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8. Bennettsbridge Source

8.1 Introduction

The objectives of this chapter are:

- To delineate source protection zones for the Bennettsbridge Water Supply Scheme.
- To outline the principal hydrogeological characteristics of the Bennettsbridge area.
- To assist Kilkenny County Council in protecting the water supply from contamination.

The protection zones are delineated to help prioritise certain areas around the source in terms of pollution risk to the well. This prioritisation is intended to provide a guide in the planning and regulation of development and human activities. The implications of these protection zones are further outlined in 'Groundwater Protection Schemes' (DELG/EPA/GSI, 1999).

8.2 Location and Site Description

During GSI's investigations, the Bennettsbridge public drinking water source comprised two elements; a borehole drilled into rock in 1999, and an infiltration gallery constructed in the 1960's into sands and gravels alongside the River Nore. The location of the Bennettsbridge source is shown on Map 4S and 8. Both the borehole and gallery are located in the townland of Knockanore, 5 km south of Bennettsbridge.

During GSI's investigations, water from the borehole was pumped into the infiltration gallery, which fed a pump sump beneath the nearby pump-house via a gravity main. For the summer months, the supply was augmented with water from the Nore.

There are three access manholes to the infiltration gallery set 120 m apart, and no less than 16 m back from the river's edge, with each consisting of a 1.8 m high concrete cylinder. This height of cylinder prevents inundation of the gallery by river water during most flood events. The borehole is situated about 10 m from the most southerly infiltration gallery entrance, with its top raised 26 cm from the ground level. Although a large diameter pipe exits from the borehole, the top is not sealed around the pipe edge, and during flood events in the winter, the borehole is at risk of inundation.

Note that, since the Protection Scheme for Kilkenny was completed, the County Council have indicated that additional drilling and well-head protection works are planned for Bennettsbridge:

- Additional borehole drilling to remove the need for river water augmentation. The original arrangement whereby the borehole drilled in 1999 discharged directly into the infiltration gallery will be terminated in 2002 and all boreholes will pump directly to the pump house.
- The borehole well-heads on the river bank will be constructed so as to avoid the risk of inundation from the river.

The County Council have indicated that the planned capacity for the infiltration gallery and new well field is intended to be approximately 33,000 gallons per hour (3600 m³/day). This figure is some 30% higher than the abstraction rates quoted in Section 8.3. The County Council have indicated that the abstraction rates quoted in Section 8.3 should be used in the assessments at Bennettsbridge. However, should the planned rate be attained in the future, the size of the source protection areas delineated in this document may require re-evaluation.

8.3 Summary of Source Details

| | Borehole | Infiltration Gallery |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| GSI Well Number | 2313NEW199 | 2313NEW237 |
| Grid ref. (1:25,000) | 25472 14451 | 25473 14450 |
| Townland | Knockanore | Knockanore |
| Source type | Borehole | Infiltration gallery |
| Developed | September 1999 | 1960's |
| Owner | Kilkenny County Council | Kilkenny County Council |
| Elevation (ground level) | 28.6 m O.D. | 28.5 m O.D. |
| Depth | 100 m | - |
| Depth of casing | 11 m | - |
| Diameter | 200 mm (8") | 1.68 m (at entrance to gallery) |
| Depth to rock | 10 m | unknown |
| Static water level | 26.86 m O.D. (1.74 m b.g.l.) on 05/10/99 | 25.1 m O.D. (3.4 m b.g.l.) on 20/07/01 |
| Pumping water level | -21.54 m O.D. (50.14 m b.g.l.) on 07/10/99* | Discharges via gravity feed |
| Drawdown | 48.4 m | - |
| Normal consumption** | 1254 m ³ /d | 1552 m ³ /d |
| Pumping test summary: | | |
| (i) abstraction rate | 1229-1571 m ³ /d*** | |
| (ii) specific capacity | 25 m ³ /d/m | |
| (iii) transmissivity | 15 m ² /d | |

* Pumping water level could not be measured due to the depth to water and interference from rising main and power cable.

** The average scheme consumption, 2806 m³/d, has been obtained from County Council meter readings taken in 2000 and 2001. The borehole is reportedly pumped at the capacity of the pump, 1254 m³/d, and the infiltration gallery usage is obtained by deducting this from the total.

*** The borehole was tested at various rates in October 1999, the longest test abstracting on average 1380 m³/d and lasting 15 days.

