

Site Visit Report

Under the *European Union (Drinking Water) Regulations 2023*, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the supervisory authority in relation to Uisce Éireann and its role in the provision of public drinking water supplies. This audit was carried out to assess the performance of Uisce Éireann in providing clean and wholesome water to the public water supply named below.

The audit process is a sample of the performance of a water treatment plant and public water supply on a given date.

Water Supply Zone	
Name of Installation	Askamore
Organisation	Uisce Éireann
Scheme Code	3300PUB1833
County	Wexford
Site Visit Reference No.	SV30241

Report Detail	
Issue Date	20/08/2024
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Site Visit Detail			
Date Of Inspection	23/07/2024	Announced	Yes
Time In	11:50	Time Out	12:12
EPA Inspector(s)	Joanne Creedon		
Additional Visitors			
Company Personnel	Uisce Éireann: Denis McGrath, Neville Collier. Wexford County Council (working in partnership with Uisce Éireann): Tom McLoughlin, John Breen, Peter Gilbert.		

> Summary of Key Findings

- 1) Disinfection consists of chlorination. The audit found that the disinfection system was operating satisfactorily during the inspection.
- 2) There are no automatic shutdowns at the water treatment plant linked to residual chlorine alarm setpoints.

> Introduction

The Askamore WTP produces approximately 23m³/d of water serving a population 321 (EDEN figures). The audit focused on the disinfection system at Askamore WTP.

> Supply Zones Areas Inspected

This audit assessed the chlorination disinfection system at Askamore WTP.



1. Disinfection Audits 2024

		Answer
1.1	Is chlorination used for primary disinfection?	Yes
		Answer
1.2	Did Uisce Éireann 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 there a continuous residual chlorine monitor, with alarm, to verify chlorine dosing is taking place at the target level?	Yes
		Answer
1.7	Is there a continuous residual chlorine monitor, with alarm, at a suitable sample location after contact time has been completed?	Yes
		Answer
1.8	Can data trends from the online residual monitor be viewed on site?	Yes
		Answer
1.9	Are there low and high chlorine alarm settings on each chlorine monitor?	Yes
		Answer
1.10	Is there a documented alarm response procedure for responding to chlorine alarms?	Yes

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1.11	Have staff been trained on the chlorine alarm response procedure?	Yes
		Answer
1.12	Are chlorine alarms dialled out via a cascade system to allow a timely response by plant operators?	Yes
		Answer
1.13	Is there automatic shutdown of the supply in the event of the chlorine level dropping below the low level or rising above the high chlorine alarm setting?	No
		Answer
1.14	Are service due / monitoring instrument calibration dates for the chlorine monitors within date?	Yes
		Answer
1.15	Is the site specific target contact time being achieved?	Yes
		Answer
1.16	Is the residual chlorine level ≥ 0.1 mg/l at the extremity of the distribution network?	Yes
		Answer
1.17	Is monitoring of network residual chlorine undertaken several times per week?	Yes

Recommendations

Subject	Askamore - Disinfection Audit	Due Date	20/09/2024
Action Text	<p>Uisce Éireann is responsible for ensuring a clean and wholesome supply of drinking water and should implement the following recommendation without delay.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Install automatic shutdowns at the plant linked to the low and high residual chlorine alarm settings. <p>Actions required by Uisce Éireann</p> <p>During the audit, Uisce Éireann representatives were advised of the audit findings and that action must be taken by Uisce Éireann to address the issues raised.</p> <p>Uisce Éireann should submit a report to the EPA on or before 20/09/2024 detailing the actions taken and planned, with timescales, to close out the above recommendations.</p> <p>The EPA advises that the findings and recommendations from this audit report should, where relevant, be addressed at other public water supplies.</p>		