

Annual Environmental Report 2017

Agglomeration Name:	Rockcorry
Licence Register No.	D0454-01



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Section 1. Executive Summary and Introduction to the 2017 AER

1.1 Summary Report on 2017

This Annual Environmental Report has been prepared for **D0454-01, Rockcorry**, in County **Monaghan**, in accordance with the requirements of the wastewater discharge licence for the agglomeration. The agglomeration is served by a wastewater treatment plant with a Plant Capacity PE of 1000. The treatment process includes the following:-

- Preliminary Treatment (Screening)
- Primary Treatment (Settlement Tanks)
- Secondary Treatment (Percolating filters)
- Nutrient Removal (Chemical dosing for Phosphorus Removal)

The final effluent from the Primary Discharge Point was non-compliant with the Emission Limit Values in 2017.

The following parameters exceeded the emission limit values in 2017:-

- BOD (mg/l)
- Ammonia N (mg/l)

570,000kgs total weight liquid sludge was removed from the wastewater treatment plant in 2017. Sludge was transferred to Monaghan WWTP D0061

The following improvement works were undertaken in 2017:-

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|-----------------|---|
| <i>1. Issue</i> | <i>Existing loose plastic media on the older bio tower filter is not performing</i> |
| <i>Measure</i> | <i>Replace loose media with new baled media.</i> |
| <i>Status</i> | <i>Due for completion 2018</i> |
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| <i>2. Issue</i> | <i>Existing rotating arms on old biotower require replacement to ensure even Distribution of effluent over the entire filter.</i> |
| <i>Measure</i> | <i>Replace rotating tower and distributor arms.</i> |
| <i>Status</i> | <i>Due for completion 2018</i> |
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| <i>3. Issue</i> | <i>Ferric dosing pumps are unable to fully empty ferric tanks.</i> |
| <i>Measure</i> | <i>Replace ferric dosing pumps</i> |
| <i>Status</i> | <i>Due for completion 2018</i> |
| | |
| <i>4. Issue</i> | <i>Screener non operational</i> |
| <i>Measure</i> | <i>Failed bearing pump and motor, replacement required</i> |
| <i>Status</i> | <i>100% complete 2017</i> |
| | |
| <i>5. Issue</i> | <i>Existing level gauge on ferric tank causing incorrect readings</i> |
| <i>Measure</i> | <i>Replace with an ultrasonic level and display</i> |
| <i>Status</i> | <i>Due for completion 2018</i> |

An Annual Statement of Measures is included in **Appendix 7.1**

Section 2. Monitoring Reports Summary

2.1 Summary report on monthly influent monitoring

Table 2.1 Influent Monitoring Summary

2.1.1 Monthly Influent Monitoring	BOD (mg / l)	COD (mg / l)	SS (mg / l)	TP (mg / l)	TN (mg / l)	Hydraulic Loading (m3/d)
Number of Samples	6	6	6	6	6	
Annual Max.	445	1328	705	13.2	91.9	571
Annual Mean	243.73	688.35	273.96	7.41	63.14	112.94

Other inputs in the form of sludge/leachate are added to the WWTP after the influent monitoring point and are therefore not represented by influent monitoring. Other inputs, where relevant, are detailed in Section 3.6.

Significance of results

The annual mean hydraulic loading is less than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity as detailed further in Section 3.2

The annual maximum hydraulic loading is less than the peak Treatment Plant Capacity as detailed further in Section 3.2.

2.2 Discharges from the agglomeration

Table 2.2 - Effluent Monitoring

2.2.1 Effluent Monitoring Summary	BOD (mg/l)	COD (mg/l)	TSS (mg/l)	Ortho P / MRP (mg/l)	Ammonia N (mg/l)	pH (Range)
WWDL ELV (Schedule A) where applicable	10.00	100.00	35.00	1.50	6.00	6 to 9
ELV with Condition 2 Interpretation included	20.00	200.00	87.50	1.80	12.00	No allowable exceedances
% Reduction (Schedule A)						
Number of sample results	6	6	6	6	6	6
Number of sample results above WWDL ELV	5	1	0	0	6	0
Number of sample results above ELV with Condition 2 Interpretation	2	0	0	0	1	0
Annual Mean (for parameters where a mean ELV applies)						
Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)	Fail	Pass	Pass	Pass	Fail	Pass