Note that the GSI is aware that the supply needs of the Bennettsbridge scheme are increasing. However, an examination of the test pumping drawdown data suggest that there is little scope for increasing the original borehole's yield, and that the current design yield of the borehole may not be sustainable in the long term. It has not been possible to examine trends in pumping water levels in the well or trends in abstraction rates from the well since it was commissioned in late 1999.

8.4 Methodology

8.4.1 Desk Study

Bedrock geology information was compiled from original 1:10560 (six inch) field sheets and from the GSI bedrock report for the area (Tietzsch-Tyler *et al*, 1994a). Details of the current abstraction rate were obtained from Kilkenny County Council. Drilling and pumping test data for the supply wells were obtained from Brian P. Connor, the consultant involved with their development (Connor, 1999). Data on private groundwater wells in the area was taken from GSI archives and work carried out by the Groundwater section throughout the course of 2000 and 2001.

8.4.2 Site Visits and Field Work

- Site visits and fieldwork included walkover surveys undertaken by both the Groundwater (2 days) and Quaternary (1 day) sections of the GSI to further investigate the subsoil and bedrock geology, the hydrogeology, the vulnerability to contamination and the current pollutant loading.
- Groundwater Section also carried out 3 days of exploration drilling in both the bedrock and the sand and gravel components of the scheme. Two observation wells were drilled. One was installed in gravel close to the well, and one was installed in rock adjacent to the pump house (see Figure 8.1). The latter was destroyed during the drilling of a new county council borehole at the site, and measurements relate to the new County Council borehole.

