



Annual Audit Compliance Report Form

Environmental Protection Act 1986, Part V Division 3

Once completed, please submit this form either via email to info@dwer.wa.gov.au, or to the below postal address:

Department of Water and Environmental Regulation
Locked Bag 10
Joondalup DC WA 6919

Section A – Licence details			
Licence number:	L7690/1997/6	Licence file number:	DER2014/001262
Licence holder name:	Water Corporation		
Trading as:	Denham Wastewater Treatment Plant		
ABN:	28 003 434 917		
Registered business address:	629 Newcastle Street, LEEDERVILLE, WA 600		
Reporting period:	01/07/2024 to 30/06/2025		

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 in 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	220 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

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:	1.3.5 (c)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	31/05/2021 & 04/07/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<i>Condition 1.3.5 (c) The Licensee shall manage all wastewater treatment, and infiltration ponds such that:</i> <i>(c) Integrity of containment infrastructure is maintained.</i> During an internal audit on 31/05/2021 it was found that erosion is evident across the pond embankments. Issue was also picked up during an overflow incident in 04/07/2024.			
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. No environmental impact has been detected yet apart from elevated nitrogen results across several of the groundwater monitoring bores which has yet to have been linked to this non-compliance. Suspected that pond seepage could be present.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Erosion rate at the time of the initial report was likely exacerbated by increased rainfall in the region. Additionally, there is a suspicion that earthquakes in the region both in December 2018 and February 2019 may have contributed but no evidence has been confirmed.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Investigation into the integrity of the pond liners has been delayed until sludge has dried and been removed from Pond 1, which is now offline. This investigation will review liner integrity, particularly below effluent levels and repairs to follow if issues are found. While pond liners are being repaired, erosion on banks will also be rectified. This process will then continue into additional ponds if required.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
☒ Yes, and ☐ No			
☐ Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
☒ Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 01/09/2021	

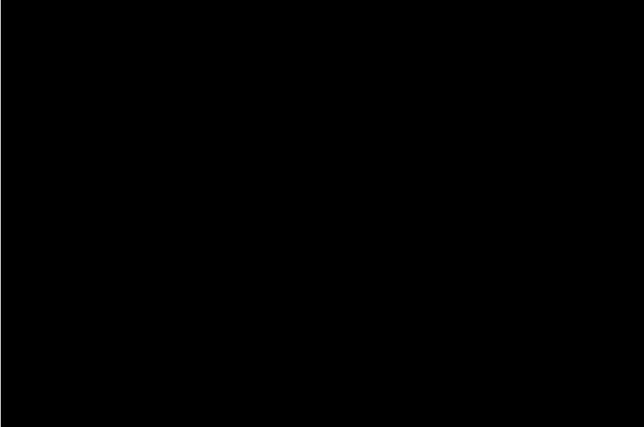
Section E – Details of non-compliance with licence condition			
Please use a separate page for each condition with which the licence holder was non-compliant at a time during the reporting period.			
Condition no:	1.3.5 (e)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	31/05/2021 & 04/07/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<i>Condition 1.3.5 (e) The Licensee shall manage all wastewater treatment, and infiltration ponds such that:</i> <i>(e) Vegetation and floating debris (emergent or otherwise) is prevented from encroaching onto pond surfaces or inner pond embankments.</i> An internal audit recorded a large volume of floating debris on Pond 1. Issue was also picked up during an overflow incident in 04/07/2024.			
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. No environmental impact from this non-compliance.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Sludge accumulation over time in combination with no screening present on-site.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
Pond 1 is now offline awaiting desludging once sludge has dried.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
☒ Yes, and ☐ No			
☐ Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
☒ Reported to DWER in writing		Date: 01/09/2021	

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:	1.2.2, 1.3.5 (a), 1.3.5 (b) & 1.3.5 (d)	Date(s) of non-compliance:	04/07/2024
Details of non-compliance:			
<i>Condition 1.2.2 The Licensee shall operate and maintain all pollution control and monitoring equipment to the manufacturer's specification or any relevant and effective internal management system.</i> <i>Condition 1.3.5 The licensee shall manage all wastewater treatment, and infiltration ponds such that:</i> <i>(a) Overtopping of the ponds does not occur;</i> <i>(b) A freeboard at or greater than 400mm is targeted;</i> <i>(d) Trapped overflows are maintained on the outlet of ponds to prevent carry-over of surface floating matter.</i> Due to a loose outlet pipe between Ponds 1 and 2 and increased school holiday inflows the freeboard level of Pond 1 was exceeded and resulted in overtopping of the embankments and an unauthorised discharge to ground (~500L).			
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. No environmental impact has been detected from this incident.			
Cause (or suspected cause) of non-compliance:			
Outlet pipe from Ponds 1 to 2 was not operating correctly and a transfer pump that was assisting in maintaining the freeboard until maintenance could be undertaken on the outlet pipe failed.			
Action taken to mitigate any adverse effects of non-compliance and prevent recurrence of the non-compliance:			
A waste discharge notification and N1 form was provided to DWER. Freeboard was restored, the overflow was contained, and an outlet pipe has now been repaired.			
Was this non-compliance previously reported to DWER?			
☒ Yes, and ☐ No			
☐ Reported to DWER verbally		Date: / /	
☒ Reported to DWER in writing		Date: N1/WDN – 05/07/2025 & AACR/BER- 01/10/2024	

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 particular¹.

I / We consent to the Annual Audit Compliance Report being published on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation's (DWER) website.

	Signature:	
	Name: (printed)	
	Position:	
	Date:	

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.