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Glossary

| Term | Definition |
|----------------|---|
| g/s | gram per second |
| kg | kilogram |
| kg/m³ | Kilogram per cubic meter |
| km | kilometre |
| km/hr | kilometre per hour |
| m | metre |
| m/s | metres per second |
| m ² | square metres |
| m ³ | cubic metres |
| m³/s | cubic metres per second |
| m³/hr | cubic metres per hour |
| mg | milligram |
| Z_0 | roughness length |
| μg/m³ | micrograms per cubic meter |
| Abbreviations | Definition |
| AG4 | Air Guidance 4 |
| BAT | Best available techniques |
| EPA | Environmental Protection Agency |
| EF | Emission factor |
| EU | European Union |
| UK | United Kingdom |
| USEPA | United States Environmental Protection Agency |

1. INTRODUCTION

Katestone Environmental Ireland Ltd (Katestone) was commissioned by Carhue Piggeries Limited (Carhue Piggeries) to complete an ammonia assessment of a pig farm located at Colligboy, Timoleague, Co. Cork (site).

The pig farm includes two sets of housing units including:

- A set of housing units located in the southern area of the site that was initially constructed in the 1990s (old housing units)
- A set of housing units located in the northern area of the site that has been under construction since 2019 (new housing units).

EPA issued an Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) licence (Register number P0621-01) for the old housing units in 2003. In 2013, the licence was amended to an Industrial Emissions Licence (IEL) (Register number P0621-02). Carhue Piggeries anticipates that the new housing units will be incorporated into the IEL, based on a licence review application. This ammonia assessment will form part of the licence review application, being submitted as a supporting document.

This ammonia assessment was undertaken using dispersion modelling techniques. The purpose of the ammonia assessment is to determine concentrations of ammonia and the flux rate of nitrogen deposition at ecologically sensitive locations due to emissions from the pig farm in isolation and in combination with other sources of ammonia (in-combination assessment).

The dispersion modelling has been completed in accordance with the requirements of EPA's Air Dispersion Modelling Guidance Note (AG4). The assessment of ammonia and associated nitrogen deposition has been assessed in accordance with EPA ammonia guidance that was issued in 2022 (EPA, 2022)

The results of the ammonia assessment will be interpreted by Carhue Piggeries' consultant ecologist, Carl Dixon of Dixon Brosnan Environmental Consultants, who has been engaged by Carhue Piggeries to undertake a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) of the pig farm. EPA will consider the NIS when it completes the Appropriate Assessment of the pig farm.

2. OVERVIEW OF THE PIG FARM

The pig farm is located approximately 1.2 km northwest of the village of Timoleague, Co. Cork. It is located at an elevated position that overlooks the agricultural lands of south Co. Cork. The south coast of Cork is approximately 6.5 km south of the site. There are number of rural residences in the vicinity of the site. The boundary of the site and its environs are presented in Figure 1. All pig housing units will be located within the boundary of the site.

A site plan illustrating the layout of the old housing units is presented in Figure 2. A site plan illustrating the layout of the new housing units is presented in Figure 3.

The animal numbers housed in the old housing units as part of the proposed development, are as follows:

- 750 dry sows
- 280 suckling sows
- 160 maiden gilts.
- 3 boars
- 3,090 weaners pigs
- 4,150 fattening pigs

The new housing units will have the following maximum animal holding capacity:

- 480 dry sows
- 240 suckling sows
- 130 maiden gilts.
- 2 boars
- 3,910 weaners pigs
- 4,850 fattening pigs.

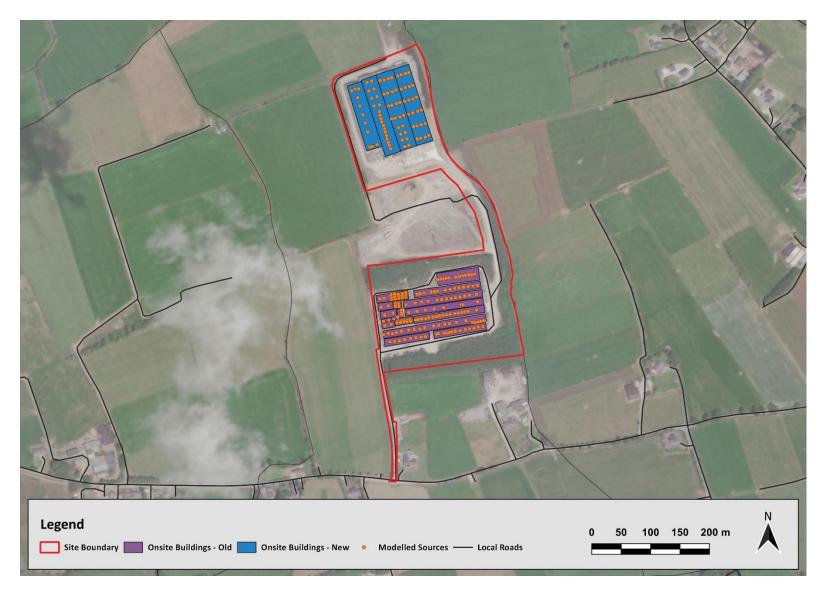


Figure 1 Carhue pig farm site boundary (red line) and the surrounding environment

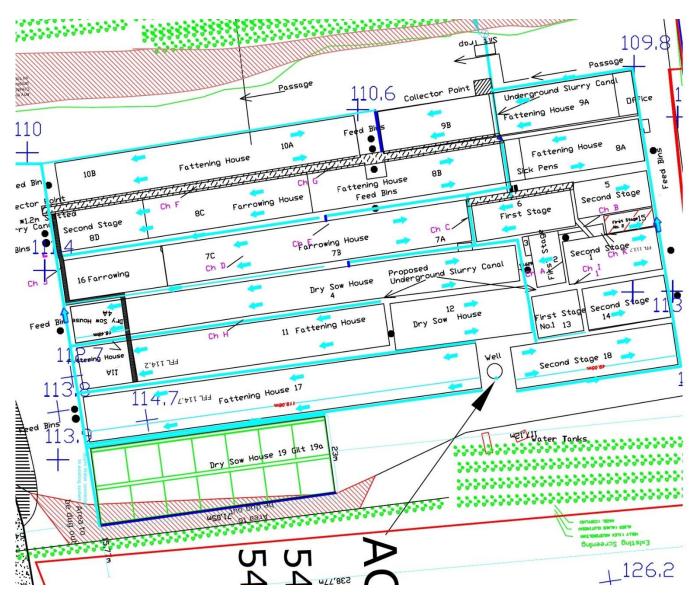


Figure 2 Carhue pig farm site plan – Old housing units

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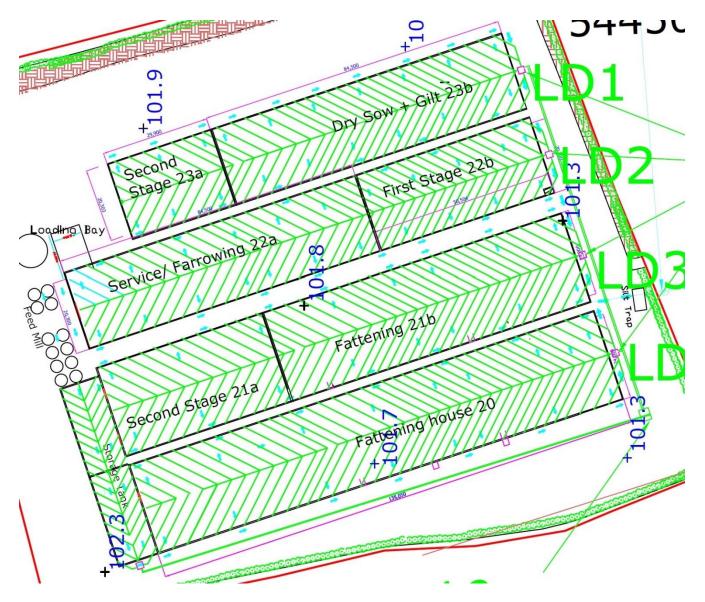


Figure 3 Carhue pig farm site plan – New housing units

3. REGULATORY FRAMEWORK AND ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

3.1 Environmental Protection Agency Acts 1992 and 2003

The Environmental Protection Agency Act 1992 (EPA Act) and Part 2 of the Protection of the Environment Act 2003 are collectively referred to as the Environmental Protection Agency Acts 1992 and 2003. These Acts provide for the management of air emissions from activities (meaning any process, development or operation) that are listed in the First Schedule of the Acts.

Section 4 (2) of the Environmental Protection Agency Acts 1992 and 2003 defines Air Pollution as follows:

| the direct or indirect introduction to an environmental medium, as a result of numan activity, of substances, |
|---|
| heat or noise which may be harmful to human health or the quality of the environment, result in damage to |
| material property, or impair or interfere with amenities and other legitimate uses of the environment, and |
| includes - |
| |

| (a) | 'air pollution' for the purposes of the Air Pollution Act 1987 |
|-----|--|
| (b) | |
| (c) | |

The Air Pollution Act 1987 (AP Act) provides for the control of air pollution and other matters connected with air pollution. Under the AP Act 'pollutant' means any substance that is specified in the First Schedule or any other substance (including a substance which gives rise to odour) or energy which, when emitted into the atmosphere either by itself or in combination with any other substance, may cause air pollution.

Section 4 of the AP Act defines air pollution as follows:

"Air pollution" in this Act means a condition of the atmosphere in which a pollutant is present in such a quantity as to be liable to —

- (i) be injurious to public health, or
- (ii) have a deleterious effect on flora or fauna or damage property, or
- (iii) impair or interfere with amenities or with the environment."

Section 24 of the AP Act details the obligations of the occupier of a premises in respect to preventing emissions, nuisance and what constitutes defences against prosecution:

- (1) The occupier of any premises, other than a private dwelling, shall use the best practicable means to limit and, if possible, to prevent an emission from such premises.
- (2) The occupier of any premises shall not cause or permit an emission from such premises in such a quantity, or in such a manner, as to be a nuisance.
- (3) In any prosecution for a contravention of this section, it shall be a good defence to establish that—
 - (a) the best practicable means have been used to prevent or limit the emission concerned, or
 - (b) the emission concerned was in accordance with a licence under this Act, or
 - (c) the emission concerned was in accordance with an emission limit value, or

- (d) the emission concerned was in accordance with a special control area order in operation in relation to the area concerned, or
- (e) in the case of an emission of smoke, the emission concerned was in accordance with regulations under section 25, or
- (f) the emission did not cause air pollution.

Section 75 (1) of the *Environmental Protection Agency Acts 1992 and 2003* requires the EPA to publish reasonable and desirable quality objectives to protect the environment, namely:

"The Agency shall, in relation to any environmental medium and without prejudice to its functions under section 103, specify and publish quality objectives which the Agency considers reasonable and desirable for the purposes of environmental protection."

3.2 Birds Directive and Habitats Directive

Concerned with the decline of wild bird species, European Member States unanimously adopted the Birds Directive (79/409/EEC) in April 1979 that aims to conserve species of wild birds and the habitats that are crucial for their conservation. The Birds Directive was amended in 2009 (2009/147/EC).

The Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) aims to promote the maintenance of biodiversity, taking account of economic, social, cultural and regional requirements. It forms the cornerstone of Europe's nature conservation policy with the Birds Directive and establishes the EU wide Natura 2000 ecological network of protected areas.

The Habitats Directive requires EU Member States to take measures to maintain or restore natural habitats and wildlife species at a favourable conservation status. Sites designated under the Birds Directive and the Habitats Directive form the Natura 2000 network. Maintaining or restoring the Natura 2000 network is an obligation that must be considered concurrently with requirements for increased food production and economic growth targets set for agricultural sectors in Member States.

The main aim of the Habitats Directive is to contribute towards the conservation of biodiversity by requiring Member States to take measures to maintain or restore natural habitats and wild species listed on the Annexes to the Directive at a favourable conservation status. These annexes list habitats (Annex I) and species (Annexes II, IV and V) that are considered threatened in the EU territory. The listed habitats and species represent a considerable proportion of biodiversity in Ireland and the Habitats Directive itself is one of the most important pieces of legislation governing the conservation of biodiversity in Europe.

The protection and conservation duties of EU Member States for Natura 2000 sites are specified in Article 6 of the Habitats Directive and are summarised below:

- Article 6(1): establish necessary conservation measures, management plans and appropriate statutory, administrative or contractual measures which correspond to the ecological requirements of the natural habitats and species present at the sites
- Article 6(2): take appropriate steps to avoid deterioration of Natura 2000 sites
- Article 6(3) and 6(4): assess the impact of new plans and projects and only agree to the plan or project if
 it will not adversely affect the integrity of the site unless the plan or project is imperative for reasons of
 overriding public interest.

The European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011 to 2015, as amended (Birds and Natural Habitats Regulations) give effect to the Habitats Directive in Irish law. The regulations require, inter alia, that a public authority carry out screening for Appropriate Assessment of a plan or project for which an application for consent is received, to assess, in view of best scientific knowledge and in view of the conservation objectives of the site, if that plan or project, individually or in combination with other plans or projects is likely to have a significant

effect on the European site. Where it is determined that an Appropriate Assessment is required, the Birds and Natural Habitats Regulations require that the assessment carried out by a public authority include a determination pursuant to Article 6(3) of the Habitats Directive as to whether or not the plan or project would adversely affect the integrity of a European site.

