

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	Bandon Regional
Organisation	Irish Water
Scheme Code	0500PUB2101
County	Cork
Site Visit Reference No.	SV26032

Report Detail	
Issue Date	19/12/2022
Prepared By	David Galvin

Site Visit Detail			
Date Of Inspection	18/10/2022	Announced	No
Time In	09:30	Time Out	10:40
EPA Inspector(s)	David Galvin		
Additional Visitors			
Company Personnel	Irish Water: Tommy Roche, Ciaran Connolly, Brian Harrington, Cormac Bergin Cork County Council: Jerry Creedon, Eddie Healy		

> Summary of Key Findings

(1) Disinfection consists of chlorination. The audit found that the disinfection system was operating satisfactorily during the inspection.

> Introduction

The Bandon Regional Public Water Supply (PWS) produces approximately 4,234 m³/d of water serving a population of 9,170 (EDEN figures). The supply is sourced from the Bandon River. This audit focused on the disinfection system at the Bandon Regional WTP where Chlorination is the primary disinfection. The site has been assessed under Irish Water's Disinfection Programme and reported to the EPA as having been fully commissioned and available on telemetry on 20/12/2020.

> Supply Zones Areas Inspected

The audit assessed the chlorination disinfection system at the Bandon Regional WTP



1. Disinfection Programme Audits 2022

		Answer
1.1	Is chlorination used for primary disinfection?	Yes
		Answer
1.2	Did Irish Water confirm the type of chlorine disinfectant in use?	Yes
		Answer
1.3	Are there duty and standby chlorine dosing pumps in place?	Yes
		Answer
1.4	Is there automatic switchover in the event of failure of one of the chlorine dosing pumps?	Yes
		Answer
1.5	Is the chlorine dosing rate flow proportional?	Yes
		Answer
1.6	Is the chlorine dosing rate fixed?	Not Applicable
		Answer
1.7	Can IW / LA confirm the target residual chlorine level for the final water leaving the plant?	Yes
		Answer
1.8	Is there a continuous residual chlorine monitor on the final water?	Yes
		Answer
1.9	Can data trends from the online residual monitor be viewed on site?	Yes
		Answer
1.10	Are there low and high chlorine alarm settings?	Yes

		Answer
1.11	Is there an alarm response procedure available on site for responding to chlorine alarms?	Yes
		Answer
1.12	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
1.13	Are service due / monitoring instrument calibration dates for the chlorine monitors within date?	Yes
		Answer
1.14	Is the site specific contact time being achieved?	Yes
		Answer
1.15	Is the minimum effective contact time of 15 mg. min/l being achieved?	Yes
		Answer
1.16	Is the residual chlorine level \geq 0.1 mg/l at the extremity of the distribution network?	Yes
		Answer
1.17	Have all relevant staff received training on the disinfection upgrades?	Yes

Recommendations

Subject	Bandon Regional-Disinfection Audit	Due Date	19/01/2023
Action Text	<p>Recommendation</p> <p>Irish Water is responsible for ensuring a safe and secure supply of drinking water. To address these issues, Irish Water should implement the following recommendations without delay.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Irish Water should ensure that the disinfection stage continues to be suitably managed and operated at all times. <p>Follow-Up Actions required by Irish Water</p> <p>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.</p> <p>This report has been reviewed and approved by Criona Doyle, Drinking Water Team.</p> <p>Irish Water should submit a report to the Agency on or before 19/01/2023 detailing how it has dealt with the issues of concern identified during this audit.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Please quote the Compliance Plan Number DW20220154 in any future correspondence in relation to this Report.</p>		