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# WASTE WATER DISCHARGE LICENCE TECHNICAL AMENDMENT A

Licence Register Number:	D0347-01
Licensee:	Irish Water
Agglomeration:	Glaslough

# Reasons for the Decision

The purpose of this Technical Amendment is to update the Glossary of Terms, Conditions and Schedules of the licence, as appropriate.

The Environmental Protection Agency (the Agency) is satisfied, on the basis of the information available, that subject to compliance with the conditions of licence Reg. No. D0347-01 granted on the 09/02/2011, as well as any amendments noted herein any discharge from the activity will comply with and not contravene any of the requirements of Regulation 6(3) of the *Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations*, 2007, as amended.

A screening for Appropriate Assessment was undertaken to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and the conservation objectives of the site, if the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant effect on a European Site(s). In this context, for the reasons set out below, the activity is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site as a European Site and it can be excluded on the basis of objective scientific information, that the activity, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will have a significant effect on a European site, and accordingly the Agency determined that an Appropriate Assessment of the activity is not required, for the following reasons; the proposed amendments will not result in a material change to the nature or volume of the discharge(s) from the agglomeration.

## Technical Amendment

In pursuance of the powers conferred on it by Regulation 33(1)(c) of the *Waste Water Discharge (Authorisation) Regulations, 2007, as amended,* the Agency amends Licence Reg. No. D0347-01, granted to Irish Water, Colvill House, 24/26 Talbot Street, Dublin I, by virtue of Section 17(4) of the Water Services (No. 2) Act 2013.

Henceforth, the licence shall be read in conjunction with the amendments set out below.

This technical amendment is limited to the following Glossary of Terms, Conditions and Schedules of Licence Reg. No. D0347-01.



# **Amendments**

## **Glossary of Terms**

Amend the Glossary terms as follows:

Daily	During all days when discharges are taking place; with at least one measurement/observation per day.		
Maintain	Keep equipment, plant and infrastructure in a fit state, including such regular inspection, servicing, calibration and repair as may be necessary to perform its function.		
Sample(s)	Unless the context of this licence indicates to the contrary, the term sample(s) shall include measurements taken by electronic instruments.		
SSRS	Small Streams Risk Score.		
Standard Method	A relevant CEN, ISO, National, or other internationally recognized test procedure such as detailed in the current edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater" (published jointly by A.P.H.A. / A.W.W.A. / W.E.F.), a documented and validated in-house procedure based on the above sources that will ensure the provision of data of an equivalent scientific quality, or an alternative method as may be agreed with the Agency.		

Insert new Glossary terms as follows:

Competent	A testing facility meeting the general management and			
Laboratory	technical requirements of EN ISO/IEC-17025 standard, or			
	other equivalent standards accepted at international level			
	and utilising methods of analysis, including laboratory,			
	field, and on-line methods, which are validated and			
	documented in accordance with the above standard(s) for			
	the specific tests.			
Environmental	Means, in relation to waste water discharges, the direct or			
Pollution	indirect introduction, as a result of human activity, of waste			
	water discharges, substances (including any explosive,			
	liquid or gas) or polluting matter (including any poisonous			
	or noxious matter) into waters which may endanger human			
	health or harm the aquatic environment, and in particular—			
	(a) create a risk to waters, sediment, plants or animals,			
	(b) deleteriously interfere with the quality of aquatic			
	ecosystems or terrestrial ecosystems directly depending on			
	aquatic ecosystems including by—			
	(i) rendering those or any other waters poisonous or			
	injurious to fish, shellfish, spawning grounds or the food			



of any fish, or		
(ii) impairing the usefulness of the bed and soil of any		
waters as spawning grounds or impairing their capacity		
to produce the food of fish or shellfish,		
(c) impair or interfere with amenities and other legitimate		
uses of the water, or		
(d) result in the water failing to meet any environmental		
quality standards prescribed in regulations for the purpose		
of giving effect to the requirements of any Directive relating		
to the quality or use of water for the time being in force.		
Those substances or groups of substances, identified by the		
Commission in accordance with Article 16(2) of the Water		
Framework Directive and listed in Tables 11 and 12 of		
Schedule 6 of the European Communities Environmental		
Objectives (Surface Waters) Regulations, 2009 that have		
been prioritised for action by the setting of environmental		
quality standards at Community level.		