3.3 Ammonia impact assessment – Guidance

In May 2021, due to a high volume of intensive agriculture applications/reviews and licenses, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance. It describes how applicants should assess, the impact of air emissions, as part of a licence application for the following activities listed under the First Schedule of the Environmental Protection Agency Acts 1992 as amended:

- Class 6.1 (the rearing of poultry in an installation, where the capacity exceeds 40,000 places)
- Class 6.2 (the rearing of pigs in an installation where the capacity exceeds (a) 750 places for sows, or.
 (b) 2,000 places for production pigs).

EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance describes a six-step process for the assessment of emissions of ammonia to the atmosphere from intensive agricultural installations (IAIs). Step 1 needs to be completed for all applications to inform the additional steps that need to be completed.

Compliance with the criteria defined in the subsequent steps means that no further steps need to be undertaken and the compliant results can be presented to EPA for review as part of the approvals process.

EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance provides instructions on the steps needed to determine the information required to allow for an AA Stage 1 screening process and where necessary, a Stage 2 AA assessment for Natura 2000 sites (EPA, 2021). The six (6) steps are described in detail and in graphical summary format in EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance.

The graphical summary format of the step-wise approach is reproduced here in Figure 4. Katestone followed the step-wise approach described in EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance in this assessment. The methodology adopted to complete this assessment is described in Section 5.

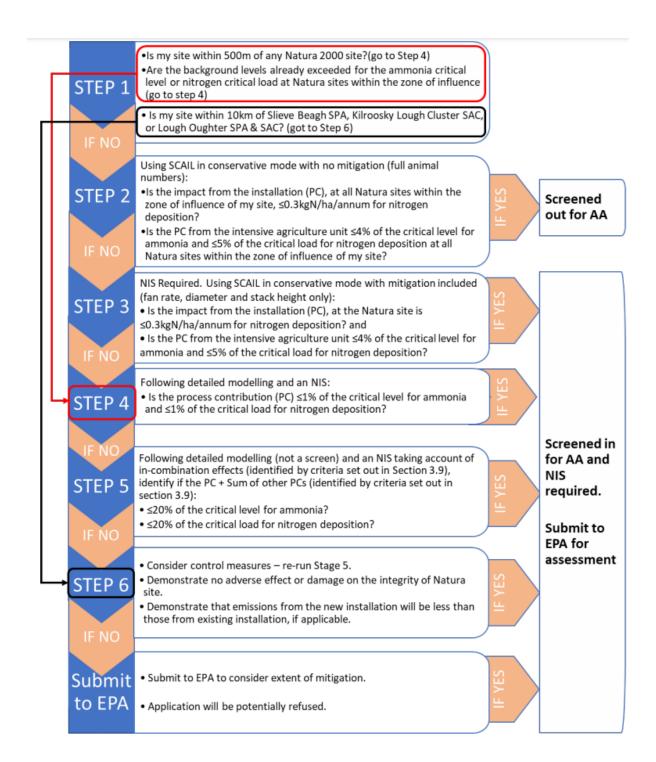


Figure 4 The steps involved in the assessment process described in EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance (reproduced from EPA, 2023)

3.4 Assessment Criteria

The compliance criteria adopted in the assessment are based on critical limits. A critical limit, in its simplest form, is a threshold set to indicate when impacts on the terrestrial environment occur from air pollution. These can be used as part of the regulatory process for the assessment of impacts of air quality on terrestrial ecology (Kelleghan *et al.*, 2022). The EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance adopts criteria based on critical limits including:

- · Critical levels for ammonia
- Empirical critical loads for nitrogen deposition.

Both critical levels and loads are international guidelines used to protect habitats, primarily across Europe. Critical levels here refer specifically to the threshold for impacts that can occur directly from atmospheric ammonia, allowing for an acute measurement of direct effects. Critical levels are defined as "the concentration in the atmosphere above which direct adverse effects on receptors, such as plants, ecosystems or materials, may occur according to present knowledge" (Posthumus, 1988; Kelleghan *et al.*, 2022).

Empirical critical loads are based on total nitrogen deposition. A critical load is defined as a deposition rate below which significant harmful effects do not occur "according to present knowledge" (Posthumus, 1988).

The critical level for ammonia and the critical load for nitrogen deposition for each of the species and habitat are presented in Section 4.3 for the modelled discrete receptors.

4. EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

This section presents information on the existing environment in the vicinity of the site and within the dispersion modelling domain. The dispersion modelling domain has been characterised using geophysical data (terrain and land use), meteorological data and background concentrations of ammonia.

The extents of the dispersion modelling domain were determined based on the Identification of ecologically sensitive locations within 10 km of the site (core assessment area).

4.1 Local terrain and land-use

The site is in a remote rural location surrounded by pasture. The old housing units are on the south facing slope of an area of elevated terrain. The new housing units are at the top of this area of elevated terrain. The terrain falls north of the new housing units, the north facing slope forming the southern wall of a valley that contains the Argideen River at its lowest point. The Argideen River runs west to east approximately 1.5 km north of the new housing units. It bends to the south approximately 1.8 km northeast of the site boundary, flowing south for approximately 2 km before bending east and entering the Courtmacsharry Estuary approximately 1.7 km southeast of the site.

The terrain of the region that has been included in the dispersion modelling domain is presented in Figure 5.

The Site is in an area that is likely to have complex meteorological conditions. At its closest point, it is 6.5 km from the coastline. The site is 2 km west of the Courtmacsherry Estuary, which runs from west to east into the Celtic Sea. There are valleys both north and south of the Site with water ways that ultimately enter the Courtmacsherry Estuary including:

- The Spittal Stream that runs from southwest to northeast approximately 2 km south of the Site.
- The River Arigideen that runs from west to east approximately 1.5 km north of the Site before meandering southwards approximately 2 km northeast of the Site.

The Site is in an elevated position compared to the surrounding terrain. The site elevation is approximately 135 m. Only land to the west is higher than the Site, gradually rising to approximately 144 m, 700 m west of the site. The terrain elevation falls to:

- 23 m within 1.3 km of the Site to the north
- 2 m within 2 km of the Site to the east
- 30 m within 1.3 km of the Site to the south.

The terrain and land use of the site are relatively complex due to its location near a ridge, in close proximity to a river valley, mountains and the sea. The complexities of the site in terms of local terrain and proximity to multiple water bodies are likely to have an important effect on dispersion conditions near the site and across the modelling domain.

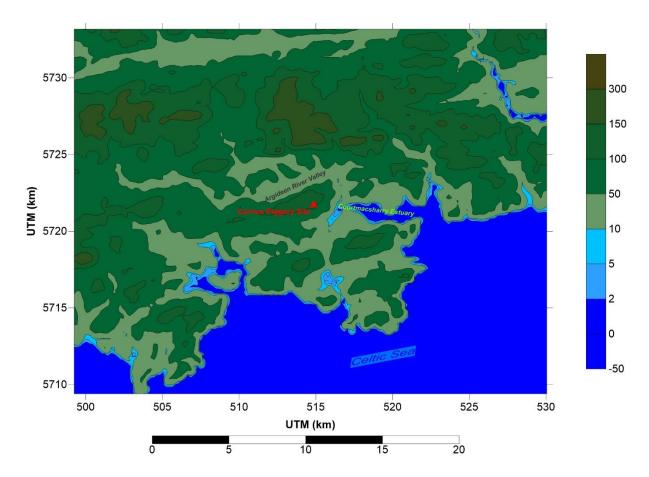


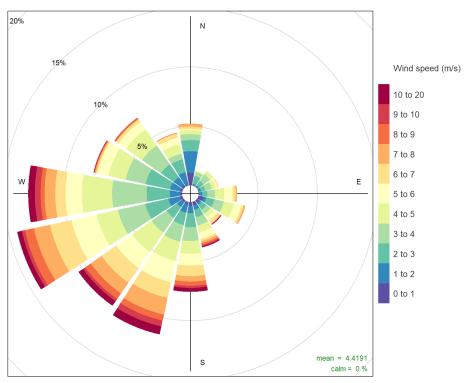
Figure 5 Terrain of the modelled domain

4.2 Meteorology

Wind speed and wind direction are important parameters for the transport and dispersion of air pollutants from a source. The winds in the vicinity of the site have been characterised using a three-dimensional meteorological model called CALMET. The 1-hour average wind speed for the modelling period is 4.4 m/s. This compares to a 1-hour average wind speed of 4.8 m/s at Cork Airport in 2014. A wind rose representing the annual distribution of 1-hour average winds is presented in Figure 6.

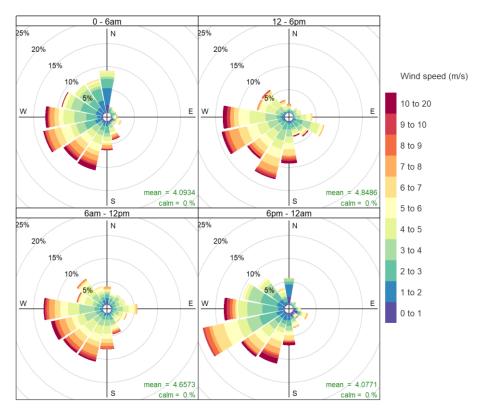
The prevailing wind direction in Ireland is between south and west. It is clear from Figure 6 that these winds have a strong influence on wind patterns at the site. Daytime winds between 6 am and 6 pm are heavily influenced by the prevailing winds. During late evening and early morning, prevailing winds also dominate; however, there is also a substantial proportion of winds from the northwest as indicated in the diurnal wind roses (Figure 7).

The seasonal distribution of wind speed and wind direction is presented in Figure 8. The strongest winds at the site occur most frequently from the west and west-southwest during the winter months. The greatest proportion of light winds occur during summer and autumn. There is a distinct north-westerly component to the wind rose in summer. A significant proportion of light northerly winds occur during autumn.



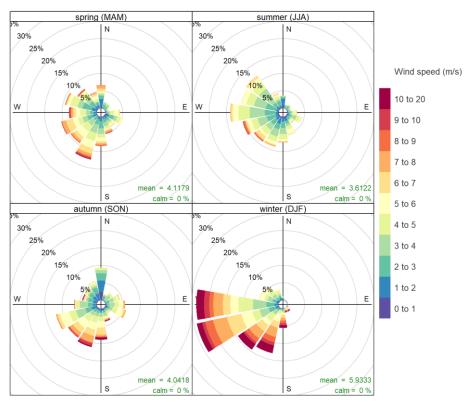
Frequency of counts by wind direction (%)

Figure 6 Annual wind distribution predicted at the site using CALMET



Frequency of counts by wind direction (%)

Figure 7 Diurnal wind distribution predicted at the site using CALMET



Frequency of counts by wind direction (%)

Figure 8 Seasonal wind distribution predicted at the site using CALMET

4.3 Sensitive receptors

The sensitive receptors included in the dispersion modelling assessment are at ecologically sensitive locations on Natura 2000 sites. The locations were determined in conjunction with the project ecologist. The sensitive receptor locations included in the dispersion modelling assessment are at points on Natura 2000 sites and at woodlands including:

- Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC (DR1 TO DR 52)
- Courtmacsherry Bay SPA (DR1 TO DR 52)
- Seven Heads SPA (52 TO 57)
- Clonakilty Bay SAC (58 TO 69)
- Clonakilty Bay SPA (58 TO 69).

The sensitive receptor locations included in the dispersion modelling assessment, the conservation interest at each location, the critical level for ammonia adopted in the modelling assessment and the critical load for nitrogen deposition are presented in Table 1. The sensitive receptor locations included in the dispersion modelling assessment are presented in a map in Figure 9.