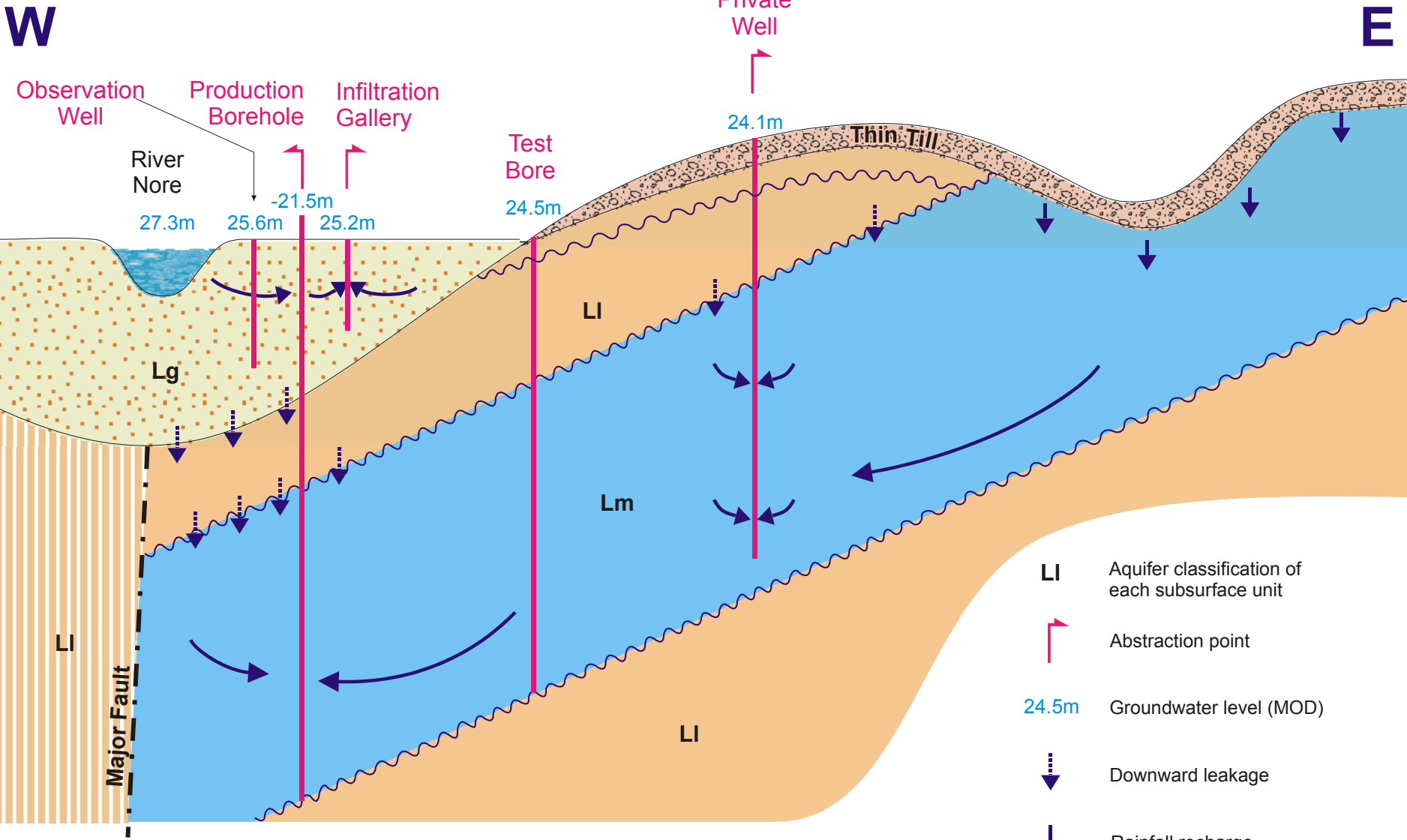


Figure 8.1 Schematic Hydrogeology of the Bennettsbridge Source in Cross Section

- Water levels and elevations were recorded in the river, infiltration gallery, production well, gravel observation well and adjacent private well (see Figure 8.1).
- A raw water sample was taken on 02/10/00 by GSI staff and was submitted for analysis at the EPA laboratories in Kilkenny in accordance with their sampling and transportation guidelines. (see Table 8.1 for results).

8.4.3 Assessment

Analytical equations and hydrogeological mapping were utilised to delineate protection zones around the source.

8.5 Topography and Surface Hydrology

The Bennettsbridge source is located on the eastern bank of the River Nore, almost 5 km south of Bennettsbridge Town (Map 8). The Kings river flows into the Nore just 400 m to the south of the source.

At this point, the Nore lies at approximately 27 m O.D. in a narrow north-south trending valley which rises steeply to ridges on either side. These ridges separate the valley from the Ennisnag River valley to the west and the Kilfane River valley to the east. Although the inclines are steep, the crests of the hills are only up to 120 m O.D.

The valley floor is only about 160 m wide, but is almost entirely flat, with a very gentle gradient of 0.006 (1 in 160). The valley sides steepen dramatically to 0.07 (1 in 10).

The nearest streamflow gauges on the River Nore are 12 km upstream at John's Bridge in Kilkenny City and 2 km downstream at Mount Juliet. Low flows⁴ at these stations are of the order of 3.75 m³/sec and 4 m³/sec, respectively (EPA, 2001). A group of large springs emerge on the eastern floodplain of the Nore at Bausheenmore, approximately 3 km north of the pump house. Total flows at these springs are estimated to be in the order of 0.1 to 0.3 m³/sec. The level of the River Nore at the source was 27.3 m O.D. on 02/10/01.

The drainage density in the surrounding ridges is very low, and rock is close to the surface, suggesting that a high proportion of excess soil moisture can infiltrate down to groundwater.

8.6 Geology and Aquifers

8.6.1 Bedrock

The main rock type in the vicinity of the Bennettsbridge source is the Ballysteen Formation. The formation is present in two forms; a dolomitised and an undolomitised portion. It is described in more detail in Chapters 2 and 4 of Volume I and its distribution in the vicinity of the Bennettsbridge source is shown on Map 8.

A comparison of the production borehole log (Connor, 1999), GSI observation well drilling, and the GSI's geological map (see Map 1) suggests that:

- Approximately 30 m of shaley Ballysteen limestone overlies the dolomitised Ballysteen limestone.
- Most water flows are derived from the dolomitised Ballysteen Formation.

This is depicted schematically in Figure 8.1.

In Chapter 4 of Volume I, the undolomitised portion, through which the production borehole was drilled, has been classified as a **locally important aquifer** which is **moderately productive only in local zones (LI)**. The dolomitised portion, however, has been classified as a **locally important**

⁴ Flow which is equalled or exceeded at least 95% of the time.

aquifer which is **generally moderately productive (Lm)**. Note that ½ km further north from the pump house, the dolomite is so well developed that the bedrock is classified as a **regionally important** fissured bedrock aquifer (**Rf**). In the **Ll** portion of the aquifer, flow is expected to be concentrated in the upper weathered fraction, with most groundwater movement expected within the top 10 or 15 m of the rock profile. In the dolomitised **Lm** portion, borehole information suggests that local groundwater circulation occurs at depths of at least 70 m (~30 m below the top of the dolomite).