Table 2.2 - Effluent Monitoring.....Continued

2.2.1 Effluent Monitoring Summary	Comment
WWDL ELV (Schedule A) where applicable	Note: Stricter ELV for Ammonia 1mg/l from the 31/12/19; Stricter ELV for ortho P 0.7mg/l from the 31/12/19
ELV with Condition 2 Interpretation included	
% Reduction (Schedule A)	
Number of sample results	
Number of sample results above WWDL ELV	
Number of sample results above ELV with Condition 2 Interpretation	
Annual Mean (for parameters where a mean ELV applies)	
Overall Compliance (Pass/Fail)	

Significance of results

The WWTP was non-compliant with the ELV's set in the wastewater discharge licence. The non-compliance is due to breach of ELVs for BOD and ammonia. The impact on receiving waters is assessed further in Section 2.3.

2.3 Ambient Monitoring Summary

Table 2.3. Ambient Monitoring Report Summary Table

Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Irish Grid Reference	EPA Feature Coding Tool code	Bathing Water	Drinking Water	FWPM	Shellfish
Upstream Monitoring Point	264471, 318863	RS36D090080				
Downstream Monitoring Point	264363, 318431	RS36D090100	No	No	No	No
Downstream Monitoring Point #2						

Table 2.3.2 Ambient Impact Assessment Table

Ambient Monitoring Point from WWDL (or as agreed with EPA)	Current WFD Status	cBOD	0-Phosphate (as P)	Ammonia (as N)	Nitrogen		
Upstream Monitoring Point	Poor	4.78	0.216	0.029			
Downstream Monitoring Point	Poor	2.73	0.162	0.08			
Downstream Monitoring Point #2							
Difference between Upstream and Downstream		-2.05	-0.054	0.051			
Difference between Upstream and Downstream #2							
EQS		2.6	0.075	0.14			
% of Eqs		-78.85%	-72.00%	36.43%			
% of Eqs #2							

The results for the upstream and downstream monitoring and/or additional monitoring data sets from Irish Water are included in the Appendix.

Significance of results

- The WWTP was non-compliant with the ELV's set in the wastewater discharge licence as detailed in Section 2.2.
- The discharge from the WWTP has no observable negative impact on the Water Framework Directive status.

2.4 Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) - report for previous year

A PRTR is not required as the PE is < 100000

Section 3. Operational Reports Summary

3.1 Treatment Efficiency Report

	cBOD (kg/yr)	COD (kg/yr)	SS (kg/yr)	Total P (kg/yr)	Total N (kg/yr)
Influent mass loading (kg/year)	8,511	24,036	9,566	259	2,205
Effluent mass emission (kg/year)	577	2,119	369	42	915
% Efficiency (% reduction of influent load)	93%	91%	96%	84%	59%

3.2 Treatment Capacity Report

Table 3.2 - Treatment Capacity Report Summary

Hydraulic Capacity – Design / As Constructed (dry weather flow) (m3/day)	227
Hydraulic Capacity – Design / As Constructed (peak flow) (m3/day)	681
Hydraulic Capacity – Current loading (m3/day)	113
Hydraulic Capacity – Remaining (m3/day)	568
Organic Capacity - Design / As Constructed (PE)	1,000
Organic Capacity - Collected Load (PE)	413
Organic Capacity – Remaining (PE)	587
Will the capacity be exceeded in the next three years? (Yes / No)	No

3.3 Extent of Agglomeration Summary Report

In this section Irish Water is required to report on the amount of urban waste water generated within the agglomeration. It does not include any waste water collected and created in a private system and discharged to water under a Section 4 Licence issued under the Water Pollution Acts 1977 (as amended).