Table 1 Sensitive receptor locations included in the dispersion modelling assessment, the conservation interest at each location, the critical level for ammonia adopted in the modelling assessment and the critical load for nitrogen deposition at each location

| Source Number | Conservation Interest Identified | Ammonia - Critical Level (µg/m³) | Nitrogen Deposition - Critical Load | |
|---------------|---|--|---|--|
| DR1 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 | |
| DR2 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 | |
| DR3 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 | |
| DR4 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 | |
| DR5 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 | |
| DR6 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR7 | No Conservation Objective identified | 3.0 | 30.0 | |
| DR8 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 | |
| DR9 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR10 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR11 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR12 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR13 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR14 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR15 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR16 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR17 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 | |
| DR18 | Salt Marsh Habitats | | 20.0 | |
| DR19 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR20 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR21 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 | |
| DR22 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 | |
| DR23 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR24 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR25 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR26 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR27 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR28 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR29 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR30 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR31 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR32 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR33 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR34 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR35 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR36 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |
| DR37 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 | |

| Source Number | Conservation Interest Identified | Ammonia - Critical Level (µg/m³) | Nitrogen Deposition - Critical Load |
|---------------|---|--|---|
| DR38 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 |
| DR39 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 |
| DR40 | Sand Dunes | 3.0 | 8.0 |
| DR41 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 |
| DR42 | Sand Dunes | 3.0 | 8.0 |
| DR43 | Sand Dunes | 3.0 | 8.0 |
| DR44 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR45 | Salt Marsh Habitats | 3.0 | 20.0 |
| DR46 | Sand Dunes | 3.0 | 8.0 |
| DR47 | Sand Dunes | 3.0 | 8.0 |
| DR48 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR49 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR50 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR51 | Perrenial Vegetation of Stony Banks | 3.0 | 8.0 |
| DR52 | Perrenial Vegetation of Stony Banks | 3.0 | 8.0 |
| DR53 | Seven Heads SPA | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR54 | Seven Heads SPA | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR55 | Seven Heads SPA | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR56 | Seven Heads SPA | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR57 | Seven Heads SPA | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR58 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR59 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR60 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR61 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR62 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR63 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR64 | Sand Dunes | 3.0 | 8.0 |
| DR65 | Sand Dunes | 3.0 | 8.0 |
| DR66 | Sand Dunes | 3.0 | 8.0 |
| DR67 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR68 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 |
| DR69 | Within SAC boundary - No Conservation Interest Identified | 3.0 | 30.0 |

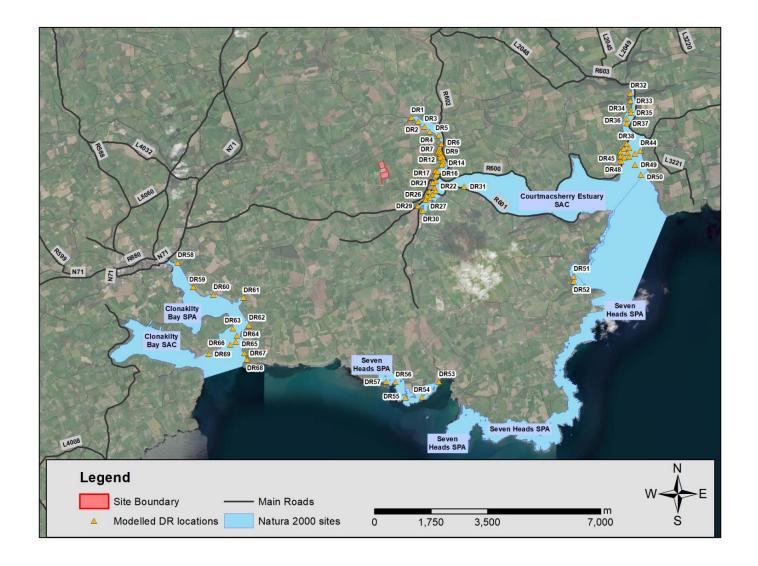


Figure 9 The sensitive receptors included in the dispersion modelling assessment to represent locations on Natura 2000 sites

4.4 Background concentrations of ammonia and nitrogen deposition

The background ammonia concentration and nitrogen deposition levels at each modelled sensitive receptor were obtained from the Simple Calculation of Atmospheric Impacts Limits (SCAIL) online tool as recommended in EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance (EPA, 2021). The background concentrations of ammonia and nitrogen deposition levels adopted in the assessment are presented in Table 2.

The dispersion modelling assessment has considered the potential impact of the proposed development in isolation and in combination with representative background concentrations of ammonia and rates of nitrogen deposition.

Table 2 The background concentrations of ammonia and nitrogen deposition levels (from SCAIL) adopted in the assessment

| Discrete Receptor | NH3 Background (ug m-3) | Criteria | NDEP Background (kg/ha/yr) | Criteria |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| DR1 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 8.0 | 30.0 |
| DR2 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 8.0 | 30.0 |
| DR3 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 8.0 | 30.0 |
| DR4 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.8 | 30.0 |
| DR5 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.8 | 30.0 |
| DR6 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR7 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 30.0 |
| DR8 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 30.0 |
| DR9 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR10 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR11 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR12 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR13 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR14 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR15 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR16 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR17 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 30.0 |
| DR18 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR19 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 20.0 |
| DR20 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 20.0 |
| DR21 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 30.0 |
| DR22 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 30.0 |
| DR23 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 20.0 |
| DR24 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 20.0 |
| DR25 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 20.0 |
| DR26 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 8.5 | 20.0 |
| DR27 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 20.0 |
| DR28 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 8.5 | 20.0 |
| DR29 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 8.5 | 20.0 |
| DR30 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 7.8 | 20.0 |
| DR31 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 7.1 | 20.0 |
| DR32 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 6.7 | 20.0 |

| Discrete Receptor | NH3 Background (ug m-3) | Criteria | NDEP Background (kg/ha/yr) | Criteria |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| DR33 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 6.7 | 20.0 |
| DR34 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR35 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR36 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR37 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR38 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR39 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR40 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| DR41 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR42 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| DR43 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| DR44 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 30.0 |
| DR45 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR46 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| DR47 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| DR48 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 30.0 |
| DR49 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 30.0 |
| DR50 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 30.0 |
| DR51 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| DR52 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 8.0 |
| DR53 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 30.0 |
| DR54 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 30.0 |
| DR55 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 30.0 |
| DR56 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 30.0 |
| DR57 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 6.1 | 30.0 |
| DR58 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 30.0 |
| DR59 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.2 | 30.0 |
| DR60 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 6.6 | 30.0 |
| DR61 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 6.6 | 30.0 |
| DR62 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 30.0 |
| DR63 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.1 | 30.0 |
| DR64 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 5.7 | 8.0 |
| DR65 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 5.7 | 8.0 |
| DR66 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 6.1 | 8.0 |
| DR67 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 5.7 | 30.0 |
| DR68 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 5.7 | 30.0 |
| DR69 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 5.7 | 30.0 |

5. AMMONIA ASSESSMENT

5.1 Methodology

The following section describes the modelling methodology that was adopted to determine concentrations of ammonia and deposition rates of nitrogen from the pig farm in combination with background levels at ecologically sensitive locations near the site. The methodology is based on a dispersion modelling study incorporating source characteristics and operational activity data of the pig farm and other intensive pig and poultry developments with meteorological data that is representative of the site and surrounding region. The dispersion modelling assessment has been prepared in accordance with industry standards, regulatory requirements and best practice approaches.

The assessment methodology has included:

- Determination of the locations and emission characteristics at the pig farm.
- Derivation of an emissions inventory based on its design and data from the literature for the pig farm.
- Generation of a representative meteorological dataset using prognostic meteorological modelling techniques.
- Characterisation of meteorological conditions in the region using prognostic meteorological data.
- Dispersion modelling using the regulatory dispersion model, CALPUFF, to predict ground-level concentrations of ammonia and nitrogen deposition at sensitive receptor locations

5.2 SCAIL-Agriculture

The baseline levels of ammonia and flux rates of nitrogen deposition at the sensitive ecological receptor locations were determined using SCAIL- Agriculture for Step 1 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance.

SCAIL-Agriculture is a tool for assessing impacts of atmospheric nitrogen from agricultural installations in the UK and Ireland. It is a model underpinned by a detailed air dispersion model, AERMOD (Kelleghan *et al.*, 2022).

SCAIL-Agriculture includes estimates of baseline levels of ammonia and flux rates of nitrogen deposition across Ireland. The SCAIL-Agriculture ambient concentration model (1 x 1 km grid) has been updated to include modelled 2018 emissions by the UKCEH on behalf of the EPA. Similarly, the coarser international 2018 European Monitoring and Evaluation Programme (EMEP) national concentration and deposition models for Ireland have been made available through the AmmoniaN2K website (AmmoniaN2K, 2021). Both these models currently rely on the MapEire emissions model, which utilises cattle and sheep distribution from 2010 and locations of pig and poultry farms from 2015 according to the Irish Wildlife Manual 135 (Kelleghan *et al.*, 2022).

5.3 Meteorological modelling

5.3.1 Overview

EPA's Air Dispersion Modelling Guidance Note (AG4) states that the dispersion process is dependent on the underlying meteorological conditions and ensuring that the air dispersion model includes representative meteorological data is critical. In the absence of site-specific meteorological data, AG4 requires the use of representative data observed at a Met Eireann monitoring location. AG4 states:

The USEPA (24) has defined meteorological representativeness as:

"the extent to which a set of {meteorological} measurements taken in a space-time domain reflects the actual conditions in the same or different space-time domain taken on a scale appropriate for a specific application"

and has expanded on this definition by outlining the factors to consider in the selection of appropriate meteorological data:

- Proximity of the meteorological station to the modelling domain;
- The complexity of the terrain;
- The exposure of the meteorological monitoring site;
- The period of time during which data is collected."

The modelling domain includes areas of complex terrain and coastal areas. The meteorological parameters that affect dispersion are likely to vary spatially and temporally across the modelling domain due to these factors.

The closest Met Eireann monitoring location to the Site is at Cork Airport, which is 30 km northeast. This monitoring station is in rural rolling landscape. It sits at a high point in the local terrain. There are a number of small river tributaries in the vicinity of Cork Airport that are aligned from north to south. Because of its elevation, exposed location and distance from the coast, the meteorological data collected at Cork Airport is not likely to be representative of meteorological conditions at the Site.

A review by Katestone indicates that there are no other meteorological observation stations on the Met Eireann Network that meet the requirements specified in AG4 to be considered representative of the modelling domain.

Where site specific or representative meteorological data is not available, AG4 provides the following alternatives:

Prognostic meteorological data should be considered in locations where there is no comparable representative Met Eireann station particularly in areas of complex terrain or at a land / sea interface.

and

Prognostic meteorological data may be useful in locations where there is no comparable representative Met Eireann station. Locations where prognostic meteorological data may be required include regions of complex terrain and at a land/sea interface in circumstances where the nearest meteorological stations are outside of the modelling domain. As outlined by the USEPA, meteorological data should be spatially representative of the modelling domain and in particular of the pathway from the source to the most impacted receptor.

Accordingly, prognostic meteorological data was generated for the site due to the complexity of the terrain and the proximity to the sea. The approach adopted to generate representative site-specific data utilised a numerical model to generate a 3-dimensional grid of spatially varying meteorological parameters to represent conditions surrounding the site. The approach is described in Appendix A1.

5.3.2 Meteorology

The prognostic model TAPM (developed in Australia by the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation [CSIRO], version 4.0.5) and the diagnostic meteorological model CALMET (developed by EarthTec, version 6.5) were used to generate the three-dimensional meteorological dataset for the region.

The CALMET simulation was initialised with the gridded TAPM 3D wind field data from the innermost nest. CALMET treats the prognostic model output as the initial guess field for the CALMET diagnostic model wind fields. The initial guess field is then adjusted for the kinematic effects of terrain, slope flows, blocking effects and 3D divergence minimisation.

The three-dimensional wind field produced by TAPM/CALMET was then used to create a meteorological file suitable for us with the CALPUFF dispersion model.

Details of the model configuration and evaluation are presented in Appendix A.

The TAPM/CALMET approach has been used in jurisdictions like Australia to generate suitable meteorological data for modelling odour and air contaminant impacts for over 10 years. There is significant experience using these approaches in jurisdictions such as Australia. Industry specific guidance on modelling odour dispersion from sources such as intensive poultry farms and cattle feedlots recommend the use of TAPM/CALMET to generate representative site-specific data. Research in Europe indicates that meteorological data generated using a numerical model provided a better indication of locations where odour nuisance occurred (Feliubadaló et al, 2008). In that study, locations of likely odour nuisance were determined using the German VDI grid assessment approach.

5.4 Emissions

The derivation of the ammonia emissions inventory adopted for the dispersion modelling assessment is presented in this section. Ammonia emission inventories were derived for the old housing units and the new housing units at the pig farm.

There are no emissions monitoring data available for the pig farm. Ammonia emission rates from the pig housing units at pig farms vary considerably depending on factors such as:

- The ventilation rate which is heavily influenced by:
 - o The target temperature of the pigs in the unit which is influenced by:
 - Type of pig (sow, weaner, fattener).
 - The age of the pigs
 - o The ambient temperature outside the pig unit.
- The design of the housing system including but not limited to the following:
 - Depth of manure holding pits
 - o Frequency on manure removal
 - Ventilation design
 - o Surface area of manure exposed beneath the slats.
- The depth of manure in the house, which varies considerably with season.

The ammonia emission inventory derived for the pig farm is based on:

- The design and operation of the old housing units and the new housing units at the pig farm.
- Ammonia emission rates for housing units presented in the latest Best Reference (BREF) document for the intensive rearing of poultry or pigs (IRPP) (EC, 2017).

The old housing units are currently operated as traditional deep pit housing units. The pig diets at the old housing units are formulated with optimised protein content, to limit emissions. The proposed development includes a commitment that the old housing units will be operated as a shallow pit housing system (manure levels maintained below 600 mm), with frequent slurry removal. The pig diets at the old housing units will continue to be formulated with optimised protein content to limit emissions. As part of the proposed development, the old housing units will be operated in accordance with the requirements of BAT 30 in the BREF for IRPP.

The first two ammonia emission controls ensure that the new housing units will operate in accordance with the requirements of BAT 30 in the BREF for IRPP. The use of slurry cooling at the new housing units will significantly reduce emissions of ammonia, as identified in the BREF for IRPP.

The ammonia emission rates adopted in the dispersion modelling assessment are based on the emission rates of BAT compliant pig farms presented in the BREF for IRPP including the following based on data from Table 5.4 of the BAT conclusions, which presents the Bat Acceptable Emission limits (AELs) for piggeries that are designed and operated in accordance with BAT. The BAT-AELs for various BAT techniques are presented in the BAT conclusions as ranges. The upper limit of the ranges has been adopted for the old housing units for the proposed development as follows:

- 2.7 kg.animal⁻¹.year⁻¹ for dry sows
- 2.7 kg.animal⁻¹.year⁻¹ for gilts
- 5.6 kg.animal⁻¹.year⁻¹ for farrowing sows
- 0.53 kg.animal⁻¹.year⁻¹ for weaners
- 2.6 kg.animal⁻¹.year⁻¹ for fatteners.