#### **Conditions of Licence**

#### Delete Condition 1.1.2:

This licence shall be technically amended, as and when considered by the Agency, to ensure compliance with such environmental quality standard as may be prescribed for surface water classification of the receiving water body.

#### Amend Condition 1.3 as follows:

The discharge to waters from the waste water works shall be restricted to those listed and described in *Schedule A: Discharges*, of this licence and shall be as set out in the licence application or as modified under Condition 1.6 of this licence and subject to the conditions of this licence.

#### Amend Condition 2.1.1 as follows:

(iv) For parameters other than pH, cBOD, COD, Suspended Solids, and Ammonia; eight out of ten consecutive composite results shall not exceed the emission limit value. No individual result similarly calculated shall exceed the emission limit value by more than 20%.

#### Insert new Condition 2.1.1:

(v) For Ammonia eight out of ten consecutive composite results shall not exceed the emission limit value. No individual result similarly calculated shall exceed the emission limit value by more than 100%.

#### Amend Condition 2.1.2 as follows:

### Discrete Sampling

No cBOD or COD grab sample value shall exceed the emission limit value by more than 100% and no Suspended Solids grab sample value shall exceed the emission limit value by more than 150%. For all other parameters, except pH and temperature, no grab sample value shall exceed the emission limit value by more than 20%.

### Insert new Condition 3.1:

No discharge from the waste water works is permitted save under and in accordance with this licence.



#### Amend Condition 4.1 as follows:

- 4.1 The licensee shall carry out such sampling, analyses, measurements, examinations, maintenance and calibrations as set out below and in accordance with *Schedule B: Monitoring*, of this licence.
  - 4.1.1 Analyses shall be undertaken by competent staff in accordance with documented operating procedures. Analysis for compliance purposes, including any sub-contracted analysis, shall be done by a competent laboratory.
  - 4.1.2 Such procedures shall be assessed for their suitability for the test matrix and performance characteristics shall be determined.
  - 4.1.3 Such procedures shall be subject to a programme of Analytical Quality Control, verified by a competent third party using control standards with evaluation of test responses.

#### Amend Condition 4.2 as follows:

- 4.2 The licensee shall ensure that:
  - (i) Sampling and analysis for all parameters listed in the Schedules to this licence, and
  - (ii) Any reference measurement methods to calibrate automated measurement system

shall be carried out by an appropriate Standard Method.

#### Amend Condition 4.15 as follows:

The licensee shall carry out 6 times per year monitoring of the influent stream to the waste water treatment plant for cBOD, COD, Suspended Solids and Total Phosphorus in order to measure the mass loadings and removal efficiencies within the treatment plant.

#### Insert new Condition 4.17:

The licensee shall ensure that a person in charge or a nominated deputy shall be available to meet with authorised person(s) of the Agency at all reasonable times and shall allow access to the waste water works or other premises that the Agency reasonably considers may contain information pertaining to a discharge from those works.

#### Insert new Condition 4.18:

Where such ambient monitoring results are available from any other statutory body, including the Agency, the licensee may submit those results in fulfillment of the requirements of *Schedule B.4 Ambient Monitoring* of this licence.



Replace Condition 6.1 to Condition 6.3 inclusive with the following new Condition 6.1:

The licensee shall notify the Agency's headquarters in Wexford, or to such other Agency office, as soon as practicable after the occurrence of any incident (as defined in this licence). This notification shall be in such format as specified in Guidance to Licensees/COA holders on the Notification, Management and Communication of Environmental Incidents issued by the Agency and as a minimum shall include the following: the date, time, location, details, nature, cause, extent and ranking of the incident, details on any vulnerable receptors, corrective action taken and plans to prevent a reoccurrence, and the steps taken to minimise any discharges and to carry out any necessary environmental clean-up. The following shall also be notified, as soon as practicable after the occurrence of any incident:

• Inland Fisheries Ireland in the case of discharges to receiving waters.