In the Bennettsbridge area, the bedrock aquifers have been affected by a large north-south trending fault which is believed to follow the Nore River channel. As a consequence, a different, less productive bedrock aquifer (the Butlersgrove Formation) abuts-against the dolomite to the west of the river (Figure 8.1).

The Bennettsbridge source is situated on the southern side of a major syncline (downward fold in the rock mass) at the centre of which are the young rocks of the Slievardagh and Castlecomer Hills. As a consequence, the Ballysteen Formation dips at 5° to 6° north- westwards in the immediate vicinity of the source.

8.6.2 Subsoil

The main subsoil types are gravel, till and alluvium. These materials are described in more detail in Chapter 3 of Volume I and their distribution in the vicinity of the Bennettsbridge source is shown on Map 2S.

The gravel deposits occupy the valley floor. Drilling by the GSI indicated at least 8 m of silty SAND and GRAVEL lie below 2 m of SILT adjacent to the infiltration gallery. As described in Chapter 4 (Volume I), the gravels in this part of the Nore valley are considered to constitute a **locally important** gravel aquifer (**Lg**).

The till deposits are found on the valley sides (see Figure 8.1), where they form a thin covering which rarely exceeds 3 m. They are not considered an aquifer, and their main significance is in vulnerability and recharge assessments. These issues are described in Sections 8.7 and 8.8.

The alluvial deposits are recent, and are found at points along the river bank where flooding is common. Their main significance is in vulnerability and recharge assessments.

8.7 Groundwater Vulnerability

8.7.1 Introduction

The concept of vulnerability is discussed in Chapter 5 of Volume I. In essence, however, groundwater vulnerability is dictated by the nature and thickness of the material overlying the main groundwater 'target'. As discussed in Section 8.6, two groundwater resources are utilised, one in fractured bedrock and the other in the overlying sands and gravels. Where the sand and gravel aquifer occurs at the surface, the overall vulnerability will be dictated by the vulnerability of groundwater within this aquifer. On the valley sides where the sand and gravel aquifer is absent, vulnerability will be dictated by the overall subsoil permeability and by the depth to bedrock.

8.7.2 Vulnerability in Areas where the Sand and Gravel Aquifer Occurs

GSI drilling adjacent to the infiltration gallery indicated that 2 m of SILT can overly the sand and gravel aquifer at the site. It is likely however, that this silt is variable in thickness, and even absent in places. The drilling also indicated that the groundwater level lies at approximately 3 m below ground level, and that the sand and gravel aquifer is unconfined. The unsaturated zone thickness is likely to increase moving away from the river and it is therefore likely that the sand and gravel aquifer is unconfined in most areas near the infiltration gallery.

In unconfined situations, the vulnerability of a sand and gravel aquifer is dictated by the thickness of the unsaturated zone. Given that the unsaturated zone is likely to be at least 3 m thick over much of the

area upgradient of the source, the vulnerability of the sand and gravel aquifer is considered to be generally 'high' (see Map 9).

8.7.3 Vulnerability in Areas where the Sand and Gravel Aquifer is Absent

These areas are situated on the valley sides overlooking the site and groundwater vulnerability is determined by the permeability and thickness of the tills overlying the bedrock. The observation borehole drilled by the GSI at the pump house hit rock at 1.8 m below ground, indicating that the subsoil deposits thin rapidly on the valley sides. In addition, there are at least two mapped rock outcrops in excess of 200 m long, and subsoils are therefore thought to be generally less than 3 m thick. At subsoil thicknesses of less than 3 m, bulk permeability becomes less relevant in mapping vulnerability across wide areas (as opposed to specific sites), because permeability becomes increasingly variable and increasingly influenced by the presence of 'bypass flow' mechanisms such as cracks in the subsoil. Accordingly, on the basis of the general depth to bedrock on the valley sides, a vulnerability classification of 'extreme' has been assigned.

8.7.4 Summary

Groundwater vulnerability is generally 'high' on the valley floor and generally 'extreme' on the valley sides.