Ammonia emissions from the new housing units will be lower than the upper limit of the BAT-AEL range as the design and operation of the new housing units include multiple BAT technologies. The new housing units will be operated with the following ammonia emission controls:

- Shallow pit (manure levels maintained below 600 mm) housing units, with frequent slurry removal.
- Diets formulated with optimised protein content, to limit emissions

If dietary crude protein exceeds the dietary requirements of a pig it will be excreted resulting in higher levels of nitrogen in slurry. It is therefore desirable to optimise the level of crude protein in diets to meet the pig's nutritional requirements for growth while minimising nitrogen levels in excrement. For weaner and finisher pigs, the level of crude protein required in the diet declines with age and as growth slows. Younger pigs therefore require more crude protein than older pigs in each of the weaner (8kg to 30kg) and finisher (30kg to 120kg) categories.

The site will adopt low protein diets as a BAT technique to reduce ammonia emissions to the atmosphere. The level of protein in diets at the pig farm will be limited (as a weighted average) to:

- 14.5% for sows
- 17.5% for weaners
- 15% for fatteners.

The crude protein levels stated here are weighted average levels over an annual period (corresponding to the annual average assessment criterion for ammonia and nitrogen deposition) across the diets fed each category of pigs listed including sows, weaners and finishers because the overall level of nitrogen that ends up in the slurry tanks of pig housing units is correlated with the average level of crude protein in the diets fed to pigs in the housing unit.

The diets of younger pigs in each of the weaner and fattener categories will be above the levels specified and the diets of older pigs in each of these categories will be below the levels specified overall. However, the weighted average crude protein levels for the categories of pigs will be maintained below the levels specified above.

5.5 Dispersion modelling

The dispersion modelling assessment was conducted in accordance with recognised techniques for dispersion modelling specified in AG4. CALPUFF was used to predict ground-level concentrations of ammonia across the modelling domain and at sensitive receptor locations due to sources at the pig farm in isolation. An in-combination assessment was completed using baseline concentrations of ammonia extracted from SCAIL that represent local intensive pig and poultry sources and non-intensive sources of ammonia emissions.

Point sources of emissions may be subject to building downwash depending on configuration and proximity to buildings as described in Section 5.7.

The pig housing units included in the dispersion modelling assessment are presented in Table 3 and Table 4, which specify:

- The housing unit at the pig farm
- · The type of pigs housed
- The type of ventilation
- The number of pigs housed in the building
- The number of sources used to represent the mechanical ventilation points in the modelling assessment
- The modelled emission rate per modelled source.

The pig housing units at the Site are mechanically ventilated and were configured as point sources in the modelling assessment.

To represent the existing pig housing units in the dispersion modelling assessment point sources included in the modelling assessment, the number of pigs per source and the ammonia emission rate per source included in the modeling assessment are presented in Table 3.

To represent the new pig housing units in the dispersion modelling assessment point sources included in the modelling assessment, the number of pigs per source and the ammonia emission rate per source included in the modeling assessment are presented in Table 4.

Table 3 Old pig housing units included in the dispersion modelling assessment, number of pigs housed, modelled sources per housing unit and ammonia emission rate per modelled source.

| Housing Unit | Type of Pig | Type of Ventilation | Number of Housed Pigs | Number of Modelled Sources | Ammonia Emission Rate per Source (ou/s) | |
|--|---------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|--|
| Housing Unit 1 | Second stage | Mechanical | 450 | 3 | 0.0025 | |
| Housing Unit 2 | First Stage | Mechanical | 200 | 4 | 0.0008 | |
| Housing Unit 4 | Dry Sow House | Mechanical | 250 | 7 | 0.0031 | |
| Housing Unit 4a | Dry Sow House | Mechanical | 40 | 1 | 0.0034 | |
| Housing Unit 5 | Second stage | Mechanical | 300 | 2 | 0.0025 | |
| Housing Unit 6 | First Stage | Mechanical | 400 | 10 | 0.0007 | |
| Housing Unit 7a | Farrowing | Mechanical | 55 | 5 | 0.0014 | |
| Housing Unit 7b | Farrowing | Mechanical | 55 | 6 | 0.0012 | |
| Housing Unit 7c | Farrowing | Mechanical | 55 | 4 | 0.0018 | |
| Housing Unit 8a | Fattening | Mechanical | 300 | 5 | 0.0039 | |
| Housing Unit 8b | Fattening | Mechanical | 315 | 8 | 0.0026 | |
| Housing Unit 8c | Farrowing | Mechanical | 60 | 2 | 0.0013 | |
| Housing Unit 8d | Second stage | Mechanical | 240 | 5 | 0.0008 | |
| Housing Unit 9a | Fattening | Mechanical | 300 | 4 | 0.0049 | |
| Housing Unit 9b | Fattening | Mechanical | 300 | 4 | 0.0049 | |
| Housing Unit 10a | Fattening | Mechanical | 520 | 6 | 0.0057 | |
| Housing Unit 10b | Fattening | Mechanical | 320 | 7 | 0.0030 | |
| Housing Unit 11 | Fattening | Mechanical | 770 | 7 | 0.0072 | |
| Housing Unit 11a | Fattening | Mechanical | 100 | 1 | 0.0066 | |
| Housing Unit 12 | Dry Sow House | Mechanical | 128 ¹ | 5 | 0.0013 | |
| Housing Unit 13 | First Stage | Mechanical | 250 | 6 | 0.0007 | |
| Housing Unit 14 | Second stage | Mechanical | 400 | 2 | 0.0034 | |
| Housing Unit 15 | First Stage | Mechanical | 100 | 2 | 0.0008 | |
| Housing Unit 16 | Farrowing | Mechanical | 55 | 2 | 0.0036 | |
| Housing Unit 17 | Fattening | Mechanical | 1225 | 14 | 0.0057 | |
| Housing Unit 18 | Second stage | Mechanical | 750 | 17 | 0.0007 | |
| Housing Unit 19 | Dry Sow House | Mechanical | 335 | 8 | 0.0027 | |
| Housing Unit 19a Gilt Mechanical 160 4 0.003 | | | | | 0.0029 | |
| ¹ includes three (3) boars | | | | | | |

Table 4 New pig housing units included in the dispersion modelling assessment, number of pigs housed, modelled sources per housing unit and ammonia emission rate per modelled source.

| Housing Unit | Type of Pig | Type of Ventilation | Number of Housed Pigs | Number of modelled sources | Ammonia Emission Rate (g/s) |
|----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| New Housing Unit 20 | Fattening | Mechanical | 2950 | 24 | 0.243 |
| New Housing Unit 21a | Second stage | Mechanical | 1700 | 8 | 0.029 |
| New Housing Unit 21b | Fattening | Mechanical | 1900 | 16 | 0.157 |
| New Housing Unit 22a | Service/Farrowing | Mechanical | 240 | 12 | 0.043 |
| New Housing Unit 22b | First Stage | Mechanical | 1700 | 8 | 0.029 |
| New Housing Unit 23a | Second stage | Mechanical | 510 | 5 | 0.009 |
| New Housing Unit 23b | Dry Sow/Gilt | Mechanical | 612 ¹ | 6 | 0.052 |

¹ The 612 pigs comprise of 480 dry sows and 130 gilts and 2 boars will be housed in this section of New Housing Unit 23

The details of source characterisation utilised for the pig farm in the dispersion modelling assessment are provided in Appendix B1 as follows:

- Table B.1 for sources at the old housing units
- Table B.2 for sources at the new housing units.

5.6 Deposition

Deposition flux rates of nitrogen at sensitive receptors were estimated based on the predicted concentrations of ammonia across the modelled domain and using the following calculation methodology that is described in AG4:

The critical loads in ecologically sensitive areas such as SPAs, SACs and NHAs can be determined using the methodology outlined in the UK publication "AQTAG06 – Technical Guidance on Detailed Modelling Approach For An Appropriate Assessment For Emissions To Air" (Environment Agency, 2014)(64). The approach is based on using the maximum annual average ground level concentration within the ecologically sensitive area and converting this concentration into a deposition flux based on a chemical species specific deposition velocity (m/s) as outlined in Table A3.

The recommended dry deposition velocities for ammonia in Table A3 of AG4 are:

- 0.02 m/s for grassland
- 0.03 m/s for forest.

Dry deposition flux (μ g m⁻² s⁻¹) is calculated as the product of the ground-level process contribution (μ g/m³) and the deposition velocity (m/s).

The dry deposition velocities adopted in the modelling assessment were conservatively assumed to be 0.03 m/s for all modelled sensitive locations.

5.7 Building downwash

When modelling emissions from an industrial installation it should be borne in mind that stacks that are relatively short can be subjected to additional turbulence due to the presence of nearby buildings. Buildings are considered nearby if they are within five times the lesser of the building height or maximum projected building width (but not greater than 800m) (EPA, 2020).

A plume of a short stack is likely to be down-washed if its height is less than two and a half times the height of nearby buildings within a distance of 10 x L from each source, where L is the lesser of the height or width of the building. A Building Profile Input Program (BPIP) was used to determine the effects of buildings at the site on the point sources of emissions at the pig farm. The Plume Rise Model Enhancements (PRIME) algorithm is recommended in EPA Guidance for use in dispersion modelling assessments. PRIME was used in the dispersion modelling assessment to determine the effect of building induced turbulence on plumes from point sources at the pig farm.

The PRIME algorithm takes into account the position of each stack relative to each relevant building and the projected shape of each building for 36 wind directions (at 10° intervals). The model determines the change in plume centreline location with downwind distance based on the slope of the mean streamlines and coupled to a numerical plume rise model.

The old and new housing units at the pig farm and configuration of the pig housing units included in the PRIME BPIP model for the dispersion modelling assessment are presented in Table 5 for the old housing units and Table 6 for the new housing units.

Table 5 Vertices included and configuration of the old pig housing units in BPIP

| D 711 | Easting | Northing |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|
| Building | UTM (m) | UTM (m) |
| | 514930 | 5721710 |
| | 514933 | 5721697 |
| Old Housing Unit 1 | 514843 | 5721682 |
| | 514841 | 5721695 |
| | 514834 | 5721694 |
| 01111 | 514836 | 5721681 |
| Old Housing Unit 2 | 514759 | 5721669 |
| | 514758 | 5721682 |
| | 514930 | 5721725 |
| 01111 | 514932 | 5721712 |
| Old Housing Unit 3 | 514757 | 5721683 |
| | 514756 | 5721695 |
| | 514928 | 5721740 |
| Old Haveing Heit 4 | 514930 | 5721727 |
| Old Housing Unit 4 | 514810 | 5721708 |
| | 514808 | 5721720 |
| | 514807 | 5721721 |
| 01111 | 514808 | 5721709 |
| Old Housing Unit 5 | 514778 | 5721704 |
| | 514777 | 5721716 |
| | 514777 | 5721703 |
| 01111 | 514755 | 5721699 |
| Old Housing Unit 6 | 514754 | 5721709 |
| | 514775 | 5721713 |
| Old Have in a Haife 7 | 514771 | 5721718 |
| Old Housing Unit 7 | 514772 | 5721713 |

| Puildin a | Easting | Northing |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|
| Building | UTM (m) | UTM (m) |
| | 514754 | 5721709 |
| | 514753 | 5721715 |
| | 514780 | 5721720 |
| | 514752 | 5721715 |
| Old Housing Unit 8 | 514751 | 5721728 |
| | 514778 | 5721733 |
| | 514790 | 5721718 |
| 01111 | 514781 | 5721717 |
| Old Housing Unit 9 | 514780 | 5721732 |
| | 514789 | 5721733 |
| | 514928 | 5721740 |
| Old Haveign Heit 40 | 514794 | 5721721 |
| Old Housing Unit 10 | 514793 | 5721732 |
| | 514926 | 5721752 |
| | 514926 | 5721753 |
| Old Haveing Heit 44 | 514791 | 5721733 |
| Old Housing Unit 11 | 514790 | 5721747 |
| | 514924 | 5721766 |
| | 514788 | 5721734 |
| Old Housing Unit 12 | 514775 | 5721733 |
| Old Housing Office 12 | 514775 | 5721746 |
| | 514787 | 5721748 |
| | 514772 | 5721746 |
| Old Housing Unit 13 | 514774 | 5721733 |
| Old Flousing Offic 13 | 514748 | 5721729 |
| | 514747 | 5721742 |
| Old Haveing Hait 4.4 | 514800 | 5721750 |
| | 514746 | 5721743 |
| Old Housing Unit 14 | 514744 | 5721756 |
| | 514798 | 5721764 |
| | 514923 | 5721768 |
| Old Housing Unit 15 | 514809 | 5721752 |
| Old Housing Unit 15 | 514808 | 5721764 |
| | 514921 | 5721780 |
| | 514921 | 5721782 |
| Old Housing Unit 46 | 514850 | 5721773 |
| Old Housing Unit 16 | 514847 | 5721793 |
| | 514918 | 5721804 |

Table 6 Vertices included and configuration of the new pig housing units in BPIP

| Duilding | Easting | Northing |
|---|---------|----------|
| Building | UTM (m) | UTM (m) |
| New Housing Unit 20 (Fattening House) | 514813 | 5722010 |
| | 514841 | 5722019 |
| | 514800 | 5722149 |
| | 514773 | 5722140 |
| New Housing Unit 21 (Fattening and Second Stage Weaner House) | 514786 | 5722001 |
| | 514813 | 5722010 |
| | 514773 | 5722140 |
| | 514744 | 5722131 |
| | 514760 | 5721992 |
| New Housing Unit 22 (Service /S\Farrowing and First Stage Weaner House) | 514786 | 5722001 |
| | 514744 | 5722131 |
| | 514719 | 5722121 |
| New Housing Unit 23 (Second Stage Weaner, Dry Sow + Gilt House) | 514729 | 5722002 |
| | 514755 | 5722009 |
| | 514719 | 5722120 |
| | 514695 | 5722112 |

6. ASSESSMENT RESULTS

The results of the assessment are presented in this section. Katestone followed the step-wise approach described in EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance in this assessment. The results of each step considered in the modelling assessment are presented in this section.

