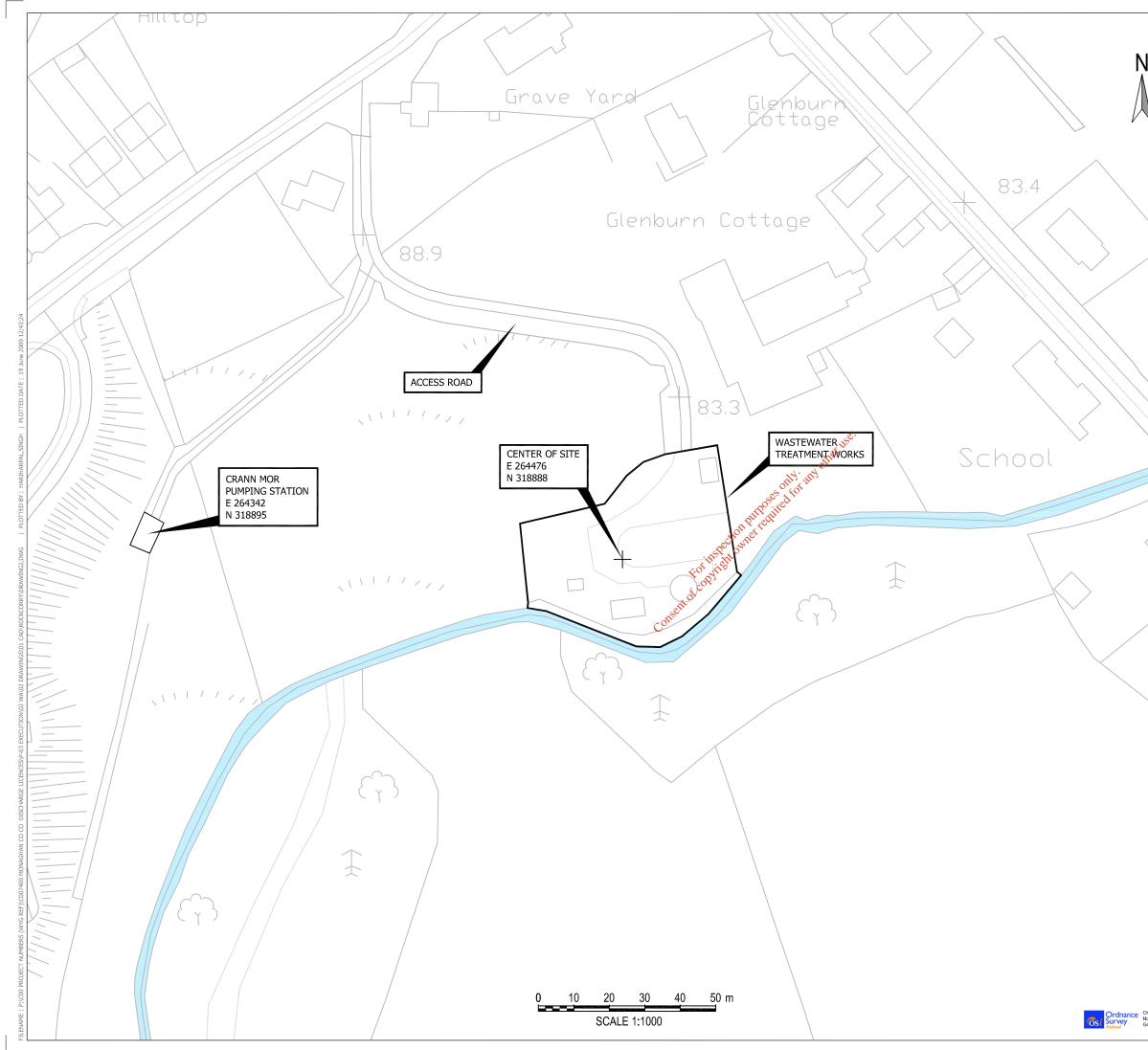


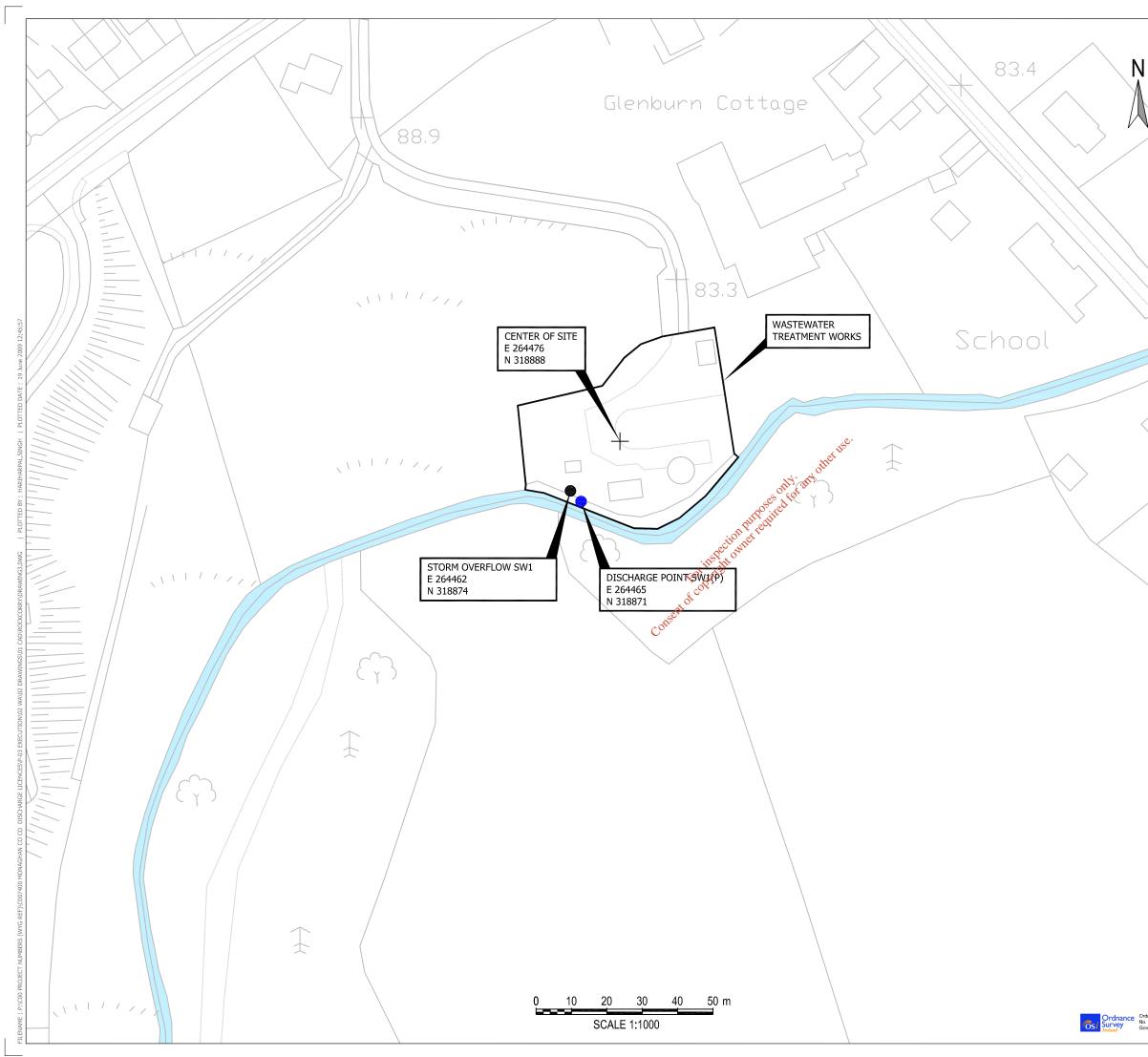
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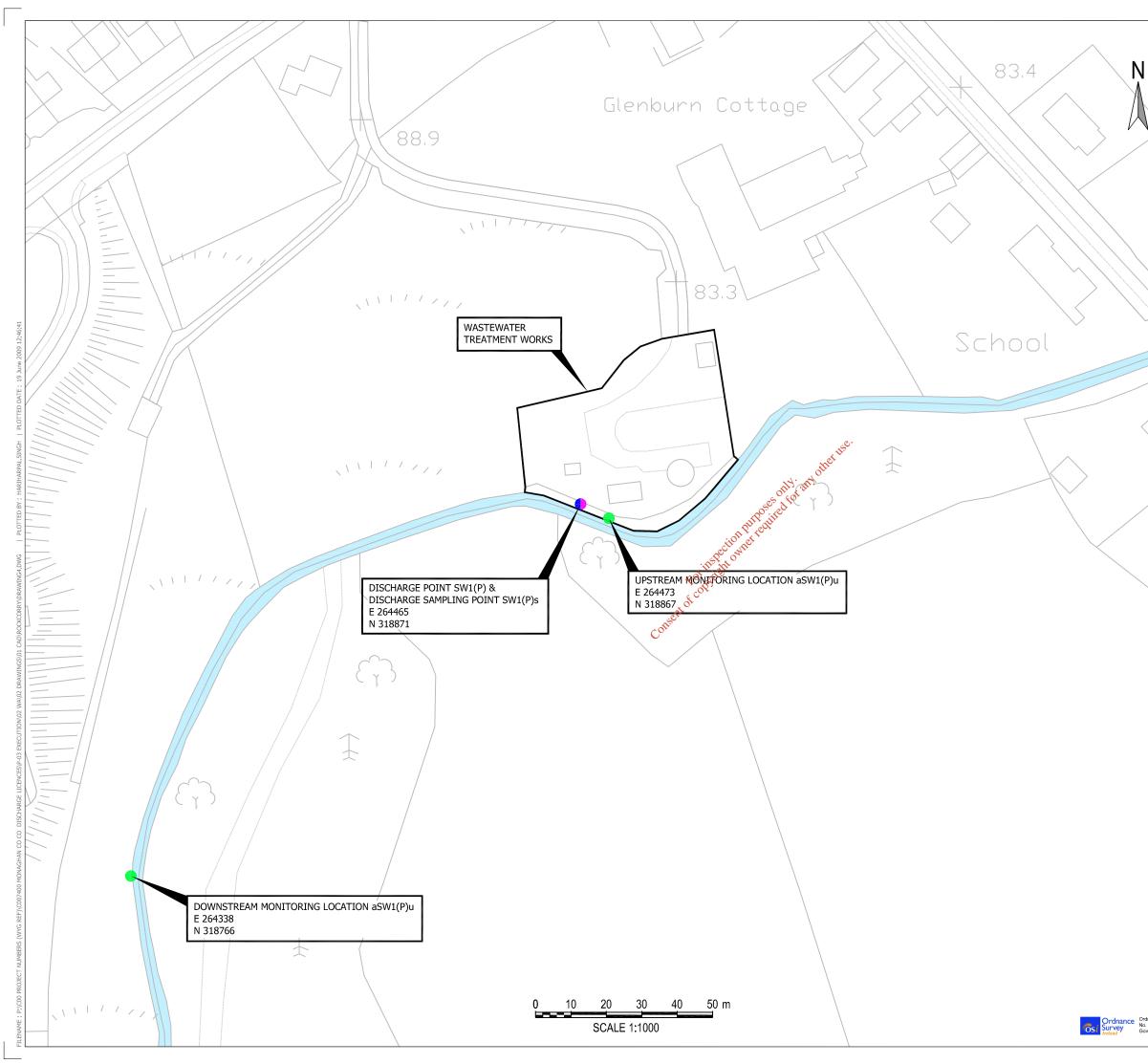


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The Waste Water Works comprises a network of gravity sewers and associated rising main and a Waste Water Treatment Plant serving Smithboro village.