Table 3.3 - Extent of Agglomeration Summary Report

	% of P.E. load generated in the agglomeration	Estimated / Measured
Load generated in the agglomeration that is collected in the sewer network	100%	Estimated
Load collected in the agglomerations that enters treatment plant	100%	Estimated
Load collected in the sewer network but discharges without treatment (includes SWO, EO, and any discharges that are not treated)	Unknown	Estimated

Load generated in the agglomeration that is collected in the sewer network is the total load generated and collected in the municipal network within the boundary of the agglomeration.

Load collected in the agglomerations that enters treatment plant is that portion of the previous figure which enters the waste water treatment plant.

Load collected but discharged without treatment is that portion of the first figure which is discharged without treatment.

3.4 Complaints Summary

There were no complaints associated with the WWTP in 2017.

3.5 Reported Incidents Summary

A summary of reported incidents is included below.

Table 3.5.1 - Summary of Incidents

3.5.1 Incident Type (e.g. Non-compliance, Emission, spillage, pollution incident)	Incident Description	Cause	No. of Incidents	Recurring Incident (Yes/No)	Corrective Action	Authorities Contacted. Note 1	Reported to EPA (Yes/No)	Closed (Yes/No)
INCI010803 Breach of ELV	Breach of ELV for BOD and Ammonia 20/02/17 Ammonia 8mg/l N, 19/04/17 cBOD 17mg/l N and Ammonia 8.8mg/l N 20/06/17 cBOD 41mg/l , COD 123mg/l and Ammonia 13mg/IN. 09/08/17 cBOD 12mg/l and Ammonia 8.9mg/l N. 06/12/17 cBOD 21mg/l and Ammonia 10mg/l N.	WWTP upgrade required to meet ELV	5	Yes	An IW Implementation group has been set up. Desludging frequencies have been reviewed. The replacement of the media and the rotating arms in the older biotower is planned for 2018.	IFI	Yes	No

Note 1: For shellfish waters notify the Marine Institute (MI) Sea Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) Food Safety Authority (FSAI) and An Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM). This should also include any other authorities that should be contacted arising from the findings of any Licence Specific Reports also e.g. Drinking Water Abstraction Impact Risk Assessment, Fresh Water Pearl Mussel Impact Assessments etc.

Table 3.5.2 - Summary of Overall Incidents

Number of Incidents in 2017	5
Number of Incidents reported to the EPA via EDEN in 2017	5
Explanation of any discrepancies between the two numbers above	N/A

3.6 Sludge / Other inputs to the WWTP

There were no sludge/other inputs to the WWTP in 2017.

Section 4. Infrastructure Assessments and Programme of Improvements

4.1 Storm water overflow identification and inspection report

A summary of the Storm Water Overflow significance and operation is included below.

Table 4.1.1 - SWO Identification and Inspection Summary Report

WWDL Name / Code for Storm Water Overflow	Irish Grid Ref.	Included in Schedule A4 of the WWDL	Significance of the overflow (High/Med/Low)	Compliance with DoEHLG criteria	No. of times activated in 2017 (No. of events)	Total volume discharged in 2017 (m3)	Total volume discharged in 2017 (P.E.)	Estimated / Measured data
SW002	E264465 N 318871	Yes	High		1	Unknown	Unknown	Measured

Table 4.1.2 - SWO Identification and Inspection Summary Report

How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (m3/yr)?	Unknown
How much sewage was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in the year (p.e.)?	Unknown
What % of the total volume of sewage generated in the agglomeration was discharged via SWOs in the agglomeration in 2013?	Unknown
Is each SWO identified as non-compliant with DoEHLG Guidance included in the Programme of Improvements?	
The SWO assessment includes the requirements of relevant WWDL Schedules (Yes/No)	
Have the EPA been advised of any additional SWOs / changes to Schedules A/C under Condition 1 ?	N/A

4.2 Report on progress made and proposals being developed to meet the improvement programme requirements.

The Improvement Programme is included in Appendix: 7.1 and addresses the **Specified Improvement Programmes** as detailed in Schedules A3 and C of the WWDL. It should detail other improvements identified through assessments required under the licence.