Note that the permeability estimations are based on regional-scale evaluations, while depth to rock and water level interpretations are based on the available data cited here. However, permeability, water level and particularly depth to rock can vary over a very small scale. Consequently, the vulnerability mapping provided will not be able to anticipate all the natural variation that occurs in an area. The mapping is intended only as a guide to land use planning and hazard surveys, and is not a substitute for site investigation for specific developments. Classifications may change as a result of investigations such as trial hole assessments for on-site domestic wastewater treatment systems. The potential for discrepancies between large scale vulnerability mapping and site-specific data has been anticipated and addressed in the development of groundwater protection responses (site suitability guidelines) for specific hazards. More detail can be found in 'Groundwater Protection Schemes' (DELG/EPA/GSI, 1999).

8.8 Rainfall, Evaporation and Recharge

The term 'recharge' refers to the amount of water replenishing the groundwater flow system. Recharge is generally estimated on an annual basis, and is assumed to consist of an input (i.e. annual rainfall) less water losses (i.e. annual evapotranspiration and runoff). The estimation of recharge is critical in source protection delineation as, in combination with abstractions and overflows at the source, it largely dictates the size of the zone of contribution.

In areas where point recharge from sinking streams, etc, is discounted, the main parameters involved in recharge rate estimation are annual rainfall, annual evapotranspiration, and annual runoff⁵:

- Annual rainfall: 890 mm (Met Eireann average annual (1961-90), average of rainfall measured at Bennettsbridge, Stoneyford and Thomastown).
- Annual actual evapotranspiration (A.E.) losses: 450 mm. This figure ('actual evapotranspiration') was calculated assuming 95% of the country-wide potential evapotranspiration data presented in the "Agroclimatic Atlas of Ireland" (Collins and Cummins, 1996). Local measurements of actual evapotranspiration are not available.
- Potential recharge: 440 mm/year, based on average annual rainfall less estimated evapotranspiration.

⁵ Estimations used in this report have generally been rounded off to two significant figures

- Annual runoff losses (RO): 90 mm. This estimation is based on the assumption that, due to the predominance of either thin or permeable subsoils over much of the area upgradient of the source (refer to Section 8.7), only 20% of the potential recharge will be lost to overland flow and soil quickflow. Losses of 20% are typically used by the GSI in similar areas.

These calculations are summarised below:

| | |
|---|--------|
| Average annual rainfall (R) | 890 mm |
| Estimated A.E. | 450 mm |
| Potential recharge (R – A.E.) | 440 mm |
| Runoff losses (RO) | 90 mm |
| Estimated actual recharge (R-A.E.) – (RO) | 350 mm |

8.9 Groundwater levels

Information on the groundwater levels in the two aquifers comes from measurements taken as part of this study from the abstraction points and also from two GSI drilled observation holes. The following two tables outline the findings:

Gravel aquifer:

| Measurement Point | Infiltration Gallery | Observation Borehole | River |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|
| Distance from river | 16 m | 9.5 m | - |
| Measured water level | 3.3 m b.g.l. (25.2 m O.D.) | 3 m b.g.l. (25.6 m O.D.) | 27.3 m O.D. |

Dolomitised limestone aquifer:

| Measurement Point | Private Well | Test Borehole | Pumping Well | River |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Distance from river | 184 m | 73 m | 9.2 m | - |
| Measured water level | 22.54 m b.g.l. (24.06 m O.D.) | 4.7 m b.g.l. (24.5 m O.D.) | 53.7 m b.g.l. (-21.54 m O.D.) | 27.3 m O.D. |

The measurements taken in the sand and gravel aquifer show a gentle downward gradient from the river towards the infiltration gallery. The measurements for dolomitised limestone aquifer indicate that the aquifer has a low bulk permeability - the pumping water level is very deep compared to the water level in a borehole less than 70 m away and compared to the water level in the gravel aquifer above. The water levels also indicate that the dolomitised aquifer is generally confined on the valley floor and lower valley sides.

8.10 Groundwater Flow Directions and Gradients

The water table in the area is assumed to reflect topography, with groundwater flowing from the hills and valley sides, and discharging into the Nore at the base of the valley.

In three dimensions, the flow pattern is probably somewhat different in the undolomitised and dolomitised portions of the aquifer, and the proposed flow regime is shown in schematic form in Figure 8.1. It seems likely that water recharging the undolomitised limestone travels at shallow depths (possibly within 15 m of the top of the rock) before discharging into the Nore and the sand and gravel alongside it. In the dolomitised portion, however, drilling data from the site (Connor, 1999) suggests significant water strikes can occur more than 70 m below the top of the rock (~ 30 m below the top of the dolomite). It is therefore likely that recharge to this aquifer is not controlled by local sub-catchment watersheds and that groundwaters supplying the source can be recharged from the area 2 km to the east where the dolomitised limestone outcrops at surface (refer to Map 8).