The primary discharge from the Waste Water Treatment Works is directly to the Magherarney River (at National Grid Reference 257715E, 329730N) in the townland of Magherarney, Smithboro, Co. Monaghan. The associated Waste Water Treatment Plant is located at National Grid Reference 257696E 329765N also in the townland of Magherarney, Smithboro, Co. Monaghan.

A copy of the waste water discharge licence application shall, as soon as practicable after receipt by the Environmental Protection Agency, be available for inspection or purchase at the

• Environmental Protection Agency, PO Box 3000, Johnstown Castle Estate, Co. Wexford, Lo Call 1980 335599 Telephone: 053-9160600 Fax: 053-9160699 Email: <u>info@epa.ie</u>.

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• Monaghan County Council Offices, The Glen, Monaghan, Co Monaghan, Telephone: 047-30500, Fax: 047-82739

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Signed: David Fallon, Director of Services, Water Section

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The Waste Water Works comprises a network of gravity sewers, associated rising main and a Waste Water Treatment Plant serving Ballinode village, Co Monaghan.

The primary discharge from the Waste Water Treatment Works is directly to the Blackwater River (at National Grid Reference 263057E, 335886N) in the townland of Quiglough, Co. Monaghan. The associated Waste Water Treatment Plant is located at National Grid Reference 263024E 335856N also in the townland of Quiglough, Co. Monaghan.

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The Waste Water Works comprises a network of gravity sewers, associated rising main, one pumping station and a Waste Water Treatment Plant serving Newbliss.

The primary discharge from the Waste Water Treatment Works is directly to the Newbliss River (Tributary of River Finn and Fane) at National Grid Reference 256277E, 323714N) in the townland of Newbliss Co. Monaghan. The associated Waste Water Treatment Plant is located at National Grid Reference 256256E, 323679N also in the townland of Newbliss, Co. Monaghan.

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The Waste Water Works comprises a network of gravity sewers and associated rising main and a Waste Water Treatment Plant serving Knockaconny.

The primary discharge from the Waste Water Treatment Works is directly to the Blackwater River (at National Grid Reference 268917E, 335781N) in the townland of Knockaconny Co. Monaghan. The associated Waste Water Treatment Plant is located at National Grid Reference 268948E 335744N also in the townland of Knockaconny, Co. Monaghan.

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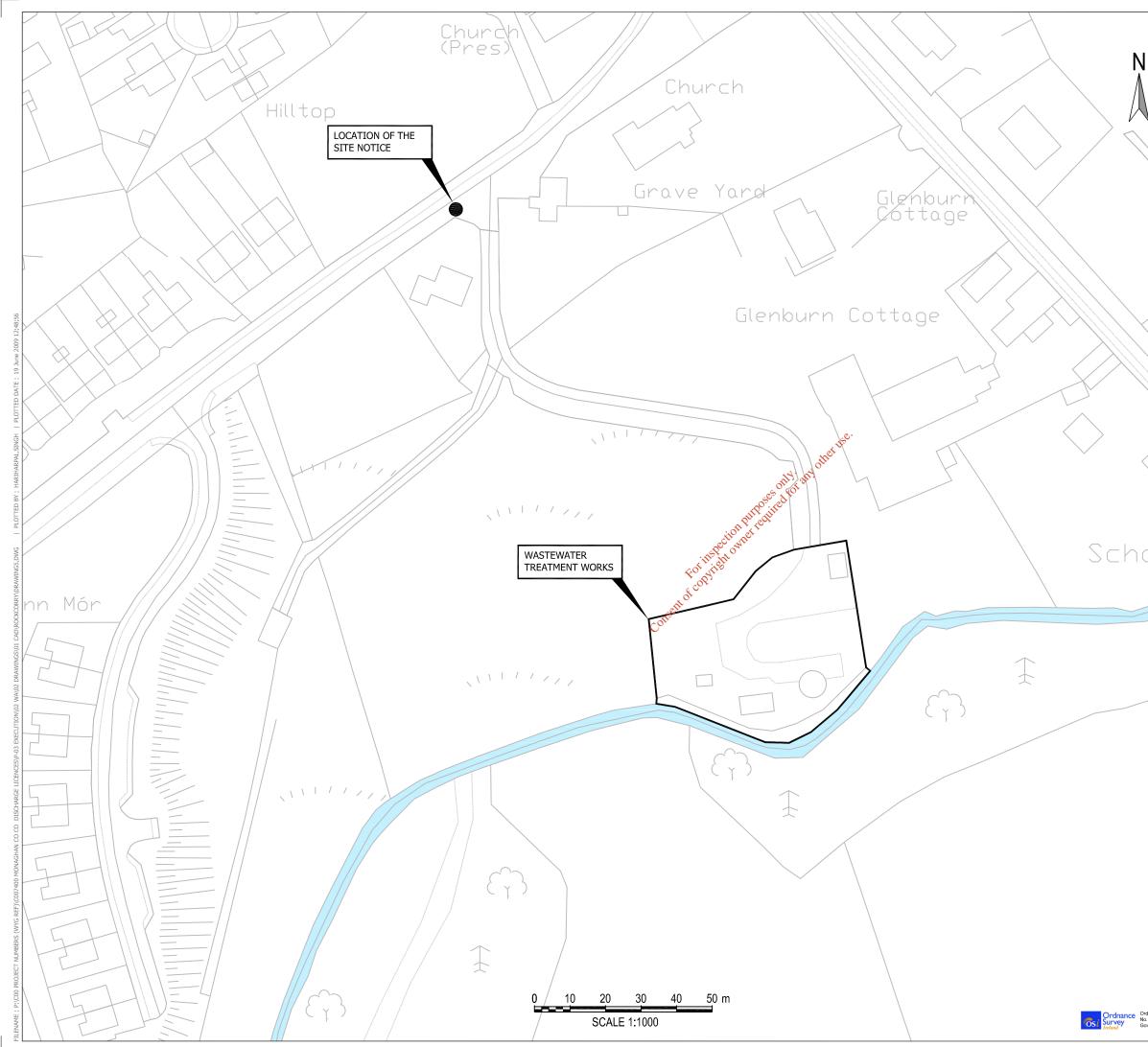
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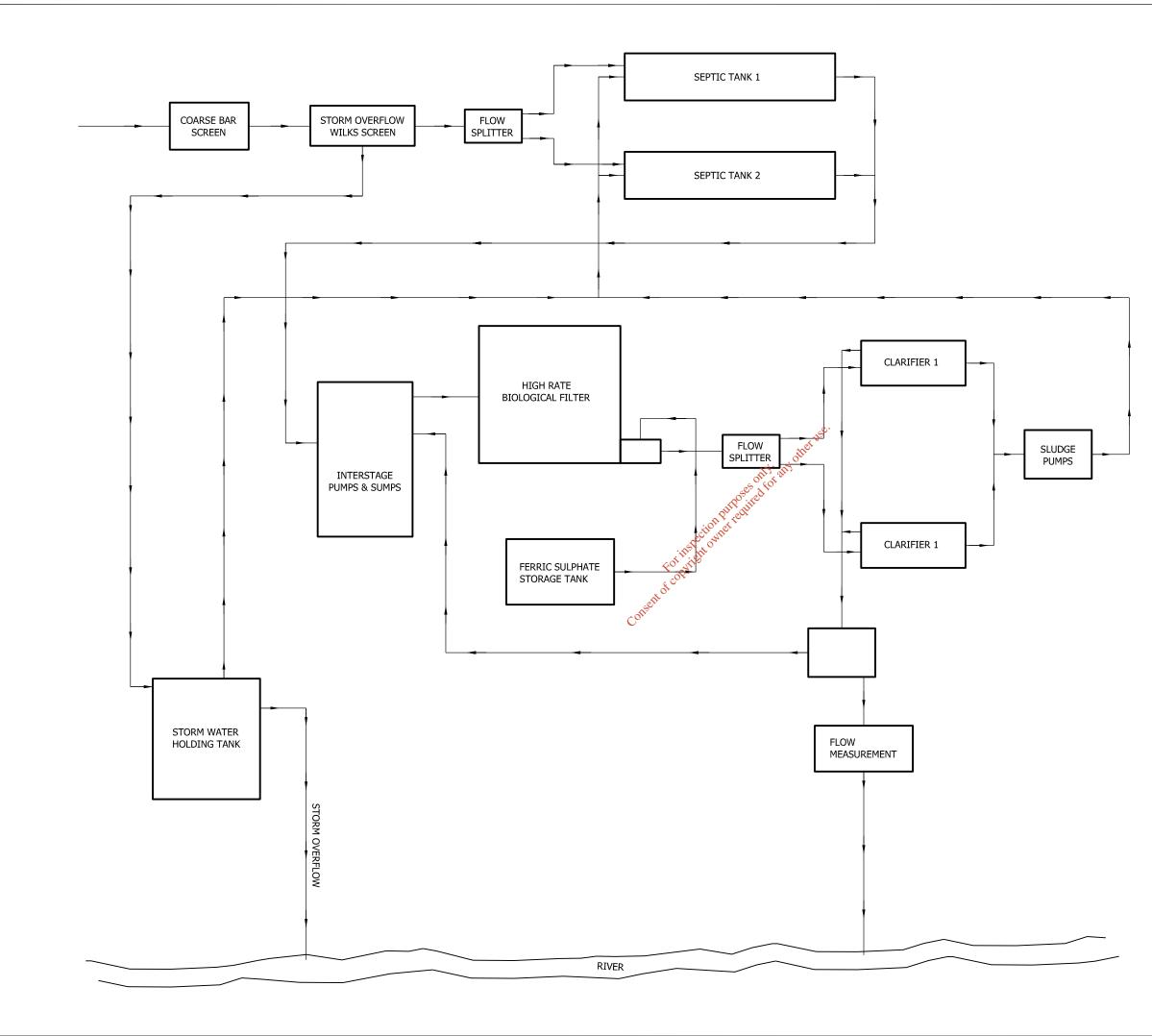
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Discharge Point/Storm Over Flow Code	Name	Easting	Northing	Туре	Receiving Waters	Receiving Water System Type
SW1(P)	Rockcorry WWTW	264465	2318871	Open Pipe Discharge	Unnamed River in Dromore River System	Pipe to Open Channel