Table 4.2.1 - Specified Improvement Programme Summary

Specified Improvement Programmes	Licence Schedule	Licence Completion Date	Date Expired	Status of Works	% Construction Work Completed	Expected Completion Date	Comments
Upgrade, as necessary the Waste Water Treatment Plant to comply with ELVs.	C	31/12/2019	No	Not Started			

A summary of the status of any improvements identified by under Condition 5.2 is included below.

Table 4.2.2 - Improvement Programme Summary

Improvement Identifier / Name	Improvement Description	Improvement Source	Progress (% complete)	Expected Completion Date	Comments
Chemical Dosing	Chemical Dosing	Improved Operational Control	0%	Unknown	Flow (and load) proportional dosing should be investigated. Priority 2
Flow related	Flow related	Improved Operational Control	0%	Unknown	Inlet level adjustment would decrease storm tank fill frequency Priority 2
Operational Shortfall	Operational Shortfall	Improved Operational Control	0%	Unknown	Inlet flow trends to be reviewed so that 3 X DWF is allowed to go through to treatment . Priority 2
MN Flow and Load Monitoring Programme Phase 2	MN Flow and Load Monitoring Programme Phase 2	Improved Operational Control	100%	2017	

Table 4.2.3 - Sewer Integrity Risk Assessment Tool Summary

The Improvement Programme should include an assessment of the integrity of the existing wastewater works for the following:	Risk Assessment Rating (High, Medium, Low)	Risk Assessment Score	Reference to relevant section of AER (e.g. Appendix 2 Section 4).	Specified improvements	Comment
Hydraulic Risk Assessment Score	High	145	Appendix 7.3 AER 2016		
Environmental Risk Assessment Score	Low	40	Appendix 7.3 AER 2016		
Structural Risk Assessment Score	High	140	Appendix 7.3 AER 2016		
Operation & Maintenance Risk Assessment Score	Low	34	Appendix 7.3 AER 2016		
Overall Risk Score for the agglomeration	High	359	Appendix 7.3 AER 2016		

Section 5. Licence Specific Reports

Licence Specific Reports Summary Table

Licence Specific Report	Required by Condition 5 in Licence	Required in this AER or outstanding from previous AER?	Included in this AER?	Reference to previous AER containing report or relevant section of this AER
Priority Substances Assessment	Required	No	No	AER 2014
Drinking Water Abstraction Point Risk Assessment	Not Required	No	No	
Shellfish Impact Assessment	Not Required	No	No	
Pearl Mussel Report	Not Required	No	No	
Toxicity/Leachate Management	Not Required	No	No	
Toxicity of Final Effluent Report	Not Required	No	No	
Small Stream Risk Score Assessment	Not Required	No	No	
Habitats Impact Assessment	Not Required	No	No	

Licence Specific Reports Summary of Findings

Licence Specific Report	Recommendations in Report	Summary of Recommendations in Report
Priority Substances Assessment	Yes	No further screening required
Drinking Water Abstraction Point Risk Assessment	No	
Shellfish Impact Assessment	No	
Pearl Mussel Report	No	
Toxicity/Leachate Management	No	
Toxicity of Final Effluent Report	No	
Habitats Impact Assessment	No	

5.1 Priority Substances Assessment

The Priority Substance Assessment Report was submitted previously in AER 2014. A summary of the significance and operation is included below.

Table 5.1 - Priority Substance Assessment Summary Report

Does the assessment use the Desk Top Study Method or Screening Analysis to determine if the discharge contains the parameters in Appendix 1 of the EPA guidance?	Desk top study and Screening Analysis
Does the assessment include a review of Trade inputs to the works?	Yes
Does the assessment include a review of other inputs to the works?	No
Does the report include an assessment of the significance of the results where a listed material is present in the discharge? (e.g. impact on the relevant EQS standard for the receiving water)	Yes
Does the assessment identify that priority substances may be impacting the receiving water?	No
Does the Improvement Programme for the agglomeration include the elimination / reduction of all priority substances identified as having an impact on receiving water quality?	No
Recommendations	No further screening required
Status of any improvement measures required	N/A

