



## LICENSING & RESOURCE USE

### TECHNICAL AMENDMENT TO WASTEWATER DISCHARGE LICENCE

<b>To:</b>	Dara Lynott, Director
<b>From:</b>	Suzanne Wylde <b>Environmental Licensing Programme</b>
<b>Date:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> June 2014
<b>RE:</b>	Technical Amendments to Wastewater Discharge Licences for the purposes of updating the licences in line with the current wastewater discharge licence template.

### Background

The template for waste water discharge licences (WWDLs) was developed in 2007. The licence template was (for the most part) developed prior to the first intake of WWDL applications, and against a background of little knowledge of how enforcement of the anticipated WWDLs might work in practice. Since then the Agency has granted a significant number of WWDLs and the Office of Environmental Enforcement (OEE) has been enforcing these licences. The Agency has continued to evolve and improve the WWDL template over this period of time.

The internal Wastewater Technical Working Group (WTWG) submitted recommended changes to the Wastewater Discharge Licence template and these changes were approved by the Board on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2011, subject to amendments. The rationale behind the proposed changes was based on the improved knowledge of the efficacy and enforceability of the licences, as it has developed since the first licences were issued in 2007.

The Agency is in the process of developing a management tool for the licensing, enforcement and monitoring of licensable activities. The Licensing, Enforcement and Monitoring Application (LEMA) aims to employ contemporary ICT<sup>1</sup> and GIS<sup>2</sup> technologies to enhance the work procedures of Agency staff through the elimination of duplication, reduction of reliance on manual procedures and promotion of strategic practices. In addition to the changes of the WTWG, the development of LEMA requires that a number of changes be incorporated into the licences in order to ensure that LEMA will enhance Agency efficiency.

### Technical Amendment (TA)

The majority of the recommended changes in the proposed technical amendment relate to *Condition 4: Control and Monitoring* and *Condition 5: Programme of Improvements*. The proposed changes also include a number of amendments to the Glossary as well as the

<sup>1</sup> Information and Communications Technologies

<sup>2</sup> Geographical Information System

addition of several new Glossary terms, resulting from the changes to the conditions of the licence.

The TA addresses the lack of consistency in the naming convention that has been used to date for discharge points in the licences. The TA proposes to amend this ensuring that a consistent coding system is assigned, along with licence specific code assigned to each discharge point. These changes apply to all of the Schedules of the licence that refer to either discharge points or monitoring points, including stormwater overflows.

The TA requires that the grid references for all discharge points and monitoring locations be included in the licence. This is to aid in the implementation of the LEMA tool to provide for better sharing of environmental data and improve efficiencies across the Agency.

**Table 1 Waste Water Discharge Licences to be Technically Amended**

Register No.	Location Address:
D0128-01	Ballyshannon Town & Environs
D0129-01	Passage West/Monkstown
D0135-01	Donegal Town and Environs
D0137-01	Trim
D0138-01	Dunshaughlin
D0140-01	North Cobh
D0143-01	Blackwater and Environs
D0144-01	Drumshanbo
D0150-01	Manorhamilton
D0154-01	Carrick-on-shannon

**Recommendation**

I recommend that the licence amendments be approved as set out in the attached recommended Technical Amendments. Such amendments do not result in the relevant requirements of Regulation 6(3) of the *Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations, 2007*, as amended, ceasing to be satisfied.

Signed:



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