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Table D.1(i)(a): EMISSIONS TO SURFACE/GROUND WATERS (Primary Discharge Point)

Discharge Point Code: SW-1

Local Authority Ref No:					
Source of Emission:	Rockcorry Waste Water Treatment Works				
Location:	Boyher, Rockcorry, Co Monaghan				
Grid Ref (12 digits, 6E, 6N)	264465 / 318871				
Name of Receiving waters:	Unnamed River of Dromore River System				
Water Body:	River Water Body				
River Basin District	North Western IRBD				
Designation of Receiving Waters:	Not Designated				
Flow Rate in Receiving Waters:	0 m <sup>3</sup> .sec <sup>-1</sup> Dry Weather Flow				
	0.04 m <sup>3</sup> .sec <sup>-1</sup> 95% Weather Flow				
Additional Comments (e.g. commentary on zero flow or other	DWF of River not available				
information deemed of value)	The flow in the Dromore River at Rockcorry was estimated based on the estimated catchment area and using the flows from the Ashfield Station.				
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Emission Details:								
(i) Volume emitted	-	-Ses afor a						
Normal/day	65 m³	Maximum	144 m³					
Maximum rate/hour	6 m³	Period of emission	60 min/hr	24 hr/day	364 day/yr			
Dry Weather Flow	0.0007 m <sup>3</sup> /sec	FOLNIE						
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# Table D.1(i)(b): EMISSIONS TO SURFACE/GROUND WATERS - Characteristics of The Emission (Primary Discharge Point)

### Discharge Point Code: SW-1

Substance	As discharged										
	Unit of Measurement	Sampling Method	Max Daily Avg.	kg/da							
рН	рН	24 hr flow proportional	= 7.3								
Temperature	°C	24 hr flow proportional	= 10.1								
Electrical Conductivity (@ 25°C)	μS/cm	24 hr flow proportional	= 637								
Suspended Solids	mg/l	24 hr flow proportional	= 34	6.256							
Ammonia (as N)	mg/l	24 hr flow proportional	= 9.8	1.8032							
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	mg/l	24 hr flow proportional	= 26.2	4.8208							
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/l	24 hr flow proportional	= 93	17.112							
Total Nitrogen (as N)	mg/l	24 hr flow proportional	= 28.35	5.2164							
Nitrite (as N)	mg/l	24 hr flow proportional	= 0.62	0.11408							
Nitrate (as N)	mg/l	24 hr flow proportional	= 10.01	1.84184							
Total Phosphorous (as P)	mg/l	24 hr flow and proportional	= 5.13	0.94392							
OrthoPhosphate (as P)	mg/l	24 hr flow proportional	= 15.73	2.89432							
Sulphate (SO <sub>4</sub> )	mg/l	24 hr flow	= 67.27	12.37768							
Phenols (Sum)	μg/l μg/l μg/l μg/l μg/l μg/l μg/l μg/l	24 hr flow proportional	< 0.1	0							

For Orthophosphate: this monitoring should be undertaken on a sample filtered on 0.45µm filter paper For Phenols: USEPA Method 604, AWWA Standard Method 6240, or equivalent.

## Table D.1(i)(c): DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE EMISSIONS TO SURFACE/GROUND WATERS -Characteristics of The Emission (Primary Discharge Point)

### Discharge Point Code: SW-1

Substance	As discharged										
	Unit of Measurement	Sampling Method	Max Daily Avg.	kg/day							
Atrazine	μg/l	24 hr flow proportional	< 0.01	0							
Dichloromethane	μg/l	24 hr flow proportional	< 1	0							
Simazine	μg/l	24 hr flow proportional	< 0.01	0							
Toluene	μg/l	24 hr flow proportional	< 0.28	0							
Tributyltin	μg/l	24 hr flow proportional	< 0.02	0							
Xylenes	μg/l	24 hr flow proportional	< 1	0							
Arsenic	μg/l	24 hr flow proportional	< 0.96	0							
Chromium	µg/l	24 hr flow proportional	< 0.93	0							
Copper	µg/l	24 hr flow proportional	< 0.2	0							
Cyanide	µg/l	24 hr flow proportional	< 5	0							
Flouride	μg/l	24 hr flow m	= 360	24.1776							
Lead	µg/l	24 hr. flow	< 0.38	0							
Nickel	μg/l μg/l μα/l τη	24 hr flow	= 0.5	0.03358							
Zinc	μg/l μg/l μg/l	24 hr flow proportional	< 4.6	0							
Boron	μg/l το 3	24 hr flow proportional	< 4.2	0							
Cadmium	hð\ <sup>r</sup> str	24 hr flow proportional	< 0.09	0							
Mercury	μg/l	24 hr flow proportional	< 0.2	0							
Selenium	μg/l	24 hr flow proportional	= 2	0.13432							
Barium	hð\I	24 hr flow proportional	= 15.8	1.0611							

For Orthophosphate: this monitoring should be undertaken on a sample filtered on 0.45µm filter paper For Phenols: USEPA Method 604, AWWA Standard Method 6240, or equivalent.

Influent	Date of Sampling	Sample Type (C or G)	BOD mg/l	COD mg/l	TSS mg/l	Total P mg/l P			NH <sub>3</sub> -N mg/l N	Nitrate NO <sub>3</sub>	Nitrite NO <sub>2</sub>	TON mg/l N	TKN mg/l N	Conductivity uscm	рН	Phenols Total	Sulphate	Temp
Influent	25/01/2007	С	166	375	143													
Influent	21/02/2007	с	161	396	87													
Influent	28/03/2007	С	292	751	366													
Influent	23/05/2007	С	563	1155	1214													
Influent	24/07/2007	С	180	317	83													
Influent	29/08/2007	С	168	383	123													
Influent	25/10/2007	С	780	2900	1455													
Influent	28/11/2007	С	180	288	90													
Influent	19/02/2008	С	178	570	147	2.05	6.27	31.67				0.31	31.36					
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Table D.1 (iv) Influent Monitoring Data



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				Dromore River				
SW1(P)	Primary	Monaghan County Council	River	System	Not Designated	264465	318871	Ν

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TABLE E.1(i): WASTE WATER FREQUENCY AND QUANTITY OF DISCHARGE – Primary and Secondary Discharge Points

Identification Code for Discharge point	Frequency of discharge (days/annum)	Quantity of Waste Water Discharged (m <sup>3</sup> /annum)
SW-1	364	23660

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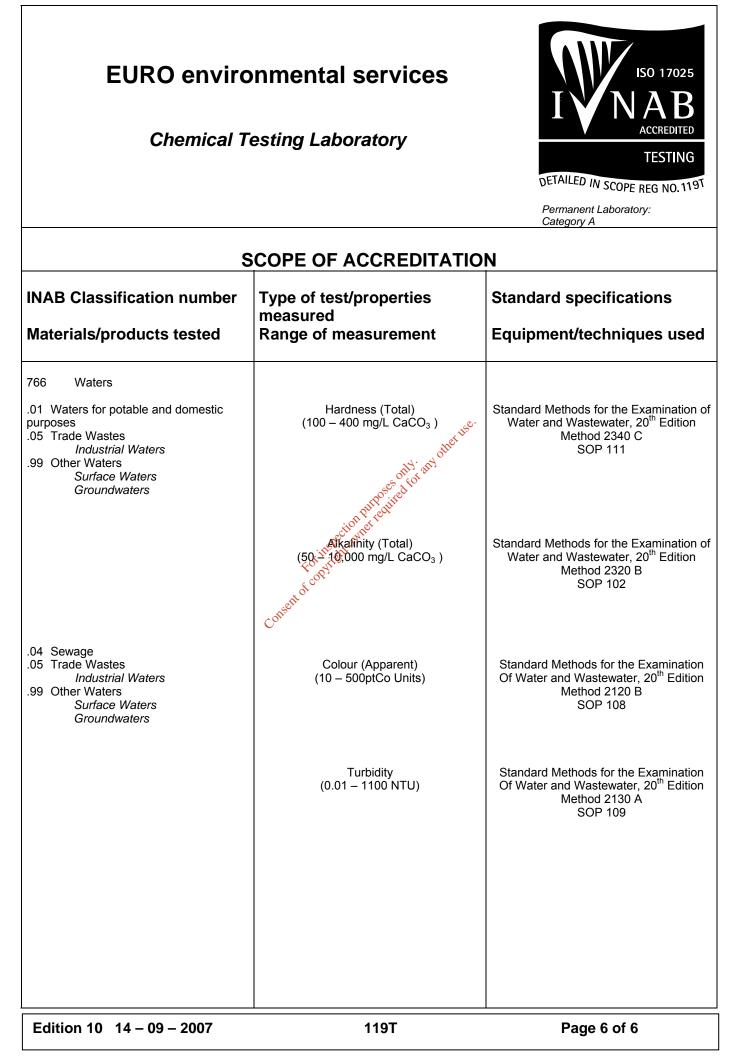
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Laboratory users wishing to obtain assurance that calibration or test results are reliable and carried out to the Irish National Accreditation Board criteria should insist on receiving an accredited calibration certificate or test report. Users should contact the laboratory directly to ensure that this scope of accreditation is current. INAB will on request verify the status and scope.