In summary, following the step-wise approach described in EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance required the following steps to be completed:

- Step 1
- Step 4
- Step 5.

6.1 Results of Step 1

Question 2 of Step 1 in the EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance asks:

Are the background levels already exceeded for the ammonia critical level or nitrogen critical load at Natura sites within the zone of influence of my site (as reported by SCAIL)?

The background concentrations of ammonia and the background nitrogen deposition flux as determined using the SCAIL screening tool are presented along with the appropriate critical level for ammonia and critical load for nitrogen deposition fluxes in Table 7.

The results show that the background concentrations of ammonia exceed the relevant critical level for ammonia at a number of the modelled discrete receptor locations on each of the Natura 2000 including:

- The Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC
- The Courtmacsherry Bay SPA

According to Step 1 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance:

- The approaches using the SCAIL-Agriculture model described in Step 2 and Step 3 of the EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance are not applicable.
- A detailed assessment completed in accordance with Step 4 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance is, therefore, required to be completed. The results of the Step 4 assessment are presented in Section 6.2.

Table 7 Background concentrations of ammonia and the background nitrogen deposition flux as determined using the SCAIL screening tool are presented along with the appropriate critical level for ammonia and critical load for nitrogen deposition fluxes

| Discrete Receptor | NH ₃ Background (ug m-3) | Criteria | NDEP Background (kg/ha/yr) | Criteria |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| DR1 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 8.0 | 30.0 |
| DR2 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 8.0 | 30.0 |
| DR3 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 8.0 | 30.0 |
| DR4 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.8 | 30.0 |
| DR5 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.8 | 30.0 |
| DR6 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR7 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 30.0 |

| Discrete Receptor | NH ₃ Background (ug m-3) | Criteria | NDEP Background (kg/ha/yr) | Criteria |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| DR8 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 30.0 |
| DR9 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR10 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR11 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR12 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR13 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR14 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR15 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR16 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR17 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 30.0 |
| DR18 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 7.6 | 20.0 |
| DR19 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 20.0 |
| DR20 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 20.0 |
| DR21 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 30.0 |
| DR22 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 30.0 |
| DR23 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 20.0 |
| DR24 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 20.0 |
| DR25 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 20.0 |
| DR26 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 8.5 | 20.0 |
| DR27 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 7.4 | 20.0 |
| DR28 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 8.5 | 20.0 |
| DR29 | 3.1 | 3.0 | 8.5 | 20.0 |
| DR30 | 2.9 | 3.0 | 7.8 | 20.0 |
| DR31 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 7.1 | 20.0 |
| DR32 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 6.7 | 20.0 |
| DR33 | 2.3 | 3.0 | 6.7 | 20.0 |
| DR34 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR35 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR36 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR37 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR38 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR39 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR40 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| DR41 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR42 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| DR43 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| DR44 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 30.0 |
| DR45 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 20.0 |
| DR46 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| DR47 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| DR48 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 30.0 |
| DR49 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 30.0 |
| DR50 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 30.0 |

| Discrete Receptor | NH₃ Background (ug m-3) | Criteria | NDEP Background (kg/ha/yr) | Criteria |
|-------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------------------------|----------|
| DR51 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 8.0 |
| DR52 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 8.0 |
| DR53 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 30.0 |
| DR54 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 30.0 |
| DR55 | 1.8 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 30.0 |
| DR56 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 30.0 |
| DR57 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 6.1 | 30.0 |
| DR58 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 6.4 | 30.0 |
| DR59 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.2 | 30.0 |
| DR60 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 6.6 | 30.0 |
| DR61 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 6.6 | 30.0 |
| DR62 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 5.9 | 30.0 |
| DR63 | 2.1 | 3.0 | 6.1 | 30.0 |
| DR64 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 5.7 | 8.0 |
| DR65 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 5.7 | 8.0 |
| DR66 | 2.0 | 3.0 | 6.1 | 8.0 |
| DR67 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 5.7 | 30.0 |
| DR68 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 5.7 | 30.0 |
| DR69 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 5.7 | 30.0 |

6.2 Results of Step 4

Step 4 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance requires a licensee/applicant to complete a detailed dispersion modelling assessment.

Dispersion modelling has been conducted for five years of meteorological data. The following sections present the highest concentrations across the five-year modelled period as required by EPA dispersion modelling guidance.

The predicted ground-level concentrations of ammonia and annual average flux rate of nitrogen deposition at the nearest ecologically sensitive locations due to the pig farm are presented in Table 8.

The results in Table 8 are compared against the Step 4 criteria identified in EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance, which require the process contribution of the pig farm (PC) to be:

- ≤1% of the critical level for ammonia
- ≤1% of the critical load for nitrogen deposition?

The results presented in Table 8 show that, in relation to the 1% threshold identified in Step 4 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance, the PC due to the pig farm exceeds the 1% PC threshold defined in Step 4 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance for ammonia and nitrogen deposition at a number of modelled discrete receptor locations on:

- The Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC (Receptors 1 53)
- The Courtmacsherry Bay SPA (Receptors 1 − 53)
- Seven Heads SPA (Receptors 53 57)
- Clonakilty Bay SPA (Receptors 53 57)

• Clonakilty Bay SAC (Receptors 58 – 69)

If the criteria identified in Step 4 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance are exceeded, the licensee/applicant is required to undertake the assessment defined in Step 5 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance. Step 5 requires detailed modelling that takes account of in-combination effects. The results of the assessment undertaken to consider the impacts of the proposed development in the context of Step 5 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance is presented in Section 6.3 for the modelled sensitive locations on the Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC, the Courtmacsherry Bay SPA the Seven Heads SPA the Clonakilty Bay SPA and the Clonakilty Bay SAC.

Table 8 The predicted ground-level concentrations of ammonia and annual average flux rate of nitrogen deposition at the nearest ecologically sensitive locations due to the pig farm

| | | Ammonia | | Nitrogen Deposition | | | |
|------|------------------------|----------|---------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|--|
| DR | Concentration µg/m³ | Criteria | % of criteria | Rate kg/ha/yr | Criteria µg/m³ | % of criteria | |
| DR1 | 0.20 | 3.0 | 6.6% | 1.86 | 30.0 | 6.2% | |
| DR2 | 0.26 | 3.0 | 8.8% | 2.49 | 30.0 | 8.3% | |
| DR3 | 0.28 | 3.0 | 9.3% | 2.64 | 30.0 | 8.8% | |
| DR4 | 0.27 | 3.0 | 8.8% | 2.50 | 30.0 | 8.3% | |
| DR5 | 0.22 | 3.0 | 7.4% | 2.09 | 30.0 | 7.0% | |
| DR6 | 0.23 | 3.0 | 7.8% | 2.21 | 20.0 | 11.1% | |
| DR7 | 0.26 | 3.0 | 8.7% | 2.47 | 30.0 | 8.2% | |
| DR8 | 0.29 | 3.0 | 9.5% | 2.70 | 30.0 | 9.0% | |
| DR9 | 0.26 | 3.0 | 8.6% | 2.44 | 20.0 | 12.2% | |
| DR10 | 0.26 | 3.0 | 8.6% | 2.44 | 20.0 | 12.2% | |
| DR11 | 0.26 | 3.0 | 8.8% | 2.49 | 20.0 | 12.4% | |
| DR12 | 0.23 | 3.0 | 7.8% | 2.22 | 20.0 | 11.1% | |
| DR13 | 0.25 | 3.0 | 8.5% | 2.40 | 20.0 | 12.0% | |
| DR14 | 0.23 | 3.0 | 7.8% | 2.21 | 20.0 | 11.0% | |
| DR15 | 0.23 | 3.0 | 7.8% | 2.21 | 20.0 | 11.0% | |
| DR16 | 0.24 | 3.0 | 7.9% | 2.22 | 20.0 | 11.1% | |
| DR17 | 0.25 | 3.0 | 8.5% | 2.39 | 30.0 | 8.0% | |
| DR18 | 0.25 | 3.0 | 8.2% | 2.31 | 20.0 | 11.6% | |
| DR19 | 0.23 | 3.0 | 7.7% | 2.18 | 20.0 | 10.9% | |
| DR20 | 0.21 | 3.0 | 7.1% | 2.02 | 20.0 | 10.1% | |
| DR21 | 0.22 | 3.0 | 7.3% | 2.06 | 30.0 | 6.9% | |
| DR22 | 0.20 | 3.0 | 6.6% | 1.87 | 30.0 | 6.2% | |
| DR23 | 0.18 | 3.0 | 6.0% | 1.71 | 20.0 | 8.5% | |
| DR24 | 0.17 | 3.0 | 5.6% | 1.60 | 20.0 | 8.0% | |
| DR25 | 0.15 | 3.0 | 5.1% | 1.44 | 20.0 | 7.2% | |
| DR26 | 0.15 | 3.0 | 4.8% | 1.37 | 20.0 | 6.9% | |
| DR27 | 0.14 | 3.0 | 4.6% | 1.30 | 20.0 | 6.5% | |
| DR28 | 0.13 | 3.0 | 4.3% | 1.23 | 20.0 | 6.1% | |

| | | Ammonia | | N | Nitrogen Deposition | | | |
|------|---------------------|----------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|--|--|
| DR | Concentration µg/m³ | Criteria | % of criteria | Rate kg/ha/yr | Criteria µg/m³ | % of criteria | | |
| DR29 | 0.11 | 3.0 | 3.8% | 1.08 | 20.0 | 5.4% | | |
| DR30 | 0.10 | 3.0 | 3.5% | 0.98 | 20.0 | 4.9% | | |
| DR31 | 0.20 | 3.0 | 6.7% | 1.89 | 20.0 | 9.4% | | |
| DR32 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.4% | 0.40 | 20.0 | 2.0% | | |
| DR33 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.4% | 0.40 | 20.0 | 2.0% | | |
| DR34 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.4% | 0.40 | 20.0 | 2.0% | | |
| DR35 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.5% | 0.41 | 20.0 | 2.1% | | |
| DR36 | 0.05 | 3.0 | 1.6% | 0.44 | 20.0 | 2.2% | | |
| DR37 | 0.05 | 3.0 | 1.7% | 0.47 | 20.0 | 2.3% | | |
| DR38 | 0.06 | 3.0 | 2.1% | 0.58 | 20.0 | 2.9% | | |
| DR39 | 0.06 | 3.0 | 2.1% | 0.61 | 20.0 | 3.0% | | |
| DR40 | 0.06 | 3.0 | 2.1% | 0.61 | 8.0 | 7.6% | | |
| DR41 | 0.07 | 3.0 | 2.4% | 0.67 | 20.0 | 3.3% | | |
| DR42 | 0.07 | 3.0 | 2.3% | 0.66 | 8.0 | 8.2% | | |
| DR43 | 0.07 | 3.0 | 2.4% | 0.67 | 8.0 | 8.4% | | |
| DR44 | 0.07 | 3.0 | 2.3% | 0.65 | 30.0 | 2.2% | | |
| DR45 | 0.08 | 3.0 | 2.5% | 0.71 | 20.0 | 3.6% | | |
| DR46 | 0.07 | 3.0 | 2.5% | 0.70 | 8.0 | 8.7% | | |
| DR47 | 0.07 | 3.0 | 2.5% | 0.70 | 8.0 | 8.7% | | |
| DR48 | 0.08 | 3.0 | 2.7% | 0.76 | 30.0 | 2.5% | | |
| DR49 | 0.08 | 3.0 | 2.8% | 0.78 | 30.0 | 2.6% | | |
| DR50 | 0.09 | 3.0 | 2.9% | 0.81 | 30.0 | 2.7% | | |
| DR51 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.2% | 0.35 | 8.0 | 4.3% | | |
| DR52 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.3% | 0.37 | 8.0 | 4.6% | | |
| DR53 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.2% | 0.35 | 30.0 | 1.2% | | |
| DR54 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.2% | 0.35 | 30.0 | 1.2% | | |
| DR55 | 0.03 | 3.0 | 0.9% | 0.25 | 30.0 | 0.8% | | |
| DR56 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.4% | 0.11 | 30.0 | 0.4% | | |
| DR57 | 0.02 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.16 | 30.0 | 0.5% | | |
| DR58 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.4% | 0.12 | 30.0 | 0.4% | | |
| DR59 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.4% | 0.12 | 30.0 | 0.4% | | |
| DR60 | 0.03 | 3.0 | 0.9% | 0.26 | 30.0 | 0.9% | | |
| DR61 | 0.03 | 3.0 | 1.0% | 0.27 | 30.0 | 0.9% | | |
| DR62 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.14 | 30.0 | 0.5% | | |
| DR63 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.4% | 0.12 | 30.0 | 0.4% | | |
| DR64 | 0.02 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.15 | 8.0 | 1.9% | | |
| DR65 | 0.02 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.15 | 8.0 | 1.9% | | |
| DR66 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.14 | 8.0 | 1.8% | | |
| DR67 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.14 | 30.0 | 0.5% | | |

| | 1 | Ammonia | | Nitrogen Deposition | | | |
|------|------------------|---------|---------------|---------------------|----------|---------------|--|
| DR | DR Concentration | | % of criteria | Rate | Criteria | % of criteria | |
| | μg/m³ | μg/m³ | | kg/ha/yr | μg/m³ | | |
| DR68 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.14 | 30.0 | 0.5% | |
| DR69 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.13 | 30.0 | 0.4% | |

6.3 Results of Step 5

Step 5 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance requires detailed modelling to determine the incombination effects of:

- The pig farm
- Intensive agricultural installations (IAI) built or approved since the most recent update of background levels (determined using SCAIL-Agriculture).

