

Site Visit Report

Under the European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2014 as amended, the Environmental Protection Agency is the supervisory authority in relation to Irish Water and its role in the provision of public water supplies. This Audit was carried out to assess the performance of Irish Water in providing clean and wholesome water to the visited public supply.

The audit process is a sample on a given date of the facility's operation. Where a finding against a particular issue has been reported this should not be construed to mean that this issue is fully addressed.

Water Supply Zone	
Name of Installation	Bailieboro RWSS
Organisation	Irish Water
Scheme Code	0200PUB0102
County	Cavan
Site Visit Reference No.	SV25552

Report Detail	
Issue Date	10/06/2022
Prepared By	Criona Doyle

Site Visit Detail					
Date Of Inspection	19/05/2022	Announced	Yes		
Time In	10:30	Time Out	12:00		
EPA Inspector(s) Additional Visitors	Criona Doyle Lorcan Farrell; Denise McElvaney; Patricia Mallen.				
Company Personnel	Irish Water: Yvonne McMonagle; Peter Gallagher Cavan County Council (operating under service level agreement to Irish Water): Ciaran Fitzgerald; John McDonald; Declan Galligan; Peter Crosby; Gary Boyd.				

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Summary of Key Findings

- (1) Disinfection consists of chlorination. The audit found that the disinfection system was operating satisfactorily during the inspection.
- (2) The frequency of residual chlorine monitoring in the network should be increased.



Introduction

The Bailieboro Regional Public Water Supply (PWS) produces approximately 2,481m3/d of water serving a population of 8,028 (EDEN figures). The audit focused on the disinfection system at the Bailieboro (Kilnacross) Water Treatment Plant (WTP). This site was surveyed under Irish Water's Disinfection Programme but was not upgraded under the programme.



Supply Zones Areas Inspected

This audit assessed the chlorination disinfection system at the Bailieboro (Kilnacross) WTP.

1. Disinfection Programme Audits 2022

	Answer
Is chlorination used for primary disinfection?	Yes
	Answer
Can you establish what type of chlorine disinfectant is used?	Yes
	Answer
Are there duty and standby chlorine dosing pumps in place?	Yes
	Answer
Is there automatic switchover in the event of failure of one of the chlorine dosing pumps?	Yes
	Answer
Is the chlorine dosing rate flow proportional?	Yes
	Answer
Is the chlorine dosing rate fixed?	Not Applicable
	Answer
Can IW / LA confirm the target residual chlorine level for the final water leaving the plant?	Yes
	Answer
Is there a continuous residual chlorine monitor on the final water?	Yes
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Can data trends from the online residual monitor be viewed on site?	Yes
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	Answer
Is there an alarm response procedure available on site for responding to chlorine alarms?	Yes
	Answer
Is there automatic shutdown of the supply in the event of the chlorine level dropping below the low chlorine alarm setting or rising above the high chlorine alarm setting?	Yes
	Answer
Are service due / monitoring instrument calibration dates for the chlorine monitors within date?	Yes
	Answer
Is the site specific contact time being achieved ? If answer is NO, proceed to question 15	Yes
	Answer
Is the minimum effective contact time of 15 mg. min/l being achieved?	Not Applicable
	Answer
Is the residual chlorine level ≥ 0.1 mg/l at the extremity of the distribution	Yes
network? Comment	
Monitoring of residual chlorine levels is undertaken weekly at network extremities.	
	Answer
Have all relevant staff received training on the disinfection upgrades?	Not Applicable
Comment	

Recommendations

Subject	Bailieboro RWSS - Disinfection Audit	Due Date	11/07/2022		
Action Text	Recommendation				
	Irish Water is responsible for ensuring a safe and secure supply of drinking water. To address these issues, Irish Water should implement the following recommendation without delay.				
	1. Irish Water should ensure monitoring of residual chlorine is undertaken several times a week at different points of the network to include the network extremities.				
	Follow-Up Actions required by Irish Water				
	During the audit, Irish Water representatives were advised of the audit findings and that action must be taken as a priority by Irish Water to address the issues raised.				
	This report has been reviewed and approved by Regina Campbell, Drinking Water Team Leader.				
	Irish Water should submit a report to the Agency on or before 11/07/22 detailing how it has dealt with the issues of concern identified during this audit.				
	The report should include details on the action taken and planned to address the various recommendations, including time frame for commencement and completion of any planned work.				
	The EPA also advises that the findings and recommendations from this audit report should, where relevant, be addressed at all other treatment plants operated and managed by Irish Water.				
	Please quote the Compliance Plan DW20220050 in any future correspondence in relation to this Report.				