

# Government of Western Australia Department of Water and Environmental Regulation

# **Annual Audit Compliance Report Form**

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

Section A – Licence Details					
Licence number:	L6543/1991/11	Licence file number:	2010/006732-1		
Licence holder:	Water Corporation				
Trading as:	Kwinana Wastewater Treatment Plant				
ACN:	28 033 434 917				
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 – sewage facility	6,333.67 m³/d (details in Annual Environmenta Report)	

### 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	

## 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, 2 Date(s) of non-compliance: 24/01/2022

#### Details of non-compliance:

10.Water Corporation's groundwater monitoring team encountered an obstruction in a single Kwinana WRRF groundwater monitoring bore (KW6) in January 2022. A bore logger was stuck inside the casing and both the bore pump and hand bailer were unable to get past it. Field operators were unable to move the logger and as such a contractor was arranged. Due to time constraints this was not able to be done until following the next monitoring event, meaning two events were missed at this bore.

2.

Kwinana WRRF amended licence conditions 2(iii) and 2(xi) requires sewage and solids to be contained in impervious containment vessel/s, or, in the case of uncovered containment, on a hardstand area surrounded by bunds capable of preventing the discharge of grit, screenings or leachate to the environment and prevent the ingress of storm water from surrounds.

DWER identified the inlet works and DAFT area are non-compliant with the above requirements during a DWER site inspection. DWER sought Water Corporation's response on providing evidence to demonstrate how overflows to the environment are prevented from the uncovered tanks.

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.

C10There is no actual or suspected environmental impact due to this non-compliance. Plant operations and wastewater treatment were under normal conditions during the period sampling was missed, and all other bores were monitored with no adverse results. An ad hoc sample of the bore was taken in June 2022 and results were within normal historical ranges. Current process design mitigates the likelihood of overflows from the inlet works or DAFT area.

C2. The inlet works have a level transmitter to detect high level conditions in the inlet channel. A dedicated bypass channel provides unrestricted flow around the inlet screens when high level conditions are detected. The bypass channel opens to the grit tanks whereby flow is controlled by two penstocks. Overflows from the grit tanks could only occur from isolation of both penstocks due to human error. Water Corporation isolations processes prevent this occurrence.

For the DAFT tanks, there is a level switch to detect high levels. The switch's high level status is interlocked with the liquid treatment process and shuts down the transfer of solids to the DAFT area in the event of high levels so that no further feed was received, preventing the likelihood of an overflow.

Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:

C10 The obstruction in the bore was unexpected and was more difficult to remove than anticipated.

C2. Licence condition does not reflect how overflow risks are managed.

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Section E - Details of Non-Compliance with Licence Condition

Action taken to mitigate any adverse eff non-compliance:	ects of non-compliance and prevent recu	urrence of the
C10None. C2. DWER Compliance have recommer	nded Water Corporation seek amendmen The Corporation plan to include this requ	
Was this non-compliance previously rep	ported to DWER?	
x∐Yes, and		
☐ Reported to DWER verbally	Date:	
⊠ Reported to DWER in writing	In 2020-21 and 2021-22 AER and AACR	
Section F – Declaration		
	his Annual Audit Compliance Report is	true and correct
	impliance Report being published on th	e Department of
Signature²:	Signature:	
Name: (printed)	Name: (printed)	
Position:	Position.	

Date:

25/8/2022

Date:

Seal (if signing under seal):

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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.