Given that pumping water levels in the borehole are much lower than the water levels in the gravels and in the river, it is likely that the dolomitised aquifer is recharged to a significant degree by vertical leakage from the river, the gravel aquifer, and the upper shaley limestone aquifer.

Groundwater gradients in the sand and gravel aquifer have been calculated using water level readings in the observation borehole in the sand and gravel and the infiltration gallery. The calculated gradient is 0.14 (1 in 7) from the river towards the infiltration gallery. Though no data is available for the gravels up-slope of the gallery, it is likely that a component of flow will also be from the valley sides to the gallery.

A groundwater gradient of 0.02 (1 in 50) has been calculated in the dolomitised limestone using water level readings in two observation boreholes. Closer to the pumping well the gradient increases dramatically, probably in the order of 0.7 (1 in 1.4). The groundwater gradient in the undolomitised portion is likely to mimic the topographic gradient of 0.07 (1 in 10).

8.11 Water Quality

Data on recent trends in water quality at the Bennettsbridge source are presented in Appendix V and are summarised graphically in Figure 8.2. It should be noted that the borehole only came on line in November 1999, and that data prior to this date only apply to the infiltration gallery. Also, water is abstracted from the Nore to augment the supply in the summer months.

The following key points have been identified from the data:

- *Hardness*: Only one data point is available (from GSI sampling in October 2000) The result suggests the groundwater has a ‘very hard’ (>350 mg/l CaCO₃) calcium-bicarbonate hydrochemical signature. This is typical of the limestone lowlands of the Irish midlands.
- *Faecal coliforms*: Of the five available raw⁶ water samples from the infiltration gallery or mixed waters since 1994, all show some counts of faecal coliforms. Note, however, that of these five samples, only one is available in combination with a separate raw water sample from the borehole. Analysis of this one borehole sample is presented in comparison with raw water samples from the bore and the river in Table 8.1. A count of 5600 faecal coliforms per 100 ml was found in the sample from the river, while no faecal bacteria were detected in the borehole supply. Given that the river is thought to recharge the lower dolomitised aquifer as well as the upper sand and gravel aquifer, this suggests that significant contaminant attenuation occurs vertically between the gravels and the dolomitised limestone bedrock. The data also suggests that the most likely cause of the bacterial pollution in the Bennettsbridge mixed source is the River Nore. In winter, the river can rise above the level of the borehole, entering it via the unsealed top. Though no data are available for flood periods, it is likely that the borehole is contaminated with faecal coliforms for at least the period of inundation.
- *Other contaminant indicators*: Only one raw water sample is available from the borehole itself. Concentrations of nitrate, ammonia and chloride are below GSI guide levels in the borehole sample.
- Water quality data from the borehole and river are compared in Table 8.1. The elevated groundwater temperature of 12.9 °C, taken during early autumn, provides qualitative evidence that the proportion of river water in the recharge to the borehole is significant. Additional, quantitative estimates of the proportion of river water recharging the borehole can be made from nitrates and chlorides, which are not expected to be attenuated significantly by materials below the river. Assuming the Bausheenmore springs are representative of typical nitrate and chloride concentrations in the dolomitised Ballysteen limestone (refer to Section 7.5.3), the groundwater contribution to the Bennettsbridge borehole is typically 25 mg/l nitrate (NO₃) and 30 mg/l chloride. Taking equivalent borehole and river water concentrations from Table 8.1, a river contribution of 40% of the total borehole abstraction is required to dilute regional groundwater concentrations to those found in the borehole.

⁶ Raw water samples are taken prior to treatment. Assessments are aimed at identifying contamination hazards rather than direct human health issues.