EURO environmental services Chemical Testing Laboratory DETAILED IN SCOPE REG NO. Permanent Laboratory: Category A SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION													
INAB Classification number Materials/products tested	Type of test/properties measured Range of measurement	Standard specifications Equipment/techniques used											
766 Waters .01 Waters for potable and domestic purposes	PH(4-13) pH units	Documented in-house methods based on Standard Methods for the examination of Water and Wastewater, 20 <sup>th</sup> Edition Method 4500-H <sup>+</sup> B – SOP 110											
05 Trade Wastes Industrial Waters	PH(4-13) pH units Conductivity $(5\mu s - 100,000 \ \mu s cm^{-1})$ only other $\mu s$ . BOD $(2-6mg/L)$ contraction $\mu \mu required for any other \mu s.COD For instance in the required for any other \mu s.(5-60,000 \ mg/L)$	Standard Methods for the examination of Water and wastewater, 20 <sup>th</sup> Edition Method 2510B – SOP 112 Standard Methods for the examination of Water and wastewater, 20 <sup>th</sup> Edition Method 5210B – SOP 113 Standard Methods for the examination of water and wastewater, 20 <sup>th</sup> Edition Method 5220D – SOP 107											
766 Waters .01 Waters for potable and domestic purposes .04 Sewage .05 Trade Wastes <i>Industrial Waters</i> .99 Other Waters <i>Surface Waters</i> <i>Groundwaters</i>	(5-60,000 mg/L) Chloride (20 –10,000 mg/L) Ammonia (0.2 – 1000 mg/L as N) Total Oxidised Nitrogen (TON) (1 – 8 mg/L as N)	Standard Methods for the examination of water and wastewater, 20 <sup>th</sup> Edition Method 4500 – C-E – SOP 100 Standard Methods for the examination of water and wastewater, 20 <sup>th</sup> Edition Method 4500 NH <sub>3</sub> F – SOP 114 Standard Methods for the examination of water and wastewater, 20 <sup>th</sup> Edition Method 4500 NO <sub>3</sub> H – SOP 151											
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#### **EURO** environmental services ISO 17025 ACCREDITED Chemical Testing Laboratory TESTING DETAILED IN SCOPE REG NO. 119T Permanent Laboratory: Category A SCOPE OF ACCREDITATION Type of test/properties **INAB Classification number** Standard specifications measured Range of measurement Materials/products tested Equipment/techniques used Documented in-house methods based on 766 Waters .01 Waters for potable and domestic anyother Standard Methods for the examination of water and wastewater, 20<sup>th</sup> Edition. Orthophosphate purposes (0.1 - 1000 mg/L as P)Method 4500 - P E - SOP 117 .04 Sewage .05 Trade Wastes 505 Industrial Waters .99 Other Waters Standard Methods for the examination of water and wastewater, 20<sup>th</sup> Edition. Sulphate (10 – 30 mg/bas SO4) Surface Waters Groundwaters whe ż Method 4500-S O<sub>4</sub><sup>2</sup>E- SOP 119 Total Phosphate Standard methods for the examination of water and wastewater, 20th Edition. (0.1 - 0.5 mg/L as P) $(0.5 - 4^{m}g/L as P)$ Method 4500-P B - SOP 166 Na, Ca, K and Mg ICP-MS run Standard methods for the examination of (0.5 - 100 ppm)water and wastewater, 20<sup>th</sup> Edition. Method 3120 B - SOP 184 Based on USEPA methods, 524.2 BTEX (Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene and Xylenes): SOP 179 Benzene $(5 - 100 \mu g/L)$ Ethylbenzene $(5 - 100 \mu g/L)$ Toluene (5 – 100µg/L) o-xylene (5 – 100µg/L) m,p-xylene $(10 - 200 \mu g/L)$ THMs (Trihalomethanes): Based on USEPA methods, 524.2 SOP 186 Chlororform Bromochloromethane Dibromocloromethane Bromoform (5 - 200µg/L)





PT_CD	PT_TYPE	MON_TYPE	EASTING	NORTHING	VERIFIED
SW1(P)s	Primary	S	264465	318871	Ν
aSW1(P)u	Primary	М	264473	318867	Ν
aSW1(P)d	Primary	М	264338	318766	Ν

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#### TABLE 1- ATTACHMENT E4

#### **Rockcorry Effluent**

Effluent	Date of Sampling	Sample Type (C or G)	BOD mg/l	COD mg/l	TSS mg/l	Total P mg/l P	MRP mg/l P	Ortho P mg/l P	Total N mg/l N		TON mg/l N	TKN ma/l N	Nitrate NO <sub>3</sub>	Nitrite NO <sub>2</sub>	Conductivity uscm	pH	Phenols Total	Sulphate	Temp
Effluent	25/01/2007		14		31					4.56			1103	102				Culphace	remp
Effluent	21/02/2007		19		14			-		1.10									
Effluent	28/03/2007		17		24					4.00									
Effluent	25/04/2007		22							2.40									
Effluent	23/05/2007	<sup>7</sup> C	26	93	26	4.20	1.37	12.88		5.20	115.50				-				
Effluent	24/07/2007	C C	e	i 43	11	1.96	0.64	6.02	25.68		18.68	7.00	)						
Effluent	29/08/2007	РС С	11	. 36	10	5.13	1.67	15.73	28.27	r	23.27	5.00	)						
Effluent	25/10/2007	C C	6	33	g	0.54	0.18	1.65	26.42		25.30	1.12	2						
Effluent	28/11/2007	с ,	17	58	16	1.49	0.49	4.57	8.17		5.38	2.79							
Effluent	29/01/2008	зс	ç	61	18	2.09	0.68	6.42	16.34	ŀ	9.06	<mark>ي.</mark> 7.28	8						
Effluent	19/02/2008	зс	14	53	15	0.53	0.17	1.62	28.35	;	2:63	20.72							
Effluent	26/03/2008	зс	2	43	4	2.35	0.76	7.20	12.77		0111.65	1.12							
Effluent	30/04/2008	зс	8	31	8.8	0.38	0.12	1.17	17.00	01.80	311.2								
Effluent	28/05/2008	зс	7	58	24.4	2.90	0.94	8.89	12.50	3:60 ک									
Effluent	15/07/2008	зс	g	46	11.6	2.76	0.90	8.46	26,00	11 <sup>00</sup> 9.80									
Effluent	28/08/2008	с	g	45	15.6	2.39	0.78	7.33		2.90									
Effluent	24/09/2008	3 C	2	24	7	0.38	0.12	1.17	010 16.09		15.09	1.00							
Effluent	12/11/2008	с	2	14	8	0.32	0.10	0.96	12.59		8.11	4.48	;						
Effluent	08/12/2008	с	15	63	19	1.09	0.36	of 33	21.62		5.38	16.24	ŀ						
Effluent	14/01/2009	С	21	. 55	34	1.88	0.61	08.77	18.06		4.06	14.00	)						
Effluent	24/03/2009	с	g	47	7	1.83	0.60	5.61	25.73		15.09	10.64							
Effluent	14/04/2009	c	17	31	13	1.05	0.34 CONS	0.56	13.98	2.24	10.62	3.36	10.10	0.6	2 637.0	0 7.30	<0.1	67.27	7 10

#### TABLE 2 - ATTACHMENT E4

#### aSW1(P)u Upstream Monitoring Point

usw	Date of Sampling	Sample Type	BOD mg/l	COD mg/l	TSS mg/l	Total P mg/l P	MRP mg/l P	Ortho P mg/l P	Total N mg/l N	NH <sub>3</sub> -N mg/l N	TON mg/l N	TKN mg/I N	Nitrate NO <sub>3</sub>	Nitrite NO <sub>2</sub>	Conductivity uscm	pН	Phenols Total	Sulphate	Temp
USW	25/01/2007				8	0.12	0.04	0.35		0.04	0.39								
			<2	31	5	0.26	0.09		2.00	0.04	0.06	2.00							
USW	29/08/2007							0.80	3.06			3.00							
USW	25/10/2007	G	<2	35	<3	0.13	0.04	0.39			0.32	<1							
USW	28/11/2007	G	2	40	<3	0.21	0.07	0.63			0.74	<1		-					
USW	19/02/2008	G	2	20	3	0.09	0.03	0.28	2.46		0.22	2.24							
USW	30/04/2008	G	4	36.2	10.4	0.15	0.05	0.46	1.30	0.02									
USW	15/07/2008	G	2	22	1.6	0.18	0.06	0.55	1.30	0.02									
USW	24/09/2008	G	2	43	4	0.10	0.03	0.31	1.09		0.09 🔨	e. 1.00							
USW	12/11/2008	G	2	8	3	0.08	0.02	0.23	1.15		aller	1.00							
USW	24/03/2009	G	2	25	3	0.07	0.02	0.21	1.21	only	0.09	1.12							
USW	14/04/2009	G	<2	29	5	0.11	0.04	0.02	<1 00	07117. 20117.	0.07	<1	<0.09	0.003	274.00	7.80	<0.1	5.71	10.80
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#### TABLE 3 - ATTACHMENT E4

#### aSW1(P)d Downstream Monitoring Point

DSW	Date of Sampling	Sample Type (C or G)	BOD mg/l	COD mg/l	TSS mg/l	Total P mg/l P	MRP mg/l P	Ortho P mg/l P		NH <sub>3</sub> -N mg/l N	TON mg/l N	TKN mg/l N	Nitrate NO <sub>3</sub>	Nitrite NO <sub>2</sub>	Conductivity uscm	pН	Phenols Total	Sulphate	Temp
DSW	25/01/2007	G			10	0.05	0.02	0.16		0.05	0.41								
DSW	29/08/2007	G	<2	34	4	0.26	0.08	0.80	3.39		0.39	3.00							l
DSW	25/10/2007	G	<2	37	3	0.14	0.05	0.44			1.26	<1							l
DSW	28/11/2007	G	<2	36	6	0.16	0.05	0.50			0.81	<1							l
DSW	19/02/2008	G	2	24	3	0.10	0.03	0.29	2.96		0.16	2.80							
DSW	30/04/2008	G	4	36.4	8.6	0.16	0.05	0.49	1.20	0.03									1
DSW	15/07/2008	G	2	21	9.2	0.21	0.07	0.64	1.30	0.05									1
DSW	24/09/2008	G	2	35	3	0.15	0.05	0.46	1.16		0.16	1.00							
DSW	12/11/2008	G	2	9	3	0.08	0.03	0.25	1.13		0.13	1.00							1
DSW	24/03/2009	G	2	22	3	0.10	0.03	0.31	2.15		0.47	1.68							
DSW	14/04/2009	G	2	32	3	0.09	0.03	0.01	<1	0.02	0.06	N. S.	<0.09	0.003	275.00	7.70	<0.1	5.44	11.40

0.31 2.15 0.01 <1 0.02 0.06 FF Attachment F.1



#### TABLE F.1(i)(a): SURFACE/GROUND WATER MONITORING

#### Primary Discharge Point

Discharge Point Code:	SW-1
MONITORING POINT CODE:	aSW-1d
Grid Ref (12 digits, 6E, 6N)	264338 / 318766

Parameter		Result	s (mg/l)		Sampling method	Limit of Quantitation	Analysis method / technique
	24/09/08	12/11/08	24/03/09	14/04/09			•
рН				= 7.7	Grab	0.01	Method 4500- H+/Electrometr y
Temperature				= 11.4	Grab	0	0
Electrical Conductivity (@ 25°C)				= 275	Grab	0.5	Method 2510 B/Electrometry
Suspended Solids	= 3	= 3	= 3	= 3	Grab	3	Method 2540 D/Filtration/Dry in 104C
Ammonia (as N)				= 0.02	Grab	0.06	Method 4500NH3F/Col orimetry
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	= 2	= 2	= 2	= 2 other use.	Grab	2	Method 5210 B/Electrometry
Chemical Oxygen Demand	= 35	= 9	= 22	off 321 of	Grab	5	Method 5220 D/Spectrophot ometry
Dissolved Oxygen			170°11	= 0	Grab	0	DO Meter
Hardness (as CaCO₃)			an Pureou	= 0	Grab	0	0
Total Nitrogen (as N)	= 1.16	= 1.13	= 2:15101	< 1	Grab	1	Calculation
Nitrite (as N)		FOIT	Petro Viento	= 0.003	Grab	0.003	Method 4500- NO2- B/Colorimetry
Nitrate (as N)		Trent of con		< 0.09	Grab	0.09	Method 4500- NO3- H/Colorimetry
Total Phosphorous (as P)	= 0.15	= 0.08	= 0.1	= 0.09	Grab	0.042	Method 4500- P E/Colorimetry
OrthoPhosphate (as P)	= 0.46	= 0.25	= 0.31	= 0.01	Grab	0.004	Method 4500- P E/Colorimetry
Sulphate (SO4)				= 5.44	Grab	1.39	Method 4500- SO42- E/Colorimetry
Phenols (Sum)				< 0.1	Grab	0.1	EPA Method 525 GCMS

For Orthophosphate: this monitoring should be undertaken on a sample filtered on 0.45µm filter paper For Phenols: USEPA Method 604, AWWA Standard Method 6240, or equivalent.