Section 6. Certification and Sign Off

Table 6.1 - Summary of AER Contents

Does the AER include an executive summary?	Yes
Does the AER include an assessment of the performance of the Waste Water Works (i.e. have the results of assessments been interpreted against WWDL requirements and or Environmental Quality Standards)?	Yes
Is there a need to advise the EPA for consideration of a technical amendment / review of the licence?	No
List reason e.g. additional SWO identified	N/A
Is there a need to request/advise the EPA of any modifications to the existing WWDL? Refer to Condition 1.7 (changes to works/discharges) & Condition 4 (changes to monitoring location, frequency etc.)	No
List reason e.g. failure to complete specified works within dates specified in the licence, changes to monitoring requirements	N/A
Have these processes commenced? (i.e. Request for Technical Amendment / Licence Review / Change Request)	N/A
Are all outstanding reports and assessments from previous AERs included as an appendix to this AER?	No
Ensure the following reports are included	

Declaration by Irish Water

The AER contains the following:

- Introduction and background to 2017 AER.
- Monitoring Reports Summary.
- Operational Reports Summary.
- Infrastructural Assessment and Programme of Improvements.
- Licence specific reports
- Certification and Sign Off
- Appendices

I certify that the information given in this Annual Environmental Report is truthful, accurate and complete:

Signed:  Date:..23/02/2018

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Section 7. Appendices

Appendix 7.1 Statement of Measures / Improvement Programme

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| 1. Issue | Existing loose plastic media on the older bio tower filter is not performing |
| Measure | Replace loose media with new baled media. |
| Status | Due for completion 2018 |
| | |
| 2. Issue | Existing rotating arms on old biotower require replacement to ensure even distribution of effluent over the entire filter. |
| Measure | Replace rotating tower and distributor arms. |
| Status | Due for completion 2018 |
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| 3. Issue | Ferric dosing pumps are unable to fully empty ferric tanks. |
| Measure | Replace ferric dosing pumps |
| Status | Due for completion 2018 |
| | |
| 4. Issue | Screeners non operational |
| Measure | Failed bearing pump and motor, replacement required |
| Status | 100% complete 2017 |
| | |
| 5. Issue | Existing level gauge on ferric tank causing incorrect readings |
| Measure | Replace with an ultrasonic level and display |
| Status | Due for completion 2018 |

Appendix 7.2 Ambient Monitoring

Upstream

Date	Ammonia (mg/l)	Ortho P (mg/l)	BOD (mg/l)	Total N (mg/l)	D.O. (% Sat)	D.O. (mg/l)	pH (mg/l)	Temp °C
20/02/2017	0.01	0.05	4.20			10.44	8.00	10.20
19/04/2017	0.04	0.09	12.00			10.53	8.00	11.90
20/06/2017	0.00	0.43	6.40			8.40	7.90	20.40
09/08/2017	0.03	0.31	2.00			9.07	7.90	15.70
11/10/2017	0.04	0.23	1.30			8.88	7.70	12.40
05/12/2017	0.05	0.18	2.80			10.66	7.70	9.20
Mean	0.03	0.22	4.78			9.66	7.87	13.30
95%ile	0.05	0.40	10.60			10.63	8.00	19.23

Downstream

Date	Ammonia (mg/l)	Ortho P (mg/l)	BOD (mg/l)	Total N (mg/l)	D.O. (% Sat)	D.O. (mg/l)	pH (mg/l)	Temp °C
20/02/2017	0.04	0.05	0.50			10.55	8.00	10.50
19/04/2017	0.07	0.07	7.30			10.38	8.00	11.70
20/06/2017	0.13	0.30	2.00			8.14	7.90	18.40
09/08/2017	0.06	0.27	3.20			9.30	7.90	15.90
11/10/2017	0.08	0.24	1.50			8.59	7.80	12.40
05/12/2017	0.09	0.05	1.90			10.95	7.90	9.70
Mean	0.08	0.16	2.73			9.65	7.92	13.10
95%ile	0.12	0.29	6.28			10.85	8.00	17.78