

***Extract from the Minutes of the 1156<sup>th</sup> Licensing Meeting of the Agency was held on 14 May 2024, in EPA Headquarters, Johnstown Castle Estate, County Wexford.***

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Directors Present: L Burke (Chair);  
G O' Leary, M Lehane, E Cotter & D Flynn.

**4. Application for a Review of a Waste Water Discharge Licence**

*Licensee:* **Uisce Éireann  
Colvill House  
24 - 26 Talbot Street  
Dublin 1**

*Agglomeration:* **Greater Dublin Area**  
*Register of Licence No:* **D0034-02**

The Directors considered a recommendation from the Office of Environmental Sustainability (OES) that the Agency approve the recommended decision to grant a Waste Water Discharge Licence. The following documentation was submitted: the Report of the Inspector dated 8 May 2024, Recommended Licence and five Third-party submissions.

A copy of the licence application was available electronically.

Aimie Cranch, Jim Moriarty and Darragh Page gave verbal presentations.

**Inspector's Report**

The Directors noted the Inspector's Report.

**Recommended Licence**

**Decision and Reasons for the Decision**

The Directors noted a typographical error in the 8<sup>th</sup> Paragraph on page 8 of the Licence, which should read as follows: 'Having assessed the potential effects, ~~the Agency have~~ *has* concluded as follows:'

**Conditions**

1.2 Amend condition 1.2 to read as follows: 'The agglomeration served by the waste water works is ~~the area outlined~~ *indicated* in red on Drawing titled "Map 2 Agglomeration Plan" of the application. The population equivalent of the agglomeration served by the waste water works must not exceed 2.4 million.'

*Reason for decision:*

In the interest of providing clarity.

- 2.1.3.2 Remove condition 2.1.3.2 as follows: ‘~~For parameters Escherichia coli and Intestinal Enterococci, the mean of the samples shall not exceed the emission limit value.~~’

Reason for decision:

In the interest of providing clarity.

- 3.5.1 Amend condition 3.5.1 to read as follows: ‘Storm water overflows shall be as specified in Schedule A.3: Storm Water Overflows, of this licence.’
- 3.5.2 Insert a new condition 3.5.2 to read: ‘The licensee must carry out an investigation to identify any additional storm water overflows within the waste water works as part of the programme of improvements.’
- 3.5.3 Insert a new condition 3.5.3 to read: ‘The Agency shall be notified of any additional storm water overflows not listed in Schedule A.3 Storm Water Overflows, of this licence.’
- 3.5.2 Amend the number for this condition to 3.5.4.
- 3.5.3 Amend the number for this condition to 3.5.5.

Reason for decision:

In the interest of providing clarity.

- 4.23 Amend condition 4.23 to read as follows: ‘The licensee must ensure that the UV disinfection system is operated to the designed disinfection efficiency at all times when in operation. ~~The disinfection efficiency of the system shall be measured to demonstrate that the system is operated during the bathing water season unless otherwise agreed by the Agency within its design range. The records from this verification process shall be recorded and maintained.~~’

Reason for decision:

To provide for the protection of bathing waters.

- 4.24.1(c) Amend condition 4.24.1 (c) to read as follows: ‘an assessment of the latest river flow projections, *and agreed standardised future climate projections generated by the EPA Climate Services Team, utilising the outputs from Met Eireann’s Translate project developed as part of the National Framework for Climate Services (NFCS).*’

Reason for decision:

In the interest of providing clarity.

- 4.24.2 Amend condition 4.24.2 to read as follows: ‘The climate change adaptation plan must be submitted to the Agency *within 24 months of the date of grant of the licence.* ~~for approval with the first AER.~~ The plan must be reviewed as necessary to reflect any relevant significant changes, and in any case every three years ~~following initial approval by the Agency.~~’

Reason for decision:

In the interest of environmental protection.

- 5.7.1 Amend condition 5.7.1 to read as follows: ‘For the storm water overflows identified as non-compliant in Schedule A.3: Storm Water Overflows *and any additional Stormwater Overflows identified as non compliant,* the licensee must develop and implement an improvement programme *for agreement by the Agency,* to achieve the requirements of Schedule C: Specified Improvement Programme.’

Reason for decision:

In the interest of environmental protection.

- 5.7.2 Amend condition 5.7.2 to read as follows: ‘The licensee must complete the assessment of compliance with condition 3.5.24 for all storm water overflows by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026. The programme of assessment must prioritise areas of concern such as those listed as significant pressures under the WFD or posing a risk to bathing waters. For those identified as non-compliant the licensee must implement an improvement programme *to the satisfaction of the Agency,* to achieve the requirements of Schedule C: Specified Improvement Programme.’

Reason for decision:

In the interest of environmental protection.

- 6.6.1 Amend condition 6.6.1 to read as follows: ‘The licensee must maintain and implement a Public Awareness and Communications Programme to ensure that members of the public are informed, and can obtain, at all reasonable times, environmental information relating to the discharges.’

Reason for decision:

In the interest of providing clarity.

**Schedule A: Discharges & Discharge Monitoring**

**A.1 Primary Waste Water Discharge and Monitoring**

Amend Note 2 under the table to read as follows: ‘ELV shall apply during the bathing season 1<sup>st</sup> June to 15<sup>th</sup> September (as per S.I. No. 79/2008 - Bathing Water Quality Regulations 2008), *unless otherwise agreed by the Agency.*’

Reason for decision:

To provide for the protection of bathing waters.

**A.3: Storm Water Overflows**

Insert new 'Note 3' under "Compliant with DoECLG criteria" in the last column of the Table. Insert an explanatory text under the table for Note 3 to read as follows: 'As stated by Uisce Éireann in Appendix 1: Attachment C1. Update; Overflows - Storm Water Overflows (SWOs) & Emergency Overflows (EOs)'.

*Reason for decision:*

In the interest of providing clarity.

Following discussion, the Directors approved the recommendation to grant a Licence as modified, to Uisce Éireann for the waste water discharge related to the Greater Dublin Area agglomeration, Register of Licence No. D0034-02, subject to the conditions as set out in the licence document.