Additional Comments: No Hardness or Dissolved Oxygen Data Available.

### TABLE F.1(i)(b): SURFACE/GROUND WATER MONITORING (Dangerous Substances)

#### Primary Discharge Point

Discharge Point Code:	SW-1
MONITORING POINT CODE:	aSW-1d
Grid Ref (12 digits, 6E, 6N)	264338 / 318766

Parameter		Resu	lts (µg/l)		Sampling method	Limit of Quantitation	Analysis method / technique	
	14/04/09						•	
Atrazine	< 0.01				Grab	0.01	USEPA Method 610 HPLC	
Dichloromethane	< 1				Grab	1	USEPA Method 524 GCMS	
Simazine	< 0.01				Grab	0.01	USEPA Method 610 HPLC	
Toluene	< 0.28				Grab	0.28	USEPA Method 524.2 GCMS	
Tributyltin	< 0.02			ner use.	Grab	0.02	Subcontracted Test GCMS	
Xylenes	< 1		5	NY. any our	Grab	1	USEPA Method 524.2 GCMS	
Arsenic	< 0.96		n Purposerie		Grab	0.96	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS	
Chromium	= 1.7	J.	Specific owner		Grab	0.93	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS	
Copper	= 2	for col	St. C		Grab	0.2	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS	
Cyanide	< 5	Consent of con			Grab	5	Hach Water Analysis Handbook 2nd Edition	
Flouride	= 120				Grab	0.03	Method 4500 F	
Lead	< 0.38				Grab	0.38	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS	
Nickel	= 1.8				Grab	0.47	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS	
Zinc	< 4.6				Grab	4.6	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS	
Boron	< 4.2				Grab	4.2	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS	
Cadmium	< 0.09				Grab	0.09	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS	
Mercury	< 0.2				Grab	0.2	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS	
Selenium	= 2				Grab	0.74	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS	

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Barium	= 31.8		Grab	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS

Additional Comments:

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#### TABLE F.1(i)(a): SURFACE/GROUND WATER MONITORING

#### Primary Discharge Point

Discharge Point Code:	SW-1
MONITORING POINT CODE:	aSW-1u
Grid Ref (12 digits, 6E, 6N)	264473 / 318867

Parameter		Result	s (mg/l)		Sampling method	Limit of Quantitation	Analysis method / technique
	24/09/08	12/11/08	24/03/09	14/04/09			
рН				= 7.8	Grab	0.01	Method 4500- H+/Electrometr y
Temperature				= 10.8	Grab	0	0
Electrical Conductivity (@ 25°C)				= 274	Grab	0.5	Method 2510 B/Electrometry
Suspended Solids	= 4	= 3	= 3	= 5	Grab	3	Method 2540 D/Filtration/Dry in 104C
Ammonia (as N)				= 0.03	Grab	0.06	Method 4500NH3F/Col orimetry
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	= 2	= 2	= 2	< 2 other USe	Grab	2	Method 5210 B/Electrometry
Chemical Oxygen Demand	= 43	= 8	= 25	1= 29H	Grab	5	Method 5220 D/Spectrophot ometry
Dissolved Oxygen			atto it	= 0	Grab	0	DO Meter
Hardness (as CaCO₃)			an Purela	= 0	Grab	0	0
Total Nitrogen (as N)	= 1.09	= 1.15	= 0.121 net	< 1	Grab	1	Calculation
Nitrite (as N)		and it	1 Shu	= 0.003	Grab	0.003	Method 4500- NO2- B/Colorimetry
Nitrate (as N)		- too		< 0.09	Grab	0.09	Method 4500- NO3- H/Colorimetry
Total Phosphorous (as P)	= 0.1	= 0.08	= 0.07	= 0.11	Grab	0.042	Method 4500- P E/Colorimetry
OrthoPhosphate (as P)	= 0.31	= 0.23	= 0.21	= 0.02	Grab	0.004	Method 4500- P E/Colorimetry
Sulphate (SO₄)				= 5.71	Grab	1.39	Method 4500- SO42- E/Colorimetry
Phenols (Sum)				< 0.1	Grab	0.1	EPA Method 525 GCMS

For Orthophosphate: this monitoring should be undertaken on a sample filtered on 0.45µm filter paper For Phenols: USEPA Method 604, AWWA Standard Method 6240, or equivalent.

Additional Comments: No Hardness or Dissolved Oxygen Data Available.

#### TABLE F.1(i)(b): SURFACE/GROUND WATER MONITORING (Dangerous Substances)

#### Primary Discharge Point

Discharge Point Code:	SW-1
MONITORING POINT CODE:	aSW-1u
Grid Ref (12 digits, 6E, 6N)	264473 / 318867

Parameter		Resu	lts (µg/l)		Sampling method	Limit of Quantitation	Analysis method / technique
	14/04/09						•
Atrazine	< 0.01				Grab	0.01	USEPA Method 610 HPLC
Dichloromethane	< 1				Grab	1	USEPA Method 524 GCMS
Simazine	< 0.01				Grab	0.01	USEPA Method 610 HPLC
Toluene	< 0.28				Grab	0.28	USEPA Method 524.2 GCMS
Tributyltin	< 0.02			ner use.	Grab	0.02	Subcontracted Test GCMS
Xylenes	< 1		5	KY. any of	Grab	1	USEPA Method 524.2 GCMS
Arsenic	< 0.96		n Purposerie		Grab	0.96	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS
Chromium	< 0.93	J.	Specific owner		Grab	0.93	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS
Copper	= 1	for of col	Ste.		Grab	0.2	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS
Cyanide	< 5	Consent of con			Grab	5	Hach Water Analysis Handbook 2nd Edition
Flouride	= 130				Grab	0.03	Method 4500 F
Lead	< 0.38				Grab	0.38	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS
Nickel	= 0.7				Grab	0.47	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS
Zinc	< 4.6				Grab	4.6	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS
Boron	< 4.2				Grab	4.2	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS
Cadmium	< 0.09				Grab	0.09	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS
Mercury	< 0.2				Grab	0.2	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS
Selenium	= 1				Grab	0.74	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS

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Barium	= 24.9		Grab	USEPA Method 3125B ICPMS

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Attachment G.2







North South Shared Aquatic Resource (NS SHARE)

#### Summary Leaflet

Draft River Basin Management Plan for the North Western International River Basin District December 2008

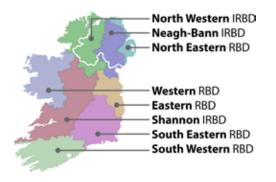


#### The Draft River Basin District Management Plan

The European Union Water Framework Directive was adopted in 2000. It requires governments to manage all of their waters: rivers, canals, lakes, reservoirs, groundwaters, wetlands, estuaries and coastal waters. Member States must ensure that their waters achieve at least good status by 2015 and that their status doesn't deteriorate.

The Directive requires the preparation of a management plan for all of the waters in an area called a River Basin District. Some 400 river basins on the island of Ireland have been grouped and assigned to a total of eight River Basin Districts; one of these lies wholly in Northern Ireland, four lie wholly in Ireland and three are International River Basin Districts, one of which is the North Western District.

Since 2000, the District's local authorities and the Northern Ireland Environment Agency have been working on the implementation of the Water Framework Directive. We have met all of the deadlines and our performance has been amongst the best in the European Union.



We have actively sought people's views at every stage of the implementation process. Management plans are considered by the District's Advisory Council (Ireland) and by the Catchment and National Stakeholder Groups (Northern Ireland). We produced a series of consultation documents and we discussed significant water management issues with interest groups, public authorities and local authorities at a series of public consultation events in 2007 and 2008.

The next stage is the production of a River Basin District Management Plan. It will cover the six-year period from 2009 until 2015; any remaining issues or new problems will be tackled in two further six year plans, 2015–2021 and 2021–2027.

We have produced a draft of the plan and we are beginning a grocess of consultation to elicit views on the draft. In Ireland the final version of this plan must be adopted by all locat authorities in the District, whilst in Northern Ireland the plan must be approved by the Environment Minister. The plan will come into effect at the end of 2009.



### How the plan was developed

We followed a nine-step process in developing the plan. Our approach was structured: find out the issues, decide what action to take and make a plan.

What are our key water issues?	We investigated which water issues are causing problems, what actions we could take to solve them and where we should focus these actions.
What is the status of our waters?	Comprehensive monitoring established the condition of our waters; identifying where they are satisfactory and where they must be improved.
What do we plan to achieve?	We identified sustainable objectives for our waters.
What measures must we take?	The Water Framework Directive stipulates mandatory measures. We identified actions under these measures, setting out existing and new plans and programmes to ensure full and effective implementation.
What will these mandatory measures achieve?	We assessed how effective address and atory measures will be in meeting our objectives and have identified cases where extra effort may be needed to improve our waters.
What further measures can we take?	We identified supplementary measures for the cases where the mandatory measures alone would not be sufficient to achieve our objectives.
What will supplementary measures achieve?	We assessed whether the combination of measures would achieve our objectives and how long it would take.
What are our objectives in the North Western District?	We outline the objectives we plan to achieve and specify where extended timescales or lower objectives are necessary.
What is our action plan for the North Western District?	The outcome of this planning process is a tailored action plan for the North Western District. We have proposed a detailed suite of measures setting out what, where and when actions are needed and who will do them.

#### North Western District: current status

The status of our surface waters and groundwaters is summarised in these two tables. These tables include the whole international district's waters: those in Northern Ireland, those in Ireland and the shared waters (those water bodies which lie along the border).

