



## Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V

### Section A – Licence Details

Licence number:	L8239/2008/2	Licence file number:	DEC7565
Licence holder:	Water Corporation		
Trading as:	York Wastewater Treatment Plant		
ABN:	28 003 434 917		
Registered address:	629 Newcastle Street, LEEDERVILLE, WA 6007		
Reporting period:	01 / 07 / 2019 to 30 / 06 / 2020		

### 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 128m <sup>3</sup> /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:	1 (ii)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	06/09/2019
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Details of non-compliance:

Project works are currently in progress at the York Waste Water Treatment Plant to split the primary ponds into two cells, install a macerator and aerators, install a sludge drying bed with a new hardstand and upgrade the pump station. The pump station upgrade will include the installation of a new chlorinator amongst other associated upgrades and installations. The location of the woodlot irrigation area is changing and will be increased in size.

The Primary Pond (Pond 1) was taken offline in mid-October 2018 to allow for civil works associated with the project to be carried out; all inflow during that period was diverted to the Secondary Pond (Pond 2). Winter rains lead to the suspension of works on Pond 1 in July 2019. During this time of suspended work a pump was sourced to circulate partially treated wastewater from the Storage Pond (Pond 4) back to Pond 2 with the aim to prevent biological overloading of the remaining treatment ponds in service (Ponds 2, 3, and 4). On Thursday 5 September 2019 the pump was delivered to site, installed and pumping commenced that day. On Friday 6 September 2019 an operator attended site and noted that Pond 2 had filled and overtopped into Pond 3, a minimal amount had also overtopped into Cell 1 of Pond 1 which was still offline at the time. The pump was immediately switched off and its use, from that day, was discontinued. The integrity of containment infrastructure was maintained.

On 9 September 2019 a controlled waste contractor was engaged to clean up the dried organic matter on the adjoining embankments between Pond 1 & Pond 2 and between Pond 2 & Pond 3 and the Project Manager was informed that the oversized pump was no longer required to circulate partially treated wastewater between the in-service treatment ponds (Ponds 2, 3, and 4).

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 overtopping incident as there was no discharge to the environment beyond the confines of the containment infrastructure. The integrity of the containment infrastructure was maintained.

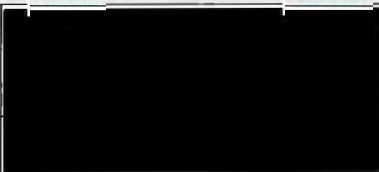


Aerial 1 & Image 1 showing areas affected by the overtopping of partially treated waste water on 6 September 2019

<b>Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:</b>	
Manual pumping of partially treated wastewater from Pond 4 into Pond 2 at a rate that exceeded the capacity of the conduit/overflow pipework from Pond 2 to Pond 3 was the cause of the overtopping event. The pump was incorrectly sized and was excessive for the task. As a result the pump was taken away and the ponds were left to rebalance themselves over the following weeks.	
<b>Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:</b>	
Pond 1 was brought back online on 17 December 2019. The project currently activated to address the works conditions of the amendment notice is due for completion in the first half of the 2020/2021 reporting period with commissioning likely to be in February/March of 2021.	
<b>Was this non-compliance previously reported to DER? No</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, and	
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DER verbally	Date: / /
<input type="checkbox"/> Reported to DER in writing	Date: / /

**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<sup>1</sup>. I/We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Environment Regulation’s (DER) website.

Signature <sup>2</sup> :		Signature:	
Name: (printed)		Name: (printed)	
Position:	General Manager Operations	Position:	
Date:	07/08/2020	Date:	
Seal (if signing under seal):			

<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>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.