The results of the in-combination assessment are assessed against the criteria identified in Step 5.

The most recent update to background levels of ammonia and nitrogen deposition was in 2018 with data used based on the locations of pig and poultry farms up to 2015 (Kelleghan *et al.*, 2022).

A review of nearby IAIs (IAI Review) was undertaken to identify all IAI developments that received licence/planning approval since 2018 or IAI developments that were built since 2018 within the following set-back distances identified in Step 5 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance:

- Licensed IAI within 10 km of the closest point of 1) The Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC, 2) The
 Courtmacsherry Bay SPA 3) The Seven Heads SPA 4) The Clonakilty Bay SPA 5) The Clonakilty Bay
 SAC to the pig farm.
- Sub-threshold Licensed IAI within 5 km of the closest point of 1) The Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC, 2)
 The Courtmacsherry Bay SPA 3) The Seven Heads SPA 4) The Clonakilty Bay SPA 5) The Clonakilty Bay SAC to the pig farm.

The IAI Review included detailed searches of satellite imagery, the EPA licence database and the planning system of Cork County Council.

The areas searched were determined using the methodology defined in EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance and are presented in Figure 10.

The IAI Review identified:

- There are a small number of IAI in the areas searched
- There have been no new EPA licence approvals for IAI within the search areas since 2018
- EPA has not approved any increases in stocking numbers at any EPA licensed IAI in the search areas after 2018
- EPA has not approved any licence amendments/reviews for any EPA licensed IAI in the search areas

The results of the IAI Review identified there is no requirement for a cumulative assessment of impacts on the Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC, the Courtmacsherry Bay SPA the Seven Heads SPA the Clonakilty Bay SPA and the Clonakilty Bay SAC as no IAI meet the requirements of Step 5 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment

Guidance. Accordingly, the cumulative impact on the Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC, the Courtmacsherry Bay SPA the Seven Heads SPA the Clonakilty Bay SPA and the Clonakilty Bay SAC of all IAI as defined in Step 5 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance is equal to the impact of the pig farm in isolation.

The results have been assessed against the Step 5 criteria identified in EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance that require the cumulative impact to be less than:

- 20% of the critical level for ammonia
- 20% of the critical load for nitrogen deposition.

The results of the Step 5 cumulative assessment on ecologically sensitive receptors on the Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC, the Courtmacsherry Bay SPA the Seven Heads SPA the Clonakilty Bay SPA and the Clonakilty Bay SAC are presented in Table 9.

At the Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC and the Courtmacsherry Bay SPA the worst-case cumulative impact due to the pig farm in combination with other IAIs that meet the requirements of Step 5 was well below the in-combination assessment level of 20% with the highest modelled results at any of the modelled sensitive locations being:

- 9.5% of the critical level for ammonia
- 12.4% of the critical load for nitrogen deposition.

At the Seven Heads SPA the worst-case cumulative impact due to the pig farm in combination with other IAIs that meet the requirements of Step 5 was below in-combination assessment level of 20% with the highest modelled results at any of the modelled sensitive locations being:

- 1.2% of the critical level for ammonia
- 1.2% of the critical load for nitrogen deposition.

At the Clonakilty Bay SPA and the Clonakilty Bay SAC the worst-case cumulative impact due to the pig farm in combination with other IAIs that meet the requirements of Step 5 was well below the in-combination assessment level of 20% with the highest modelled results at any of the modelled sensitive locations being:

- 1.0% of the critical level for ammonia
- 1.9% of the critical load for nitrogen deposition.

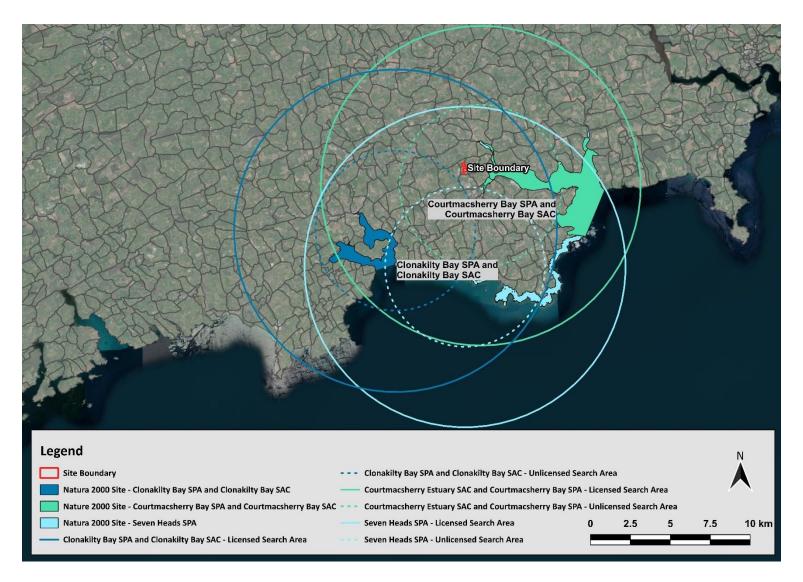


Figure 10 Areas searched for background IAIs and background IAIs that were included in the cumulative assessment using the methodology defined in EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance

Table 9 The predicted cumulative ground-level concentrations of ammonia and annual average flux rate of nitrogen deposition at the ecologically sensitive locations due to the pig farm in combination with background facilities that meet the requirements of Step 5

| | | Ammonia | | N | litrogen Dep | osition |
|------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| DR | Concentration | Criteria | % of criteria | Rate | Criteria | % of criteria |
| | μg/m³ | μg/m³ | | kg/ha/yr | μg/m³ | |
| DR1 | 0.20 | 3.0 | 6.6% | 1.86 | 30.0 | 6.2% |
| DR2 | 0.26 | 3.0 | 8.8% | 2.49 | 30.0 | 8.3% |
| DR3 | 0.28 | 3.0 | 9.3% | 2.64 | 30.0 | 8.8% |
| DR4 | 0.27 | 3.0 | 8.8% | 2.50 | 30.0 | 8.3% |
| DR5 | 0.22 | 3.0 | 7.4% | 2.09 | 30.0 | 7.0% |
| DR6 | 0.23 | 3.0 | 7.8% | 2.21 | 20.0 | 11.1% |
| DR7 | 0.26 | 3.0 | 8.7% | 2.47 | 30.0 | 8.2% |
| DR8 | 0.29 | 3.0 | 9.5% | 2.70 | 30.0 | 9.0% |
| DR9 | 0.26 | 3.0 | 8.6% | 2.44 | 20.0 | 12.2% |
| DR10 | 0.26 | 3.0 | 8.6% | 2.44 | 20.0 | 12.2% |
| DR11 | 0.26 | 3.0 | 8.8% | 2.49 | 20.0 | 12.4% |
| DR12 | 0.23 | 3.0 | 7.8% | 2.22 | 20.0 | 11.1% |
| DR13 | 0.25 | 3.0 | 8.5% | 2.40 | 20.0 | 12.0% |
| DR14 | 0.23 | 3.0 | 7.8% | 2.21 | 20.0 | 11.0% |
| DR15 | 0.23 | 3.0 | 7.8% | 2.21 | 20.0 | 11.0% |
| DR16 | 0.24 | 3.0 | 7.9% | 2.22 | 20.0 | 11.1% |
| DR17 | 0.25 | 3.0 | 8.5% | 2.39 | 30.0 | 8.0% |
| DR18 | 0.25 | 3.0 | 8.2% | 2.31 | 20.0 | 11.6% |
| DR19 | 0.23 | 3.0 | 7.7% | 2.18 | 20.0 | 10.9% |
| DR20 | 0.21 | 3.0 | 7.1% | 2.02 | 20.0 | 10.1% |
| DR21 | 0.22 | 3.0 | 7.3% | 2.06 | 30.0 | 6.9% |
| DR22 | 0.20 | 3.0 | 6.6% | 1.87 | 30.0 | 6.2% |
| DR23 | 0.18 | 3.0 | 6.0% | 1.71 | 20.0 | 8.5% |
| DR24 | 0.17 | 3.0 | 5.6% | 1.60 | 20.0 | 8.0% |
| DR25 | 0.15 | 3.0 | 5.1% | 1.44 | 20.0 | 7.2% |
| DR26 | 0.15 | 3.0 | 4.8% | 1.37 | 20.0 | 6.9% |
| DR27 | 0.14 | 3.0 | 4.6% | 1.30 | 20.0 | 6.5% |
| DR28 | 0.13 | 3.0 | 4.3% | 1.23 | 20.0 | 6.1% |
| DR29 | 0.11 | 3.0 | 3.8% | 1.08 | 20.0 | 5.4% |
| DR30 | 0.10 | 3.0 | 3.5% | 0.98 | 20.0 | 4.9% |
| DR31 | 0.20 | 3.0 | 6.7% | 1.89 | 20.0 | 9.4% |
| DR32 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.4% | 0.40 | 20.0 | 2.0% |
| DR33 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.4% | 0.40 | 20.0 | 2.0% |
| DR34 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.4% | 0.40 | 20.0 | 2.0% |
| DR35 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.5% | 0.41 | 20.0 | 2.1% |

| | | Ammonia | | N | litrogen Dep | osition |
|------|---------------|----------|---------------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| DR | Concentration | Criteria | % of criteria | Rate | Criteria | % of criteria |
| | μg/m³ | µg/m³ | | kg/ha/yr | μg/m³ | |
| DR36 | 0.05 | 3.0 | 1.6% | 0.44 | 20.0 | 2.2% |
| DR37 | 0.05 | 3.0 | 1.7% | 0.47 | 20.0 | 2.3% |
| DR38 | 0.06 | 3.0 | 2.1% | 0.58 | 20.0 | 2.9% |
| DR39 | 0.06 | 3.0 | 2.1% | 0.61 | 20.0 | 3.0% |
| DR40 | 0.06 | 3.0 | 2.1% | 0.61 | 8.0 | 7.6% |
| DR41 | 0.07 | 3.0 | 2.4% | 0.67 | 20.0 | 3.3% |
| DR42 | 0.07 | 3.0 | 2.3% | 0.66 | 8.0 | 8.2% |
| DR43 | 0.07 | 3.0 | 2.4% | 0.67 | 8.0 | 8.4% |
| DR44 | 0.07 | 3.0 | 2.3% | 0.65 | 30.0 | 2.2% |
| DR45 | 0.08 | 3.0 | 2.5% | 0.71 | 20.0 | 3.6% |
| DR46 | 0.07 | 3.0 | 2.5% | 0.70 | 8.0 | 8.7% |
| DR47 | 0.07 | 3.0 | 2.5% | 0.70 | 8.0 | 8.7% |
| DR48 | 0.08 | 3.0 | 2.7% | 0.76 | 30.0 | 2.5% |
| DR49 | 0.08 | 3.0 | 2.8% | 0.78 | 30.0 | 2.6% |
| DR50 | 0.09 | 3.0 | 2.9% | 0.81 | 30.0 | 2.7% |
| DR51 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.2% | 0.35 | 8.0 | 4.3% |
| DR52 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.3% | 0.37 | 8.0 | 4.6% |
| DR53 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.2% | 0.35 | 30.0 | 1.2% |
| DR54 | 0.04 | 3.0 | 1.2% | 0.35 | 30.0 | 1.2% |
| DR55 | 0.03 | 3.0 | 0.9% | 0.25 | 30.0 | 0.8% |
| DR56 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.4% | 0.11 | 30.0 | 0.4% |
| DR57 | 0.02 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.16 | 30.0 | 0.5% |
| DR58 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.4% | 0.12 | 30.0 | 0.4% |
| DR59 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.4% | 0.12 | 30.0 | 0.4% |
| DR60 | 0.03 | 3.0 | 0.9% | 0.26 | 30.0 | 0.9% |
| DR61 | 0.03 | 3.0 | 1.0% | 0.27 | 30.0 | 0.9% |
| DR62 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.14 | 30.0 | 0.5% |
| DR63 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.4% | 0.12 | 30.0 | 0.4% |
| DR64 | 0.02 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.15 | 8.0 | 1.9% |
| DR65 | 0.02 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.15 | 8.0 | 1.9% |
| DR66 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.14 | 8.0 | 1.8% |
| DR67 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.14 | 30.0 | 0.5% |
| DR68 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.14 | 30.0 | 0.5% |
| DR69 | 0.01 | 3.0 | 0.5% | 0.13 | 30.0 | 0.4% |

7. CONCLUSIONS

Carhue commissioned Katestone to complete an ammonia impact assessment (AIA) for a pig farm located at Colligboy, Timoleague, Co. Cork (site).

The pig farm has an Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) licence (Licence registration number P0621-02) issued by the Environment Protection Agency (EPA) in 2003.

According to its license, total stocking capacity for the Site is 7,462 pigs (220 suckling sows, 935 dry sows, 20 boars, 165 maiden gilts, 4,600 weaners and 3,900 finishers).