#### Surface water status in the North Western District

Surface Water Category	High	Good	Moderate	Poor	Bad	Yet to be Determined
Rivers and canals (number) % of total	(61) 7.0	(283) 32.7	(342) 39.5	(165) 19.1	(10) 1.2	(5) 0.6
Lakes and reservoirs (km²) % of total	(9.5) 3.4	(28.8) 10.2	(227.4) 80.6	(13.5) 4.9	(3.1) 1.1	(0) 0
Estuaries (km²) % of total	(11.5) 8.7	(0) 0		(120.5) 91.2		(0.2) 0.1
Coastal (km²) % of total	(239.0) 10.7	(0) 0		(212.5) 9.5		(1,778.5) 79.8

#### Groundwater status in the North Western District

Groundwater	Good	Poor
Chemical Status (km²) % of total	(12,077) (12,077) 100 0 <sup>ther 155</sup>	(0) 0
Quantitative Status (km²) % of total	Card and Car	(0) 0
Combined Status (km²) % of total	tion purper til (12,077)	(0) 0



#### **Protected Areas**

There are 186 protected areas amongst the shared waters of the North Western International River Basin District. In the whole District there are 477 protected areas. These include drinking water sources such as Gartan Lough and Lower Lough Erne, shellfish waters such as Mulroy Bay and parts of Lough Foyle, bathing waters such as Murvagh and Benone beaches, nutrient sensitive areas such as Killybegs Harbour and Upper Lough Erne and Special Areas of Conservation and Special Protection Areas such As Lough Melvin and River Foyle and Tributaries.

#### **Pressures**

The main pressures on our waters come from:

- wastewater and industrial discharges
- landfills, quarries, mines and contaminated land
- agriculture
- wastewater from unsewered properties
- forestry
- usage and discharge of dangerous substances
- physical modifications
- abstractions
- local and future issues. In the North Western District, they include climate change, aquaculture, invasive alien species, and cruising and boating as well as the need to protect high quality areas and to manage shared waters issues properly.

We can achieve the greatest gain by concentrating our efforts on those issues that pose the greatest threat to our water environment. Two key sectors stand out, agriculture and the water industry. Both Northern Ireland Environment Agency and the Environmental Protection Agency have identified the need to take action in response to these sectors in the River Basin Management Plan. *"Discharges from municipal wastewater treatment works and from agricultural activities are the principal suspected causes of less than satisfactory water in the State. Industry discharges and discharges from several other activities have also been identified as contributing to a lesser extent". (Environmental Protection Agency, 2008)* 



#### **Measures and objectives**

The measures to improve our waters fall into three categories:

- the implementation of 11 key directives, specified under the Water Framework Directive and already transposed into domestic legislation
- the implementation of other stipulated measures required by the Water Framework Directive
- the use of additional or supplementary measures.

#### **Basic measures**

The first two categories are referred to as **basic measures**. They are:

The 11 key EU Directives	Other stipulated measures
Bathing waters	Cost recovery for water use
Birds	Promotion of efficient and sustainable water use
Habitats	Protection of drinking water sources
Drinking waters	Control of abstraction and impoundment
Major accidents	Control of point source discharges
Environmental impact assessment	Control of diffuse source discharges
Sewage sludge	Authorisation of discharges to groundwaters
Urban wastewater treatment	Control of priority substances
Plant protection products	Controls on physical modifications to surface waters
Nitrates	Controls of other activities impacting on water status
Integrated pollution prevention control	Prevention of the impact of accidental pollution incidents
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A range of possible supplementary measures has been identified by a series of technical studies. Some are already being taken: they include farm based environmental protection schemes and implementation of a suite of forestry good practice guidelines. Other possible measures are codes of practice, voluntary agreements, demand reduction and rehabilitation programmes and legal, administrative and economic instruments.

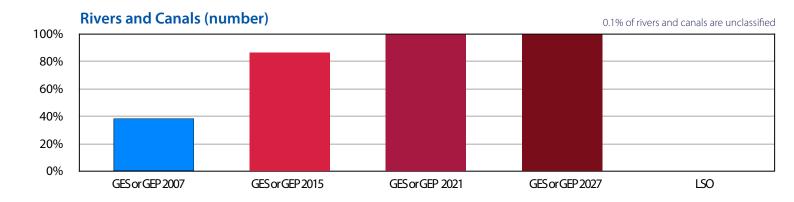
Supplementary measures range from reducing the pressure at source through remediation by technical or engineering solutions to **relocation** of the pressure. They have to be technically feasible; the combination of supplementary measures must be the most cost-effective and the cost of these combinations of measures must not be significantly greater than the benefits gained. The impacts of the supplementary measures on the wider environment have to be considered, through Strategic Environmental Assessment, to ensure that they are sustainable.

#### Our objectives for each category of waters

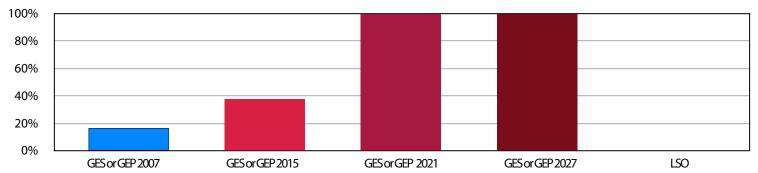
These charts show the improvements we expect in each category of waters over three cycles of the river basin district planning process.

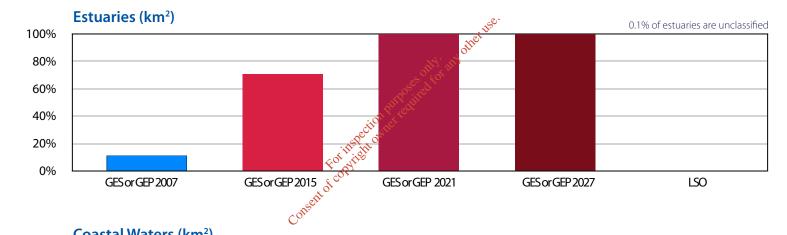
GES or GEP means good ecological status or good ecological potential, in other words compliant with the Water Framework Directive. The standard of good ecological potential is applied to artificial and heavily modified waters (such as canals and reservoirs) where the benefits to humans need to be retained.

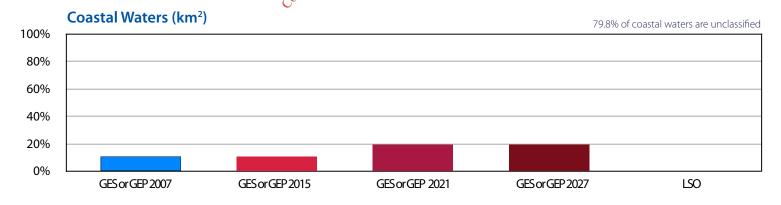
LSO means less stringent objective, which means that the waters won't achieve good status or good potential before 2027.

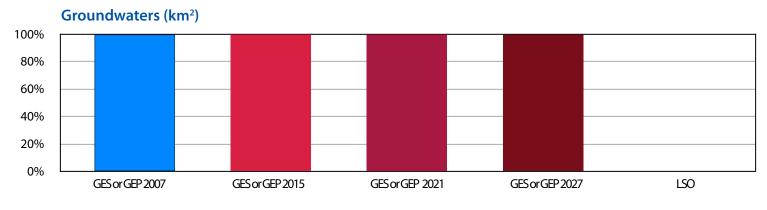


#### Lakes and Reservoirs (km<sup>2</sup>)









#### What happens next



The full text of the draft plan is available on www.wfdireland.ie. along with background documents including technical studies into our key water issues, our register of protected areas, and documents detailing monitoring programmes and status development, economics, objectives, programmes of measures and links to plans and programmes. There is also a list of the District's relevant authorities and stakeholders, as well as documents on climate change and Strategic Environmental Assessment. Our interactive webmap viewing tool can also be accessed at www.wfdireland.ie.

Comments, views and suggestions may be sent by 22 June 2009 to:

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Early responses would be appreciated to allow more time to clarify and resolve issues that may arise.



We will comply with data protection requirements and will use information that you provide to compile a digest of responses. Please let us know if you wish your response to remain anonymous: if you do, we will include your comments in the digest without saying who made them. If you want to add new comments or information you can contact our website at any stage (www.nwirbd.com). d for any

#### Implementation



The North Western International River Basin Districts for solutions border; partly in Ireland and partly in Northern Ireland. This leaflet refers to the draft River Basin Management Plans for the District which were issued by the county councils of Donegal, Cavan, Leitrim, Longford, Monaghan and Sligo and by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency. Preparation of the draft plans has been closely coordinated between the two jurisdictions and these coordinated arrangements are outlined in the document entitled Working Together (www.wfdireland.ie)

The task of implementing the management blans will fall mainly to the statutory authorities. In the case of the North Western District, it is envisaged that a unit will be set up by Donegal County Council to coordinate the work of Ireland's statutory authorities and to coordinate work with the Northern Ireland Environment Agency. In Ireland, implementation of the plans will be coordinated by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, working together with the local authorities, the Environmental Protection Agency and other relevant public authorities. In Northern Ireland, work will be coordinated by the Department of the Environment and Northern Ireland Environment Agency, through the Interdepartmental Working Group, which includes the four main government departments responsible for implementing the plan.



## Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977 (Water Quality Standards for Phosphorus) Regulations, 1998



# MONAGHAN COUNTY COUNCIL

# 4<sup>th</sup> Implementation Report

## July 2006

Monaghan Co Council 4th Implementation Report

#### Local Government (Water Pollution) Act 1977 (Water Quality Standards for Phosphorus) Regulations, 1998.

#### **4th Implementation Report**

#### Monaghan Co Council.

#### **Introduction:**

The Phosphorus Regulations (1998) require the Monaghan Co Council to protect satisfactory waters and to improve unsatisfactory waters. Water quality interim targets have been set for 2007. However Monaghan Co Council has applied for an extension to 2013. (In the 2004 EPA audit, an EPA officer advised against reliance on the 2013 deadline as the more stringent Water Framework Directive deadline of 2015 for both good chemical and biological status will also need to be simplied with.) The Phosphorus Regulations require Monaghan Co Council to submit a biennial implementation report to the Environment Protection Agency. The 4th Implementation Report is due for submission to the Agency on 31/7/2006.

## Water Quality in Co Monaghan Section 1. Consent of copyright

#### **River Monitoring**

#### **Baseline Data**

The baseline data for the County, established from the EPA's Biological Monitoring Programme (Q Ratings) since 1995 indicates that **30%** of river stations monitored were of satisfactory quality (Q rating  $\geq$ 4) while **70%** of stations monitored were unsatisfactory ( Q rating  $\leq$  3-4). Table 1.1 refers.