Table 8.1: Selected Laboratory Analyses of Groundwater at the Bennettsbridge Source

| Parameter | Results of EPA Laboratory Analyses (samples taken 2/10/00) | | |
|--|--|--------------|---------------------------|
| | Borehole Sample | River Sample | Mixed Sample ⁷ |
| Conductivity ($\mu\text{S}/\text{cm}$) | 721 | 447 | 681 |
| Temperature ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) | 12.9 | 13.2 | |
| pH | 7.3 | 8 | 7.4 |
| Total Hardness | 424 | 255 | 390 |
| Total Alkalinity (mg/l) | 317 | 185 | 291 |
| Calcium | 128 | 89 | 124.4 |
| Magnesium | 25.4 | 7.8 | 19.2 |
| Chloride | 24 | 16 | 23 |
| Sulphate | 28.5 | 15.8 | 23 |
| Sodium | 16.1 | 10.3 | 16.7 |
| Potassium | 2.3 | 4.4 | 3.3 |
| Nitrate (as NO_3) | 19 | 9.3 | 19.9 |
| Iron | < 0.05 | 0.279 | <0.05 |
| Faecal coliforms / 100 ml. | None detected | 5600 | 5 |

The natural hydrochemistry of the Ballysteen aquifer systems is discussed in Chapter 4 of Volume I.

8.12 Aquifer Parameters

The main aquifer parameters of significance are permeability and porosity. Together with groundwater gradients, these parameters are used to estimate the extent of the inner source protection area in Section 8.14.3).

Dolomitised limestone: A discharge test in October 1999 of between 1571 and 1229 m^3/day for 2 days gave a final drawdown of 48.4 m, and a specific capacity of 25 $\text{m}^3/\text{day}/\text{m}$ (see Section 8.3). Recovery was not measured as the borehole was put into commission immediately and has been pumped constantly ever since. Analysis of the drawdown pattern during pumping provided a transmissivity estimate of 15 m^2/d . Close to the end of the second day of the pump test described above, a second borehole, located at the other end of the infiltration gallery began pumping at 440 m^3/day . Both wells pumped together for a further 12 days. The yield obtained from the second borehole was not considered sufficient for the needs of the scheme and it was abandoned. An additional trial well was drilled at the site in 2001, but was also found to be inadequate. Clearly, flow and aquifer parameters in the aquifer are quite variable, but the available data suggest that both the transmissivity and permeability at depth in the aquifer are quite low.

Shaley limestone: Data from a well in shaley Ballysteen limestone near Mount Juliet (reference 2313NEW170) suggest a specific capacity of 14 $\text{m}^3/\text{day}/\text{m}$ and a transmissivity of 32 m^2/d and a permeability of 3.2 m/day for this aquifer in the vicinity of the source. The permeability was derived assuming a minimum aquifer thickness of 10 m and is therefore likely to be at the higher end of typical bulk permeabilities in the aquifer.

A porosity of 0.025 has been assumed for the bedrock aquifers. This is at the upper end of the typical range used by the GSI for bedrock aquifers (0.025 to 0.01) and reflects the belief that the aquifers are densely fractured in the vicinity of the fault zone which runs along the River Nore.

⁷ Taken from the mixed gallery and borehole discharge just prior to treatment.

The average abstraction rate for the borehole is estimated as approximately 1250 m³/d. Additional safety factors are considered inappropriate given that the borehole appears to close to its maximum yield. The average discharge from the infiltration gallery is estimated as approximately 1550 m³/day (see Section 8.3).

The boundaries of the analytical model were taken from hydrogeological mapping and the conceptualisation outlined in Section 8.13, and were as follows:

| | Infiltration Gallery | Borehole |
|--------------------------|---|--|
| Northern boundary | Ridge of higher ground overlooking the bank of the Nore, 0.3 km north of site. | Ridge of higher ground overlooking the bank of the Nore, 0.3 km north of site. |
| Southern boundary | Ridge dividing catchment from valley to the south, 0.1 km from the site. | Ridge dividing catchment from valley to the south, 0.1 km from the site. |
| Eastern boundary | Local topographic divide: Hill crest in Rathduff townland, 1.8 km east of the site. | Regional topographic divide running across the outcrop area of dolomitised Ballysteen limestone, 4 km from the borehole. |
| Western boundary | River Nore | River Nore |
| Total area | 1.2 km ² | 1.3 km ² |

These boundaries delineate the physical limits within which the ZOC is likely to occur and are shown on Maps 8, 9 and 10. Some additional calculations can be performed to assess if the ZOC for the Protection Scheme should be smaller or larger than the area contained within the physical constraints:

- *Water balance:* The area required to balance the total abstraction with rainfall recharge is:

$$\text{Recharge area required to sustain discharge} = \text{discharge} \div \text{average annual depth of recharge.}$$

$$\text{Recharge area required to sustain discharge} = ((1550 + 1250) \times 365) \div 0.35$$

$$\text{Recharge area required to sustain discharge} = 2.9 \text{ km}^2$$

$$\text{Total area available} = 1.3 \text{ km}^2 + 1.2 \text{ km}^2 = 2.5 \text{ km}^2$$

In other words, the area contained within the physical constraints under-estimates the groundwater recharge required to balance abstraction by a shortfall of 15%. However, significant river recharge is anticipated in the conceptual model. Using a chemical mass balance, river recharge has been estimated to make up 40% of the abstraction at the borehole, and, by inference, more than 40% of the abstraction at the gallery. Clearly, river recharge will be more than sufficient to make up the shortfall in the water balance, which amounts to only 0.1% of low flows in the Nore close to Bennettsbridge.