The most recent planning application to Cork County Council for the Site was in 2014 (application number 14/493) which was for an extension to the duration to a previous planning application for the pig farm. The previous planning application (application number 09/896) for the pig farm for which Cork County Council issued conditional approval in June 2009 was for a stocking capacity of 1,750 sows, 7,000 weaners and 9,000 finishers).

The AIA is required to determine the potential impact of ammonia emissions from the proposed development at the pig farm on ecologically sensitive locations in nearby Natura 2000 sites. The assessment will be submitted as part of a license review applications for the pig farm.

The AIA was conducted in accordance with the stepwise assessment procedure described in EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance (EPA, 2021) for intensive agricultural installation (IAI) and recognised techniques for dispersion modelling specified in EPA's Air Dispersion Modelling Guidance Note (AG4).

The results of the AIA are presented here:

- The results of the Step 1 assessment indicated that:
 - The approaches using the SCAIL-Agriculture model described in Step 2 and Step 3 of the EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance are not applicable
 - A detailed assessment completed in accordance with Step 4 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance is, therefore, required to be completed.
- The results of the Step 4 assessment show that, in relation to the 1% threshold identified in Step 4 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance, the PC due to the pig farm exceeds for ammonia and nitrogen deposition at a number of modelled discrete receptor locations on:
 - o The Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC (Receptors 1 − 53)
 - o The Courtmacsherry Bay SPA (Receptors 1 − 53)
 - Seven Heads SPA (Receptors 53 57)
 - Clonakilty Bay SPA (Receptors 53 57)
 - Clonakilty Bay SAC (Receptors 58 69).
- The results of the Step 4 assessment indicate that a Step 5 assessment, involving detailed modelling that
 takes account of in-combination effects, is required for the modelled sensitive locations on the
 Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC, the Courtmacsherry Bay SPA the Seven Heads SPA the Clonakilty Bay
 SPA and the Clonakilty Bay SAC.
- The Step 5 assessment requires a review of background IAIs that needed to be included in the incombination assessment. This review determined there is no requirement for a cumulative assessment of impacts on the Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC, the Courtmacsherry Bay SPA the Seven Heads SPA the Clonakilty Bay SPA and the Clonakilty Bay SAC as no IAI meets the requirements of Step 5 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance to be included. Accordingly, the cumulative impact on the Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC, the Courtmacsherry Bay SPA the Seven Heads SPA the Clonakilty Bay

SPA and the Clonakilty Bay SAC of all IAI as defined in Step 5 of EPA's Ammonia and Nitrogen Assessment Guidance is equal to the impact of the pig farm in isolation.

- The results of the in-combination Step 5 assessment show that:
 - At the Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC and the Courtmacsherry Bay SPA the worst-case cumulative impact due to the pig farm in combination with other IAIs that meet the requirements of Step 5 was well below the in-combination assessment level of 20% with the highest modelled results at any of the modelled sensitive locations being:
 - 9.5% of the critical level for ammonia
 - 12.4% of the critical load for nitrogen deposition.
- At the Seven Heads SPA the worst-case cumulative impact due to the pig farm in combination with other IAIs that meet the requirements of Step 5 was below in-combination assessment level of 20% with the highest modelled results at any of the modelled sensitive locations being:
 - 1.2% of the critical level for ammonia
 - o 1.2% of the critical load for nitrogen deposition.
- At the Clonakilty Bay SPA and the Clonakilty Bay SAC the worst-case cumulative impact due to the pig
 farm in combination with other IAIs that meet the requirements of Step 5 was below in-combination
 assessment level of 20% with the highest modelled results at any of the modelled sensitive locations
 being:
 - o 1.0% of the critical level for ammonia
 - o 1.9% of the critical load for nitrogen deposition.

Final Report Findings

The results of the assessment indicate that the cumulative impacts of the proposed pig farm with background IAIs are under EPA limits and therefore **complies** with the Step 5 evaluation criteria at all modelled locations on:

- The Courtmacsherry Estuary SAC (Receptors 1 − 53)
- The Courtmacsherry Bay SPA (Receptors 1 53)
- Seven Heads SPA (Receptors 53 57)
- Clonakilty Bay SPA (Receptors 53 57)
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APPENDIX A MODELLING METHODOLOGY

A1 METEOROLOGICAL MODELLING

A1.1 TAPM

The meteorological model, TAPM (The Air Pollution Model) Version 4.0.5, was developed by the CSIRO and has been validated by the CSIRO, Katestone and others for many locations in Australia, southeast Asia, North America and Ireland. Katestone has used the TAPM model throughout Australia and has performed well for simulating regional winds patterns. Katestone has recently used the TAPM model to generate gridded data over Cork city and Harbour. The data generated correlated well with observed data at Cork Airport. TAPM has proven to be a useful model for simulating meteorology in locations where monitoring data is unavailable.

TAPM requires synoptic meteorological information for the region surrounding the project. This information is generated by a global model similar to the large-scale models used to forecast the weather. The data are supplied on a grid resolution of approximately 75 km, and at elevations of 100 metres to five kilometres above the ground. TAPM uses this synoptic information, along with specific details of the location such as surrounding terrain, landuse, soil moisture content and soil type to simulate the meteorology of a region as well as at a specific location.

TAPM resolves local terrain and land-use features that may influence local meteorology and generates a meteorological dataset that is representative of site-specific geographic conditions. A year of synoptic data must be selected as input for TAPM. The selection of this year should be such that the year is representative of typical meteorological conditions (and therefore is not necessarily the most recent year of available data) and whether monitoring data is available for the time period to validate the output dataset. In addition, Katestone's experience elsewhere suggests that variability of dispersion meteorological conditions from year to year are unlikely to change the outcome of the air quality assessment.

TAPM was configured as follows:

- 40 x 40 grid point domain with an outer grid resolution of 30 kilometres and nesting grids of 10, 3. 1 and 0.3 kilometres.
- 5 modelled years (1 January 2015 to 31 December 2019)
- Grid centered near the Project site at latitude 52°4'29 and longitude -7°41'
- US Geological Survey EROS global terrain height database
- · TAPM default land use database, modified to be consistent with aerial imagery in the innermost grid
- 25 vertical grid levels
- No data assimilation.

A1.2 CALMET meteorological modelling

CALMET is an advanced non-steady-state diagnostic 3D meteorological model with micro-meteorological modules for overwater and overland boundary layers. The model is the meteorological pre-processor for the CALPUFF modelling system. CALMET is capable of reading hourly meteorological data as data assimilation from multiple sites within the modelling domain; it can also be initialised with the gridded three-dimensional prognostic output from other meteorological models such as TAPM. This can improve dispersion model output, particularly over complex terrain as the near surface meteorological conditions are calculated for each grid point.

CALMET (version 6.5.0) was used to simulate meteorological conditions in the region. The CALMET simulation was initialised with the gridded TAPM 3D wind field data from the 1km grid. CALMET treats the prognostic model

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output as the initial guess field for the CALMET diagnostic model wind fields. The initial guess field is then adjusted for the kinematic effects of terrain, slope flows, blocking effects and 3D divergence minimisation.

CALMET was configured with twelve vertical levels with heights at 20, 60, 100, 150, 200, 250, 350, 500, 800, 1600, 2600 and 4600 metres at each grid point.

All options and factors were selected in accordance with NSW EPA CALPUFF Guidance released by TRC Environmental in 2011 except where noted below.

Key features of CALMET used to generate the wind fields are as follows:

- Domain area of 156 x 156 grid cells at 250m spacing
- 5 years modelled (1 January 2015 to 31 December 2019)
- Prognostic wind fields input as MM5/3D.dat for "initial guess" field (as generated by TAPM)
- Gridded cloud cover from prognostic relative humidity at all levels
- No extrapolation of surface wind observations to upper layers (not used in no-obs mode)
- Terrain radius of influence set to 7km
- Maximum search radius of 10 grid cells in averaging process
- Use prognostic relative humidity
- Land use data modified to be consistent with aerial imagery.

All other options set to default.

A2 CALPUFF DISPERSION MODELLING

CALPUFF simulates the dispersion of air pollutants to predict ground-level concentration and deposition rates across a network of receptors spaced at regular intervals, and at identified discrete locations. CALPUFF is a non-steady-state Lagrangian Gaussian puff model containing parameterisations for complex terrain effects, overwater transport, coastal interaction effects, building downwash, wet and dry removal, and simple chemical transformation. CALPUFF employs the 3D meteorological fields generated from the CALMET model by simulating the effects of time and space varying meteorological conditions on pollutant transport, transformation and removal. CALPUFF takes into account the geophysical features of the study area that affects dispersion of pollutants and ground-level concentrations of those pollutants in identified regions of interest. CALPUFF contains algorithms that can resolve near-source effects such as building downwash, transitional plume rise, partial plume penetration, sub-grid scale terrain interactions, as well as the long-range effects of removal, transformation, vertical wind shear, overwater transport and coastal interactions. Emission sources can be characterised as arbitrarily-varying point, area, volume and lines or any combination of those sources within the modelling domain.

Key features of CALPUFF used to simulate dispersion:

- Domain area of 156 x 156 grid cells at 250m spacing, the same as the CALMET domain
- 5 years modelled (1 January 2015 to 31 December 2019)
- Gridded 3D hourly-varying meteorological conditions generated by CALMET
- Partial plume path adjustment for terrain modelled
- Dispersion coefficients calculated internally from sigma v and sigma w using micrometeorological variables

All other options set to default.

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APPENDIX B DISPERSION MODELLING ASSESSMENT

B1 MODELLING SOURCE PARAMETERS

Table B.1 Modelled parameters of the sources adopted in the dispersion modelling assessment for the old housing units

| | x-coordinate | y-coordinate | Base Elevation | Stack Height | Diameter | Temperature | Exhaust Velocity |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------------|
| Source Number | km | km | m | m | m | °C | m/s |
| O1_1 | 514773 | 5721726 | 112.4 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| 01_2 | 514759 | 5721724 | 112.6 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| 01_3 | 514759 | 5721722 | 112.4 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| 02_1 | 514788 | 5721723 | 112.1 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| 02_2 | 514787 | 5721727 | 112.3 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| O2_3 | 514787 | 5721731 | 112.5 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| O2_4 | 514781 | 5721719 | 112.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| O4_1 | 514859 | 5721735 | 111.3 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O4_2 | 514843 | 5721733 | 111.7 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O4_3 | 514828 | 5721731 | 111.9 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O4_4 | 514814 | 5721729 | 112.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O4_5 | 514800 | 5721727 | 112.1 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O4_6 | 514889 | 5721740 | 110.2 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O4_7 | 514892 | 5721740 | 110.1 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O4a_1 | 514917 | 5721745 | 109.2 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O5_1 | 514770 | 5721707 | 111.5 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| O5_2 | 514759 | 5721704 | 111.5 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |

| | x-coordinate | y-coordinate | Base Elevation | Stack Height | Diameter | Temperature | Exhaust Velocity |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------------|
| Source Number | km | km | m | m | m | °C | m/s |
| O6_1 | 514780 | 5721711 | 111.6 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| O6_2 | 514780 | 5721709 | 111.5 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| O6_3 | 514786 | 5721712 | 111.6 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| O6_4 | 514786 | 5721710 | 111.5 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| O6_5 | 514791 | 5721713 | 111.6 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| O6_6 | 514792 | 5721711 | 111.5 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| O6_7 | 514797 | 5721714 | 111.5 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| O6_8 | 514797 | 5721711 | 111.4 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| O6_9 | 514802 | 5721715 | 111.5 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| O6_10 | 514803 | 5721712 | 111.4 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| O7a_1 | 514834 | 5721718 | 111.2 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |
| O7a_2 | 514829 | 5721716 | 111.2 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |
| O7a_3 | 514822 | 5721716 | 111.3 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |
| O7a_4 | 514816 | 5721715 | 111.3 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |
| O7a_5 | 514811 | 5721714 | 111.4 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |
| O7b_1 | 514870 | 5721724 | 110.4 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |
| O7b_2 | 514864 | 5721723 | 110.6 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |
| O7b_3 | 514858 | 5721722 | 110.8 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |
| O7b_4 | 514852 | 5721721 | 111.0 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |
| O7b_5 | 514847 | 5721720 | 111.1 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |
| O7b_6 | 514841 | 5721719 | 111.2 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |
| O7c_1 | 514895 | 5721728 | 109.5 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |
| O7c_2 | 514890 | 5721727 | 109.7 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |
| O7c_3 | 514884 | 5721726 | 109.9 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |

| | x-coordinate | y-coordinate | Base Elevation | Stack Height | Diameter | Temperature | Exhaust Velocity |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------------|
| Source Number | km | km | m | m | m | °C | m/s |
| O7c_4 | 514878 | 5721725 | 110.1 | 4.5 | 0.4064 | 25 | 5.2 |
| O8a_1 | 514757 | 5721689 | 110.8 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O8a_2 | 514765 | 5721691 | 110.8 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O8a_3 | 514772 | 5721691 | 110.7 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O8a_4 | 514779 | 5721693 | 110.7 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O8a_5 | 514787 | 5721695 | 110.8 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O8b_1 | 514800 | 5721697 | 110.7 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O8b_2 | 514809 | 5721698 | 110.7 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O8b_3 | 514819 | 5721699 | 110.6 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O8b_4 | 514827 | 5721701 | 110.6 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O8b_5 | 514842 | 5721704 | 110.6 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O8b_6 | 514851 | 5721705 | 110.4 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O8b_7 | 514861 | 5721707 | 110.1 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O8b_8 | 514869 | 5721708 | 109.8 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O8c_1 | 514881 | 5721710 | 109.4 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O8c_2 | 514897 | 5721713 | 108.9 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O8d_1 | 514908 | 5721710 | 108.3 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| O8d_2 | 514913 | 5721710 | 108.1 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| O8d_3 | 514918 | 5721711 | 108.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| O8d_4 | 514923 | 5721712 | 107.8 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| O8d_5 | 514928 | 5721713 | 107.6 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| O10a_1 | 514847 | 5721690 | 109.9 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O10a_2 | 514850 | 5721691 | 109.9 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O10a_3 | 514860 | 5721692 | 109.6 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |

| | x-coordinate | y-coordinate | Base Elevation | Stack Height | Diameter | Temperature | Exhaust Velocity |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------------|
| Source Number | km | km | m | m | m | °C | m/s |
| O10a_4 | 514865 | 5721692 | 109.4 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O10a_5 | 514869 | 5721693 | 109.3 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O10a_6 | 514873 | 5721694 | 109.1 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O10b_1 | 514879 | 5721695 | 108.9 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O10b_2 | 514887 | 5721696 | 108.7 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O10b_3 | 514896 | 5721698 | 108.4 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O10b_4 | 514903 | 5721699 | 108.1 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O10b_5 | 514911 | 5721700 | 107.9 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O10b_6 | 514918 | 5721702 | 107.7 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O10b_7 | 514926 | 5721703 | 107.4 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O9b_1 | 514828 | 5721686 | 110.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O9b_2 | 514821 | 5721685 | 110.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O9b_3 | 514812 | 5721684 | 110.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O9b_4 | 514803 | 5721683 | 110.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O9a_1 | 514793 | 5721681 | 110.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O9a_2 | 514784 | 5721679 | 110.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O9a_3 | 514776 | 5721678 | 110.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O9a_4 | 514768 | 5721677 | 110.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O11a_1 | 514915 | 5721758 | 109.7 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O11a_2 | 514903 | 5721756 | 110.2 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O11a_3 | 514895 | 5721755 | 110.5 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O11a_4 | 514887 | 5721753 | 110.8 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O11a_5 | 514879 | 5721752 | 111.1 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O11a_6 | 514872 | 5721751 | 111.3 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |

| | x-coordinate | y-coordinate | Base Elevation | Stack Height | Diameter | Temperature | Exhaust Velocity |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------------|
| Source Number | km | km | m | m | m | °C | m/s |
| O11a_7 | 514864 | 5721750 | 111.6 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O11a_8 | 514856 | 5721749 | 111.9 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O12_1 | 514848 | 5721748 | 112.2 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O12_2 | 514833 | 5721746 | 112.4 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O12_3 | 514822 | 5721745 | 112.5 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O12_4 | 514811 | 5721743 | 112.6 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O12_5 | 514795 | 5721740 | 112.8 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O13_1 | 514783 | 5721743 | 113.1 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O13_2 | 514783 | 5721741 | 113.0 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O13_3 | 514783 | 5721737 | 112.8 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O13_4 | 514777 | 5721743 | 113.2 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O13_5 | 514777 | 5721740 | 113.1 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O13_6 | 514777 | 5721737 | 112.9 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O14_1 | 514765 | 5721738 | 113.2 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| O14_2 | 514753 | 5721736 | 113.3 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| O15_1 | 514766 | 5721714 | 111.9 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| O15_2 | 514757 | 5721712 | 112.0 | 4.5 | 0.5 | 25 | 4.5 |
| O16_2 | 514901 | 5721729 | 109.3 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| O16_1 | 514915 | 5721731 | 108.8 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| 017_1 | 514917 | 5721773 | 110.2 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| 017_2 | 514909 | 5721772 | 110.5 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O17_3 | 514901 | 5721771 | 110.8 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O17_4 | 514893 | 5721770 | 111.1 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O17_5 | 514885 | 5721769 | 111.4 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |

| | x-coordinate | y-coordinate | Base Elevation | Stack Height | Diameter | Temperature | Exhaust Velocity |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------------|
| Source Number | km | km | m | m | m | °C | m/s |
| O17_6 | 514878 | 5721768 | 111.7 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O17_7 | 514870 | 5721766 | 112.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O17_8 | 514862 | 5721765 | 112.3 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O17_9 | 514849 | 5721763 | 112.8 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O17_10 | 514844 | 5721762 | 112.8 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O17_11 | 514838 | 5721762 | 113.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O17_12 | 514826 | 5721760 | 113.1 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O17_13 | 514819 | 5721759 | 113.2 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O17_14 | 514814 | 5721758 | 113.3 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 5.8 |
| O18_1 | 514795 | 5721753 | 113.4 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O18_2 | 514795 | 5721757 | 113.6 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O18_3 | 514795 | 5721761 | 113.8 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O18_4 | 514789 | 5721752 | 113.5 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O18_5 | 514789 | 5721756 | 113.6 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O18_6 | 514789 | 5721759 | 113.8 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O18_7 | 514783 | 5721751 | 113.5 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O18_8 | 514783 | 5721755 | 113.7 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O18_9 | 514782 | 5721758 | 113.9 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O18_10 | 514777 | 5721750 | 113.6 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O18_11 | 514776 | 5721754 | 113.8 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O18_12 | 514776 | 5721758 | 114.0 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O18_13 | 514771 | 5721749 | 113.6 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O18_14 | 514770 | 5721753 | 113.9 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |
| O18_15 | 514770 | 5721757 | 114.1 | 4.5 | 0.6096 | 25 | 5.7 |

| Source Number | x-coordinate | y-coordinate | Base Elevation | Stack Height | Diameter | Temperature | Exhaust Velocity |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------------|
| | km | km | m | m | m | °C | m/s |
| O18_16 | 514758 | 5721751 | 114.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| O18_17 | 514751 | 5721750 | 114.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 25 | 6.2 |
| O19_1 | 514912 | 5721792 | 111.3 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O19_2 | 514907 | 5721791 | 111.5 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O19_3 | 514902 | 5721791 | 111.7 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O19_4 | 514896 | 5721790 | 111.9 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O19_5 | 514891 | 5721789 | 112.1 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O19_6 | 514886 | 5721788 | 112.2 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O19_7 | 514880 | 5721787 | 112.4 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O19_8 | 514868 | 5721786 | 112.9 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O19a_1 | 514863 | 5721785 | 113.0 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O19a_2 | 514858 | 5721784 | 113.2 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O19a_3 | 514854 | 5721784 | 113.4 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |
| O19a_4 | 514849 | 5721783 | 113.6 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 21 | 6.2 |

Table B.2 Modelled parameters of the sources adopted in the dispersion modelling assessment for the new housing units

| Source Number | x-coordinate | y-coordinate | Base Elevation | Stack Height | Diameter | Temperature | Exhaust Velocity |
|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------|-------------|------------------|
| | km | km | m | m | m | °C | m/s |
| H20_R1_1 | 514781 | 5722129.9 | 133.1 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H20_R1_2 | 514787.48 | 5722131.05 | 132.9 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H20_R1_3 | 514794.56 | 5722133.12 | 132.8 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H20_R1_4 | 514800.79 | 5722135.61 | 132.6 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H20_R2_1 | 514787.8 | 5722107.76 | 132.5 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H20_R2_2 | 514794.26 | 5722109.25 | 132.4 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H20_R2_3 | 514801.36 | 5722111.34 | 132.2 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H20_R2_4 | 514807.84 | 5722113.65 | 132.0 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H20_R3_1 | 514793.88 | 5722086.9 | 132.0 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H20_R3_2 | 514800.42 | 5722088.53 | 131.8 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H20_R3_3 | 514807.76 | 5722090.77 | 131.6 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H20_R3_4 | 514813.86 | 5722093.38 | 131.4 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H20_R4_1 | 514800.83 | 5722064.98 | 131.4 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H20_R4_2 | 514807.25 | 5722066.66 | 131.2 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H20_R4_3 | 514815.07 | 5722069.05 | 130.9 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H20_R4_4 | 514821.12 | 5722071.08 | 130.8 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H20_R5_1 | 514808.07 | 5722043.25 | 130.7 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H20_R5_2 | 514814.88 | 5722044.58 | 130.5 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H20_R5_3 | 514821.55 | 5722046.82 | 130.3 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H20_R5_4 | 514828.39 | 5722048.26 | 130.1 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H20_R6_1 | 514814.74 | 5722022.08 | 130.1 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H20_R6_2 | 514820.55 | 5722023.14 | 129.9 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H20_R6_3 | 514828.63 | 5722025.77 | 129.7 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H20_R6_4 | 514834.44 | 5722028.01 | 129.5 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |

| Source Number | x-coordinate km | y-coordinate km | Base Elevation m | Stack Height | Diameter | Temperature °C | Exhaust Velocity m/s |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------|----------|----------------|----------------------|
| | | | | m | m | | |
| H21b_1_1 | 514751.69 | 5722121.02 | 133.9 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H21b_1_2 | 514758.27 | 5722122.1 | 133.8 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H21b_1_3 | 514765.43 | 5722124.55 | 133.6 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H21b_1_4 | 514771.78 | 5722126.85 | 133.4 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H21b_2_1 | 514758.68 | 5722098.89 | 133.4 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H21b_2_2 | 514764.76 | 5722100.38 | 133.2 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H21b_2_3 | 514772.42 | 5722102.66 | 133.0 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H21b_2_4 | 514778.56 | 5722105.02 | 132.8 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H21b_3_1 | 514765.22 | 5722078.36 | 132.8 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H21b_3_2 | 514771.4 | 5722079.55 | 132.6 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H21b_3_3 | 514779.41 | 5722082.25 | 132.4 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H21b_3_4 | 514785.02 | 5722084.4 | 132.2 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H21b_4_1 | 514771.58 | 5722056.96 | 132.3 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H21b_4_2 | 514777.88 | 5722057.43 | 132.0 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H21b_4_3 | 514785.97 | 5722059.83 | 131.8 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H21b_4_4 | 514791.93 | 5722062.31 | 131.6 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.1 |
| H21a_W1 | 514782.72 | 5722041.95 | 131.6 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.4 |
| H21a_W2 | 514790.59 | 5722044.82 | 131.4 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.1 |
| H21a_W3 | 514786.18 | 5722030.98 | 131.3 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.4 |
| H21a_W4 | 514794.59 | 5722033.82 | 131.0 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.1 |
| H21a_W5 | 514789.8 | 5722020.18 | 131.0 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.4 |
| H21a_W6 | 514797.51 | 5722022.47 | 130.7 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.1 |
| H21a_W7 | 514793.06 | 5722009.38 | 130.7 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.4 |
| H21a_W8 | 514800.92 | 5722011.69 | 130.4 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.1 |
| H22b_W9 | 514729.01 | 5722118.21 | 134.6 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.4 |
| H22b_W10 | 514737.3 | 5722120.76 | 134.4 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.1 |

| Source Number | x-coordinate km | y-coordinate km | Base Elevation m | Stack Height m | Diameter m | Temperature °C | Exhaust Velocity m/s |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|
| | | | | | | | |
| H22b_W12 | 514741.31 | 5722107.66 | 134.1 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.1 |
| H22b_W13 | 514737.13 | 5722091.52 | 134.0 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.4 |
| H22b_W14 | 514746.04 | 5722094.44 | 133.7 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.1 |
| H22b_W15 | 514741.6 | 5722078.31 | 133.6 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.4 |
| H22b_W16 | 514750.16 | 5722080.35 | 133.4 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 25 | 5.1 |
| H22a_1 | 514750.11 | 5722068.87 | 133.2 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H22a_2 | 514751.5 | 5722062.89 | 133.1 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H22a_3 | 514753.28 | 5722056.77 | 132.9 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H22a_4 | 514754.91 | 5722051.04 | 132.8 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H22a_5 | 514757.04 | 5722045.57 | 132.6 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H22a_6 | 514759.06 | 5722039.58 | 132.4 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H22a_7 | 514760.95 | 5722034.59 | 132.3 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H22a_8 | 514762.23 | 5722028.85 | 132.1 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H22a_9 | 514763.99 | 5722022.98 | 132.0 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H22a_10 | 514765.89 | 5722016.75 | 131.8 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H22a_11 | 514767.53 | 5722011.26 | 131.7 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H22a_12 | 514769.4 | 5722005.27 | 131.5 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H23b_1 | 514703.59 | 5722104.43 | 135.3 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H23b_2 | 514709.1 | 5722107.44 | 135.2 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H23b_3 | 514715.16 | 5722107.8 | 135.0 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H23b_4 | 514713.13 | 5722092.21 | 134.8 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H23b_5 | 514717.54 | 5722078.18 | 134.5 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H23b_6 | 514722.17 | 5722063.12 | 134.1 | 6.5 | 0.91 | 21 | 5.4 |
| H23a_7 | 514726.32 | 5722049.3 | 133.8 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H23a_8 | 514730.61 | 5722034.66 | 133.4 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |

| Source Number | x-coordinate km | | Base Elevation m | Stack Height m | Diameter m | Temperature °C | Exhaust Velocity m/s |
|---------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------|----------------|----------------------|
| Source Number | | | | | | | |
| H23a_9 | 514734.55 | 5722008.42 | 132.9 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H23a_10 | 514738.85 | 5722009 | 132.7 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |
| H23a 11 | 514746.75 | 5722012.15 | 132.5 | 6.5 | 0.63 | 25 | 6.8 |