#### **Current Status Rivers**

This 4<sup>th</sup> Implementation Report relates to the reporting period Jan 2004 to Dec 2005. Reference to physio-chemical data in this document relates to water quality monitoring carried out by Monaghan Co Council in the period Jan 2004 to Dec 2005. Reference to river current Q ratings, relate to the Q rating assigned by the EPA. The 06 Hydrometric area was monitored in 2003 while the 03 and 36 Hydrometric areas were monitored in 2004. Table 1.1.refers

Current data indicates

- 33% (22 out of 66) of river stations monitored are classified as unpolluted (Q ratings > 4 - 2003/04 data). This figure is low by national standards.
- 24% (16No.) of river monitoring stations show an improvement in Q rating from baseline data

- 27% (18No.) of stations monitored show a decline in Q rating.
- 71% (55 out of 77) of stations with Q data and/or Median P values achieve standards set out in Section 3(2) of the Phosphorus Regulations. Section 3(2) allows compliance with the Phosphorus Regulation targets by achieving <u>either</u> the standards set for Q rating or MRP (Molybdate Reactive Phosphate) value.

#### Water Quality Trends: Rivers

#### Q Ratings

Since the 95-97 baseline period no significant improvement in overall biological water quality in the County is apparent. Although 24% of sites monitored in the 2003 and 2004 do show an improvement from baseline data, a further 27% of sites monitored show a decline in quality. Since the mid 90's there are no longer any pristine sites (Q 5) recorded in Co Monaghan. However the improvements in the Erne catchment noted in 2004 are promising.

#### **Physio-chemical Data:**

Water quality data does provide some information on water quality trends in the county. A decline in river phosphate levels has been noted in some rural areas. However, many other river stations do not show a similar decline as yet.

Noticeable water quality improvements have followed the upgrading of urban wastewater treatment plants and upgrading/removal of industrial treatment plant discharges. The Blackwater River below Monaghan Town and the Proules River below Carrickmacross have improved from baseline quality. However water quality in these river stretches – designated as "sensitive waters" under the Urban Waste Water Regulations, remains unsatisfactory (as defined by the EPA). Continued urban development is placing additional pressures on infrastructure and water quality downstream of urban areas. Discharges of untreated or partially treated urban waste waters via storm overflows or overloaded collection systems can have significant effects on water quality and these problems have been referred to Water Services for examination and appropriate remediation.

Since Jan. 2004 the frequency of river monitoring has been increased to 12 samples per annum every 2 years. Median P values are now available for almost all EPA Q rated sites. Results for Median P levels are shown in Table 1.1.

#### Lake Monitoring

Monaghan Co Council's lake monitoring programmes for 2004 and 2005 have been completed and results reported to the EPA. A total of 50 lakes have been monitored at sampling frequency of one lake sample per annum for the smaller lakes and two to four lake samples for the larger lakes. Lake sampling is resource intensive and Monaghan's sampling frequency has remained low. However the new Water Framework Directive Monitoring Programme, due to commence in Dec 2006 requires a review of sampling frequency – final details have yet to be decided.

Currently lake sampling is carried out in the summer months with the assistance of Civil Defence staff (2 persons) and equipment (boat and pickup truck) and a summer student. The current sample collection takes 10 to 12 days approximately. Water samples are analysed by the EPA Laboratory in Monaghan Town.

Due to low frequency of lake sampling only the Chlorophyll level can be used for classification purposes and compliance checking. If the Total Phosphorus (TP) parameter were to be included a minimum of 10 samples per annum would be required.

#### Lake Water Supply Sources

Work is currently ongoing to integrate the protection of the 23 lakes used as water supply sources into development planning and control. Maps of surface water sources are included in the current Draft Co Development Plan for Co Monaghan.

#### **Current Status - Lakes**

#### Lake Trophic Status (2004/2005)

The lake trophic status shown in Table 1.2 is derived from the maximum Chlorophyll level measured in the period 2004 to 2005. Current data indicates 46% of lakes comply with requirements of the Phosphorus Regulations based on chlorophyll levels only. Table . Pequined for 1:2 refers

#### Note:

Note: Lake chlorophyll levels can <u>fluctuate significantly</u> throughout the year. Chlorophyll levels do not always indicate the same degree of eutrophication as do the available Total Phosphorus levels. Total Phosphorus levels in some lakes in Co Monaghan are extremely ntof high.

#### Water Quality Trends: Lakes

The 2004/2005 lake data indicates an increased number of lakes in the satisfactory category (i.e oligotrophic and mesotrophic). However the high number of lakes (over 80%) with elevated Total Phosphorus levels is a cause for concern.

Tables A and B below show a comparison of current lake trophic status with baseline status and Lake Total Phosphorus (TP) levels for the 2001 to 2005 period..

Annual Max Chlorophyll level ppb	Trophic Status	Baseline data 95-2001 (no. of lakes)	Current Trophic (2004/2005) Classification (no. of lakes)
<8	Oligotrophic		6
≥8 <25	Mesotrophic	11	9
≥25<75	Eutrophic	19	24
≥75	Hypertrophic	16	11

#### Table A: Comparison of Lake Data 1995-2003

#### Table B: Lake Total Phosphorus Levels – Average Value of 2001 to 2005 data

Total Phosphorus Average Conc (ppb) 2001-2005 (MCC data)	No. of Lakes in each category
<30	8
30-59	16
60-99	17
>100	10

Water Framework Directive lakes: Lakes proposed for additional monitoring under the Proposed WFD Monitoring Programme and their current trophic status includes:

Currrent Status

#### Lake

Avaghon lake	Mesotrophic (– but algal blooms noted in recent years)
Drumlona	Eutrophic
Emy	Mesotrophic
Egish	Eutrophic.
Inner	Hypertrophic
Naglack	Hypertrophic
Monalty	Hypertrophic
Muckno	Hypertrophic
White	Eutrophic
Dromore	Status unknown

#### **Groundwater Quality**

The Phosphorus Regulations 1998 deal with surface waters and although ground water quality may impact on surface waters sufficient data is not available in relation to this aspect. The situation regarding groundwater quality will be addressed as the Water Framework Directive is rolled out. A Groundwater Protection Scheme for Co Monaghan has been produced by the GSI. Work is currently ongoing to integrate the Groundwater Protection Scheme into planning decision making and maps of groundwater sources and resources are included in the current Draft Co Development Plan.

### Section 2. Implementation of Measures

Monaghan Co Council's Measures Report in 1999 identified a need for additional resources to implement proposals to protect and improve water quality. Although additional staff were recruited following completion of negotiations under BLG (Better Local Government) in 2001, the Phosphorus Team has since lost 2 experienced Environmental Officers. One Environmental Officer (temp) is now in training.

#### **Use of Consultants**

In 2005 additional resources were allocated to employ consultants (*RPS Consultant Engineers*) to carry out farm surveys and to highlight farms that will require follow up action by the Council staff. However, without experienced field staff in-house catchment survey work and the necessary follow up of problem premises is currently suspended with a review of the situation due in October 2006.

Monaghan Co Council continue to use the services of Conservation Services to carry out detailed Biological Surveys of rivers. This work highlights "hot spots" and a number of such "hot spots" are awaiting follow-up surveys.

In the 2004-2005 period the Phosphorus Team has been involved in a number of specific work areas as follows:

- Catchment surveys initially work has been consentrated moderately polluted river stretches and unsatisfactory lakes. Work has progressed well but extensive areas of the County are as yet not surveyed. See Map in Appendix 1 outlining Progress.
- Database management and updating of programme
- Review and updating of water quality monitoring programmes and the introduction of additional Biological Monitoring using a private consultant.
- A survey and report of Urban Wastewater Treatment plants and collection systems.
- Continued enforcement of Water Pollution Acts and Waste Management Act.
- Awareness raising to achieve sectoral involvement in protection and improvement of water quality.

The Phosphorus Team also tries to work closely with Planning control staff, other Environment Section staff and Water Services Section although more integration in this area is deemed necessary.

#### Future Developments in the area of Water Management

During 2004 a number of Projects relating to water quality issues in Co Monaghan have been initiated. These include:

- North South SHARE Project on River Basin Management Planning.
- Blackwater Regional Partnership TRACE Project on the Definition and Mitigation of Excessive Multi-source Nutrient Loss to Water, lead by University of Ulster and Queens University, Belfast.
- Churchill Oram Source Protection Pilot Scheme led by the National Federation of Group Water Schemes and the Freshwater Studies Unit at DKIT.
- Blackwater Vital Signs Schools project .

- Monaghan Co Council has participated in the Erne Blackwater Surface Waters Working Group.
- The County Development Board has included the Improvement of Water Quality in Co Monaghan as an Action in the CDB Strategy for Co Monaghan.

Monaghan Co Council will provide available water quality data for the Project leaders and is involved as Steering Group members and/or in an advisory role. The benefits of such projects are expected to be increased knowledge of water quality issues, improved water quality management, improved public and sectoral participation. and increased awareness.

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#### **Progress to Date**

#### Section 3.

There is evidence that the biological quality of rivers continues to decline in Co Monaghan. Of particular concern is the recent loss of pristine and high quality sites in upland areas. It is expected that resource intensive catchment survey work, additional monitoring, enforcement and in some cases changes in land use or other measures will be required to bring about water quality improvements. It is expected that the turn-around period between intensive catchment survey work, enterprise improvements and water quality improvements could be a <u>minimum</u> of 2-3 years depending on catchment characteristics.

#### Improvements in Hydrometric Area 36 (Erne Catchment)

Promising results were evident in the 2004 EPA Biological Monitoring of Hydrometric Area 36 (Erne Catchment).

Although Monaghan Co Council have completed catchment survey work in subcatchments of the Erne River (Bunnoe and Maghery Rivers have been surveyed in 2002 and 2003) improvements are also noted in other sub-catchments. It is suspected that the intensive surveillance and enforcement work carried out by the Northern Regional Fisheries Board (NRFB) for several years has contributed significantly to improvements in water quality in this area. Discussions with the Eastern and Northern Regional Fisheries Boards have revealed that additional resources have been dedicated to surveillance and enforcement work in the NRFB area for a number of years.

Progress has been made in pursuing measures set out to tackle water pollution in Co Monaghan. Improvement in the chemical data at some river stations is evident, upgrading of industrial treatment plants continues and investment in Water Services is ongoing. Progress in various work areas is detailed below and in Table 3,4, and 5 attached in Appendix 2. However additional resources are considered necessary to successfully identify and follow up on pollution sources in the county.

#### **Catchment Surveys**

Catchment surveys commenced in May 2002 with a focus on small rural catchments where water quality was classified as moderately polluted. All agricultural, industrial and commercial premises were surveyed in each catchment. Communal septic tanks and village areas were also surveyed. The aim of catchment surveys was to identify and eliminate point sources of pollution and identify potential diffuse sources of pollution for further attention.