#### Amend Condition 6.6 as follows:

The licensee shall as a minimum keep the following documents at the headquarters of the licensee or such office as may be agreed by the Agency:

- (i) the licence application and all associated documentation;
- (ii) the licence(s) relating to the discharge(s) to waters from the waste water works;
- (iii) the previous year's AER;
- (iv) records of all risk assessments, sampling, analyses, measurements, examinations, calibrations and maintenance carried out in accordance with the requirements of this licence and guidance produced by the Agency;
- (v) relevant correspondence with the Agency;
- (vi) up to date drawings/plans showing the location of key process and environmental infrastructure, including monitoring locations and discharge points;
- (vii) up to date operational procedures for all monitoring and control equipment necessary to give effect to this licence.

This documentation shall be available to the Agency for inspection at all reasonable times and shall be submitted to the Agency, as required, in such a format as may be requested, including electronic submittal of the information or a summary of such information.



## Schedules of the licence

Amend Schedule A.1. Primary Waste Water Discharge as follows:

EDEN Code	Licence Code	Discharge Location	Monitoring Location	Receiving water name	WFD Receiving, water
TPEFF2400D0347SW001	SW001	E 272194 N 342230	E 272192 N 342211	Mountain Water River	IE_NB_03_416

Parameter	Emission Limit Value	
pH	6 - 9	
	mg/l	
CBOD	10	
COD	75	
Suspended Solids	15	
Ammonia (as N)	1.0	
Orthophosphate (as P)	0.5	

Amend Schedule B.1. Monitoring of Primary Waste Water Discharge as follows:

EDEN Code	Licence Code	Discharge Location	Monitoring Location
TPEFF2400D0347SW001	SW001	E 272194 N 342230	E 272192 N 342211

Parameter	Monitoring Frequency	Analysis Method/Technique
Flow	Continuous Note 1	On-line flow meter with recorder
pH Note 2	Weekly	pH electrode/meter and recorder
Conductivity	6 Samples/year Note 2	Conductivity Meter
Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand	6 Samples/year Note 2	Standard Method
Chemical Oxygen Demand	6 Samples/year Note 2	Standard Method
Suspended Solids	6 Samples/year Note 2	Standard Method
Ammonia (as N)	6 Samples/year Note 2	Standard Method
Orthophosphate (as P)	6 Samples/year Note 2	Standard Method
Visual Inspection	Daily	Sample and examine for colour, odour, oils, fats and greases.

Note 1: Total effluent volume discharged over the 24-hour period in which the composite sample is collected shall be recorded.

Note 2: The licensee shall provide a composite sampler within 3 months of date of grant of this licence. All samples thereafter shall be collected on a 24-hour flow proportional or time based composite sampling basis.

Amend Schedule B.4. Ambient Monitoring, Receiving Water as follows:

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Location:

Upstream monitoring location - aSW1(P)u 272001E, 342192N (Bridge North of Glaslough)

Downstream monitoring location – aSW1(P)d 272357E, 342273N

Parameter	Monitoring Frequency Note 1	Analysis Method/Technique
рН	Four samples/year	pH electrode/meter
DO	Four samples/year	DO probe
BOD	Four samples/year	Standard Method
Orthophosphate (as P)	Four samples/year	Standard Method
Total Nitrogen (as N)	Four samples/year	Standard Method
Ammonia	Four samples/year	Standard Method
Priority Substances Note 2	As required	Standard Method
Visual inspection	Weekly	Sample and examine for colour and odour

Note 1: Ambient monitoring data is to be submitted to the Agency in accordance with Condition 4.16 and 4.18 of this licence.

Note 2: The relevant priority substances or pollutants for monitoring shall be identified by the licensee by undertaking a risk based assessment in accordance with 'Guidance on the Screening for Priority Substances for Waste Water Discharge Licences' issued by the Agency. Monitoring for the identified priority substances or pollutants shall be carried out at least annually, unless a case for less frequent monitoring is agreed by the Agency



This technical amendment shall be cited as Amendment A to Waste Water Discharge Licence Register No. D0347-01 dated 09/02/2011 and is to be read in conjunction with that licence.

Sealed by the seal of the Agency on this the 18th day of July, 2014

PRESENT when the seal of the Agency was affixed hereto:

Mr Frank Clinton, Authorised Person

