



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Section A – Licence Details

Licence number:	L5989/1991/11	Licence file number:	2010/002537
Licence holder:	Water Corporation		
Trading as:	Northam Wastewater Treatment Plant		
ABN:	28 003 434 917		
Registered address:	629 Newcastle Street, LEEDERVILLE, WA 6007		
Reporting period:	01 / 07 / 2021 to 30 / 06 / 2022		

Section B – Statement of Compliance with Licence Conditions

Did you comply with all of your licence conditions during the reporting period?
(please tick the appropriate box)

- Yes – please complete:
- section C;
 - section D if required; and
 - sign the declaration in Section F.
- No – please complete:
- section C;
 - section D if required;
 - section E; and
 - sign the declaration at Section F.

Section C – Statement of Actual Production

Provide the actual production quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.

Prescribed Premises Category	Actual Production Quantity
54	Inflow 1772 m ³ /day

Section D – Statement of Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity

Provide the actual Part 2 waste discharge quantity for this reporting period. Supporting documentation is to be attached.

Prescribed Premises Category	Actual Part 2 Waste Discharge Quantity
Not Applicable	

Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	10	Date(s) of non-compliance:	01/08/2021
Details of non-compliance:			
In accordance with licence condition 5 Water Corporation discharged treated wastewater to the Avon River from the treated wastewater discharge culvert in the month of July 2021 as the Shire of Northam's winter storage dams were at capacity. Condition 10 of the licence requires that monthly sampling be undertaken at determined locations downstream and upstream of our regulated discharge point when discharge to the Avon River occurs. Abnormally high and dangerous river conditions over a period of weeks in the month of July created a significant and appropriate safety concern for field operators; the 1km upstream and 0.7km downstream river sampling locations were inaccessible and as a result the samples for the month of July 2021 were not able to be taken after several attempts to do so.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance? NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
The non-compliance is administrative in nature and no direct negative impact to environmental receptors was determined. The river was high and flowing			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Abnormally high and dangerous river conditions over a period of weeks in the month of July 2021.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Safety of employees will not be compromised, a decision to not sample under those conditions would be made again if river conditions presented in a similar condition.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DER? No			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DER verbally		Date: / /	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DER in writing		Date:	

Section E – Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	Category 54- Capacity	Date(s) of non-compliance:	01/07/2021 - 30/06/2022
Details of non-compliance:			
The Northam Wastewater Treatment Plant is licenced for an inflow capacity of 1,500m ³ /day. Due to an increase in inflow, the WWTP averaged 1,772m ³ /day inflow throughout the 2021/2022 reporting period.			
What was the actual (or suspected) environmental impact of the non-compliance? NOTE – please attach maps or diagrams to provide insight into the precise location of where the non-compliance took place.			
There are no discernible environmental impacts from the increase in average daily inflow capacity.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Increased inflow is the cause of the non-compliance. The increase in inflow can be partially attributed to higher than average rainfall in the first half of the reporting period. Stormwater ingress into the Northam sewer conveyance network is currently being investigated and remedied, via the sewer relining program for example, where possible in and ongoing effort to “close” the wastewater network.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Water Corporation submitted a Works Approval application to DWER on 31/07/18 to undertake works to increase treatment capacity to 2,000 m ³ /day and to address the outstanding EIP commitments. Water Corporation is continuing to work internally and with DWER to provide the information required for a works approval.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DER? Yes			
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and			
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DER verbally		Date: / /	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reported to DER in writing		Date: AACR August 2018	

Section F – Declaration			
I/We declare that the information in this Annual Audit Compliance Report is true and correct and is not false or misleading in a material particular ¹ . I/We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Environment Regulation's (DER) website.			
Signature ² :		Signature:	
Name: (printed)		Name: (printed)	
Position:	General Manager Operations Group	Position:	
Date:	27/09/2022	Date:	
Seal (if signing under seal):			

¹ It is an offence under section 112 of the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for a person to give information on this form that to their knowledge is false or misleading in a material particular.

² AACRs can only be signed by the licence holder or an authorised person with the legal authority to sign on behalf of the licence holder.