Over the period Jan 2004 to Dec 2005, a total of 352 premises (mainly agricultural) were surveyed. 110 advisory letters were issued, 21 Section 12 Notices were issued. A total of 450 reinspections of silage making facilities (including facilities surveyed pre 2004) and 158 reinspections of medium and high-risk wintering facilities were reinspected in the summer and winter periods respectively.

Current Status of Catchment Survey Work Table (refer to Map of progress Appendix 1) Table C

Table C		
Catchment /River	Survey By	Comments
Emy Lough catchment	2003, MCC Staff	Limited follow up of due
Mountain Water Tributary	2004/05 -TRACE Project	Pollution mitigation
		measures due to be installed
		in 2006
Scotstown River	2004, MCC Staff	Follow up inspections due
Blackwater (upper reaches)	2004, MCC Staff	Follow up inspections due
Maghery, Kilcoran and	2002 MCC	Limited follow up due
Magherarney Lakes		
Lough Oony	2003 MCC	Follow up on 1 farm due
Conawary River	2005/06 MCC	Follow up inspections due
Ballagh lake	2006 MCC	Follow up inspections due
Clontibret Stream	2003/04 MCC	Follow up inspections due
Bunnoe River and	2003 MCC	Limited follow up due
Annamakerrig Lake		Ø.•
Drum lake	2003 MCC 2002 MCC 2002 MCC 2002 MCC purposes officiany official	Limited follow up due
Avaghon lake Stream,	2002 MCC	Limited follow up due
Mullanary and Corkeeran	offictuation	
Lakes	or solve	
Namachree Lake	2002 MCC	Follow up on 1 septic tank
	2002 MCC puteredite	due
Milltown lake Catchment	2005/06 Jundally Inst. Of	Extensive monitoring
	Techtoryite	completed – Farm and
	Techtory ing	septic tank survey due 2006
Rossdreenagh River	2006 RPS on behalf of	All follow up outstanding.
	MCC	(MCC to carry out follow
		up
Inner Lough	2003 NRFB	

#### **Database Management and Mapping**

Consultants completed a GIS Mapping Project and Sludge Management Plan for Co Monaghan in Spring of 2002. The GIS Project provides a comprehensive mapping tool for catchment survey work. As the catchment surveys progress it is intended that data on all enterprises are entered on an access database and mapped using GPS.

Due to the extent of agricultural activities in the County and their potential impact on the environment, work commenced in 1999 on collection of relevant agricultural data. A comprehensive database on intensive agricultural enterprises, soil phosphorus returns, and a poultry manure waste tracking system has been established.

#### **Monitoring Programmes**

#### Lake Monitoring Programme

As detailed in Section 2 page 3.

#### **River Monitoring**

From Jan 2004 monthly river water samples have been collected and each river monitored for one 12 month period every two years. This work is contracted out to the EPA Regional Lab, Monaghan Town. The river sampling programme has been extended to include all river stations Q rated since 1995.

#### **Additional Monitoring**

Additional Monitoring Programmes carried out to identify "Hot Spots" and provide additional information of water quality in selected catchments and their tributaries are shown on Table D below.

River	Type of Monitoring	Comments			
R Blackwater (03/B/01),	Physio-chemical, flow and	Partial catchment survey			
and Tributaries including	biological monitoring in stress	work carried out in 2004-			
03/S/02, 03/S01,	2002-2003 period of 2 2003	survey follow up due.			
Mountain Water (03 M01)	biological monitoring in other 2002-2003 period offerent Physio-chemical and	Some problem areas			
and Tributaries	biological monitoring –	identified – catchment			
	2003-2004 period	awaiting survey			
Emy Lough Stream	Physio-chemical and	Mini catchment survey			
	biological monitoring in	completed 2003.			
	2004				
Finn River (36/F/01) and	Physio-chemical monitoring	Not yet scheduled for			
Tributaries	2004	catchment Survey			
Avaghon Lake Stream (36	Post survey Biological	Catchment surveyed 2002,			
A07)	Monitoring	Lake outflow identified as			
		significant			
Maghery River (36/M/03)	Post survey Biological	Both catchment survey in			
	Monitoring	2002 and Biological			
		Monitoring 2005 failed to			
		pinpoint source of low Q			
		values in the upper reaches.			
Knappagh (36/K/01)	<b>Biological Monitoring</b>	Suspected source ceased,			
	(partial survey)	River Q improved.			
Conawary Lower (03/C/01)	Physiochemical Monitoring	Catchment Survey 2005/06.			
and tributaries		Follow up due.			
Proules (06/P/01)	Biological Monitoring	Mini catchment Survey-			
	(partial Survey)	urban sources of pollution			
		identified			

Table D
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#### General Activities under the Water Pollution and Waste Management Act:

General activities of the Environment Section in the reporting period 2004 to 2005 Monaghan Co Council include the following enforcement work under the Water Pollution and Waste Management Acts.

11 cases referred for prosecution under of the WPA and WMA

28 Section 12 notices have been issued

17 Section 55 Notices have been issued.

The Council's Environment Section continues to investigate environmental complaints. Approximately 800 environmental complaints were received in From Jan 2004 to Dec 2005, many of which related to illegal dumping and litter. 58 water pollution complaints were investigated in same period.

#### **Industrial Discharges**

Significant improvements have been carried out by Industry in Co Monaghan. There are currently 22 "active" Licences issued under Section 4 of the Water Pollution Act. The are currently Section 4 Licence applications under consideration Almost all active Licences have been inspected at least once in the 2004 to 2005 period and monitoring of discharges is ongoing.

No prosecution cases for breaches of Section 4 of the WPA were taken in this period.

Landfill Monaghan Co Council's Landfill being operated under a Licence from the EPA.

#### Awareness Raising During 2004 and 2005

The Phosphorus Teams Awareness Raising Programme has included the following activities:

Information / Public Meetings, During the reporting period a total of 5 meetings with the following groups were organized, IFA, Northern and Eastern Regional Fisheries Boards, and an Industry Group. Council staff gave presentations at 3 meetings organized by the IFA Co Executive and IFA Waste Management Committee. Presentations were given at 4 REPS meetings at the request of a REPS Planner. The Co Development Board Environment and Agriculture Working Group, the Erne Blackwater Surface Water working Group and TRACE Steering Group Meetings have also increased networking and information sharing between Council, stakeholders and research bodies. **Catchment Information Leaflets** 

Individual information leaflets with local water quality information have been produced for each catchment surveyed. Leaflets are distributed to each premises surveyed. See Appendix 2.

Information Leaflets on Managing Phosphorus in Farming (2 No) and Prevent Silage *Pollution* have been produced and pre 2004 were circulated via the Dairy CoOps. We continue to send out these leaflets where a need /problem is identified. A leaflet on Septic Tank and Wastewater Treatment System Guidelines has been produced and is distributed

to households with problem or suspect septic tanks. From June 2006 it is proposed to circulate the "Septic Tank/Treatment System "leaflet with planning approval notices. <u>Press Articles and Adverts/ Radio</u> A total of 25 articles and adverts relating to water quality appeared on local press. Adverts related to Good Farming Practice, slurry spreading and silage making. Articles on general water quality were placed in 2 Council Environment Bulletins.

<u>Advisory Letters</u>. Approximately 80 farmers were sent advisory letters in relation to Soil Testing for Phosphorus. Over 110 advisory letters have been issued following catchment surveys.

<u>One to one Site meetings</u> Staff have carried out over 400 site visits in relation to catchment surveys and water pollution complaints during the 2004 and 2005 period.

#### Liaison with the Planning Section

Environment section staff continues to liaise with the Planning Section regarding environmental assessment and control of new developments. A very substantial (two and a half fold) increase in the number of planning files examined by the environment section was recorded in the 2004-2005 period. In the period 2004 to 2005 the environment section have examined and reported on 761 planning files, that include 205 agricultural, 201 housing schemes, 364 industrial/commercial developments and 9 public schemes. Contributions have been submitted to the proposed Development Plan to improve aspects of sustainable development.

Period	Agricultural	Comm./Industrial	Housing	Other	Totals
		orinsent	Dev/ other		
2003-2003	113	93 000	52		258
2004-2005	205	346	201	9	761
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#### Liaison with Water Services:

A member of the Phosphorus Team surveyed 21 local authority operated waste water treatment plants in early 2005. A report is currently in preparation and will be presented to management and discussed with Water Services in late 2006.

#### **Problems Encountered**

The continued decline in water quality is still evident.

Development pressures are a cause for concern. A very substantial increase in development activity is evident. Criteria for sustainable development would be useful. Monitoring of new developments to ensure compliance with planning conditions attached to protect waters is considered necessary but as yet not undertaken. Staff Retention – the Phosphorus Team lost 2 fully trained members of staff one in May 2004 and the second in May 2006. Some slow down in catchment survey work is evident as a result. In addition to replacement of staff members with trained officers it is essential that further resources will be required to achieve the targets set in the Phosphorus Regulations and to build capacity within the council to implement the required programme of measures that will accompany the River Basin Management Plans under the Water Framework Directive.

Lack of integration of environmental protection policies into the activities of various sectors (particularly in the recent past).

Cross border pollution incidents can be more difficult to resolve.

It would be beneficial to develop a reliable risk assessment tool for diffuse source pollution.

Computer facilities/tools for the interrogation of environmental data and trend analysis are also considered necessary.

The local authority role of "poacher" and "gamekeeper" can give rise to concerns by the public of the effectiveness of local authority's pollution control role.

Successes to date The review of CAP and the changes in farm payments from production based payments to single payments scheme is likely to benefit water quality in the medium to long term. Information meetings resulted in offers of cooperation and are considered very beneficial. Good relationships with industry and improvements in industrial wastewater treatment in recent years.

Cooperation with the IFA is resulting mercular contacts with farming groups. Staff are encountering a positive response to site inspections on farms.

The EPA biological monitoring for one of the three catchments surveyed by council staff in the 2002/2003 period indicated significant improvements in water quality in 2004. The other two catchments remain as yet moderately polluted – requiring further investigation. Improvements in the Biological Quality of the Erne Catchment are promising (page 8 refers)

Participation in projects described on page 6 should result in better knowledge of activities contributing to water pollution, effective mitigation measures and improved participation.

#### **Summary**

Co Monaghan faces a particular set of problems in relation to water quality, which to some extent are unique to this county. It is a drumlin county, with heavy soils in many areas resulting in high runoff risk. The extent of intensive agricultural activities in Co Monaghan poses problems for the recovery /disposal of agricultural waste in an environmentally sustainable manner. In addition many of the county's rivers have low assimilative capacity.

Rapidly expanding industrial and commercial activities, refal housing and expansion of urban areas need to be controlled and monitored. Monaghan Co Council need a fully resourced and dedicated Team to progress measures set out in the Measures and Implementation Reports

There will be ongoing review of measures to maximize effectiveness of measures to improve water quality in the county.