

# 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	
<b>Name of Installation</b>	Westport PWS
<b>Organisation</b>	Irish Water
<b>Scheme Code</b>	2200PUB1025
<b>County</b>	Mayo
<b>Site Visit Reference No.</b>	SV26109

Report Detail	
<b>Issue Date</b>	07/12/2022
<b>Prepared By</b>	Joseph Brereton

Site Visit Detail			
<b>Date Of Inspection</b>	02/11/2022	<b>Announced</b>	Yes
<b>Time In</b>	10:00	<b>Time Out</b>	11:00
<b>EPA Inspector(s)</b>	Joseph Brereton		
<b>Additional Visitors</b>			
<b>Company Personnel</b>	Irish Water: Vincent McGrath Mayo Co. Council: Catherine Maughan, Joe McGuire, John Mullarkey		

## > Summary of Key Findings

- (1) Disinfection consists of chlorination. The audit found that the disinfection system was operating satisfactorily during the inspection.
- (2) Irish Water advised that there is no automatic shutdown of the WTP linked to the chlorine alarms.
- (3) The frequency of residual chlorine monitoring in the network should be increased.
- (4) A copy of the disinfection alarm response procedure was not available on site.

## > Introduction

The Westport Regional Public Water Supply (PWS) produces approximately 1,665 m<sup>3</sup>/d of water serving a population of 1,231 (EDEN figures). The audit focused on the disinfection system at the Westport WTP. 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 09/11/2017.

## > Supply Zones Areas Inspected

This audit assessed the chlorination disinfection system at the Westport WTP.



## 1. Disinfection Programme Audits 2022

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

		<b>Answer</b>
1.11	Is there an alarm response procedure available on site for responding to chlorine alarms?	Yes
	<b>Comment</b>	
	No hard copy of the alarm response procedure for responding to chlorine alarms.	
		<b>Answer</b>
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?	No
	<b>Comment</b>	
	No automatic shutdown of supply linked to the low and high chlorine alarms	
		<b>Answer</b>
1.13	Are service due / monitoring instrument calibration dates for the chlorine monitors within date?	Yes
		<b>Answer</b>
1.14	Is the site specific contact time being achieved?	Yes
		<b>Answer</b>
1.15	Is the minimum effective contact time of 15 mg. min/l being achieved?	Not Applicable
		<b>Answer</b>
1.16	Is the residual chlorine level $\geq 0.1$ mg/l at the extremity of the distribution network?	Yes
	<b>Comment</b>	
	Residuals checked on the network including the extremities checked every week, once per week.	

	<b>Answer</b>
1.17 Have all relevant staff received training on the disinfection upgrades?	Yes

## Recommendations

<b>Subject</b>	Westport PWS - Disinfection Audit	<b>Due Date</b>	13/01/2023
<b>Action Text</b>	<p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p><b>Irish Water is responsible for ensuring a safe and secure supply of drinking water. Irish Water should implement the following recommendation without delay.</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Irish Water should install automatic shutdown of the plant linked to the low and high residual chlorine alarm settings.</li><li>2. 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.</li><li>3. Irish Water should ensure there is a documented alarm response procedure available at the water treatment plant.</li></ol> <p><b>Follow-Up Actions required by Irish Water</b></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 Ruth Barrington, Drinking Water Team Leader.</p> <p>Irish Water should submit a report to the Agency on or before 13/01/2023 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>		