- *Width of ZOC at the local topographic divide 1.8 km east of the site:* The ZOC at this location approximates the upgradient limit of recharge waters feeding the infiltration gallery. It can be estimated using the “uniform flow equation”, as follows:

$$\text{Width} = 2 \times \text{abstraction} \div (\text{permeability} \times \text{thickness} \times \text{hydraulic gradient})$$

$$= 2 \times 1600 \div (10 \times 10 \times 0.06)$$

$$= 530 \text{ m}$$

The equivalent figure using physical constraints alone is 800 m. Thus, it appears that the figure derived from the physical constraints represents a reasonable, if slightly conservative approximation of the upgradient width of the ZOC for the infiltration gallery.

- *Width of ZOC at the River Nore:* Evidence from water levels (Section 8.9) suggests that the width of the upgradient cone of depression of the borehole is less than 65 m. This compares with a southern boundary distance of 100 m derived from the physical constraints. The northern boundary is extended further than 100 m to account for the width of the gallery.

In summary:

- The physical constraints are generally appropriate to utilise as the boundary of the ZOC.

- River recharge is thought to make up a significant proportion of the total recharge to the source and, on this basis, the mapped ZOC is slightly conservative.
- The ZOC delineated in Map 10 comprises the ZOC for both the gallery and the borehole.

8.14.3 Inner Protection Area

The Inner Protection Area (SI) is the area defined by a 100 day time of travel (TOT) to the source from a point below the water table and it is delineated to protect against the effects of potentially contaminating activities which may have an immediate influence on water quality at the source, in particular from microbial contamination.

Estimations of the extent of this area cannot be made by hydrogeological mapping and conceptualisation methods alone. Analytical modelling was therefore used to estimate the extent of this zone upgradient of the well. Note that only the sand and gravel and shaley aquifers were considered in terms of the inner protection area. This is because, close to the source, waters reaching the deeper dolomite aquifer would first have to percolate through the weathered and unweathered zones of the shaley limestone.

Subject to certain assumptions and conditions, Darcy's Law can be used to approximate groundwater flow velocities, as follows:

$$\text{Velocity} = \text{groundwater gradient} \times \text{permeability} \div \text{porosity}$$

Using the estimates derived in Sections 8.12 and 8.10 for gradient, permeability, and porosity (0.07, 3.2 m/day, and 0.025 respectively), the equation gives a velocity of 9 m/day. This could be treated as a 'reasonable worst case estimate'. In other words, though some very rapid flow paths may occur, it is thought that most groundwater will move up to 900 m in 100 days. Accordingly, the boundary of the SI has been delineated 900 m upgradient of the source (refer to Map 10).

8.14.4 Groundwater Protection Zones

The groundwater protection zones are obtained by integrating the source protection areas and vulnerability categories – giving a possible total of 8 source protection zones (see the matrix in the table below). In practice, this is done by superimposing the vulnerability map on the source protection area map. Each zone is represented by a code, e.g. **SI/H**, which represents an Inner Source Protection area where the groundwater is highly vulnerable to contamination. All of the hydrogeological settings represented by the zones may not be present around any given source. Just three groundwater protection zones are present around the Bennettsbridge source (Map 10), as shown in the matrix below.

Matrix of Source Protection Zones

| VULNERABILITY RATING | SOURCE PROTECTION | |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | <i>Inner</i> | <i>Outer</i> |
| <i>Extreme (E)</i> | SI/E | SO/E |
| <i>High (H)</i> | SI/H | <i>not present</i> |
| <i>Moderate (M)</i> | <i>not present</i> | <i>not present</i> |
| <i>Low (L)</i> | <i>not present</i> | <i>not present</i> |

The appropriate responses imposing restrictions on development are presented in the document 'Groundwater Protection Schemes' (DELG/EPA/GSI, 1999).

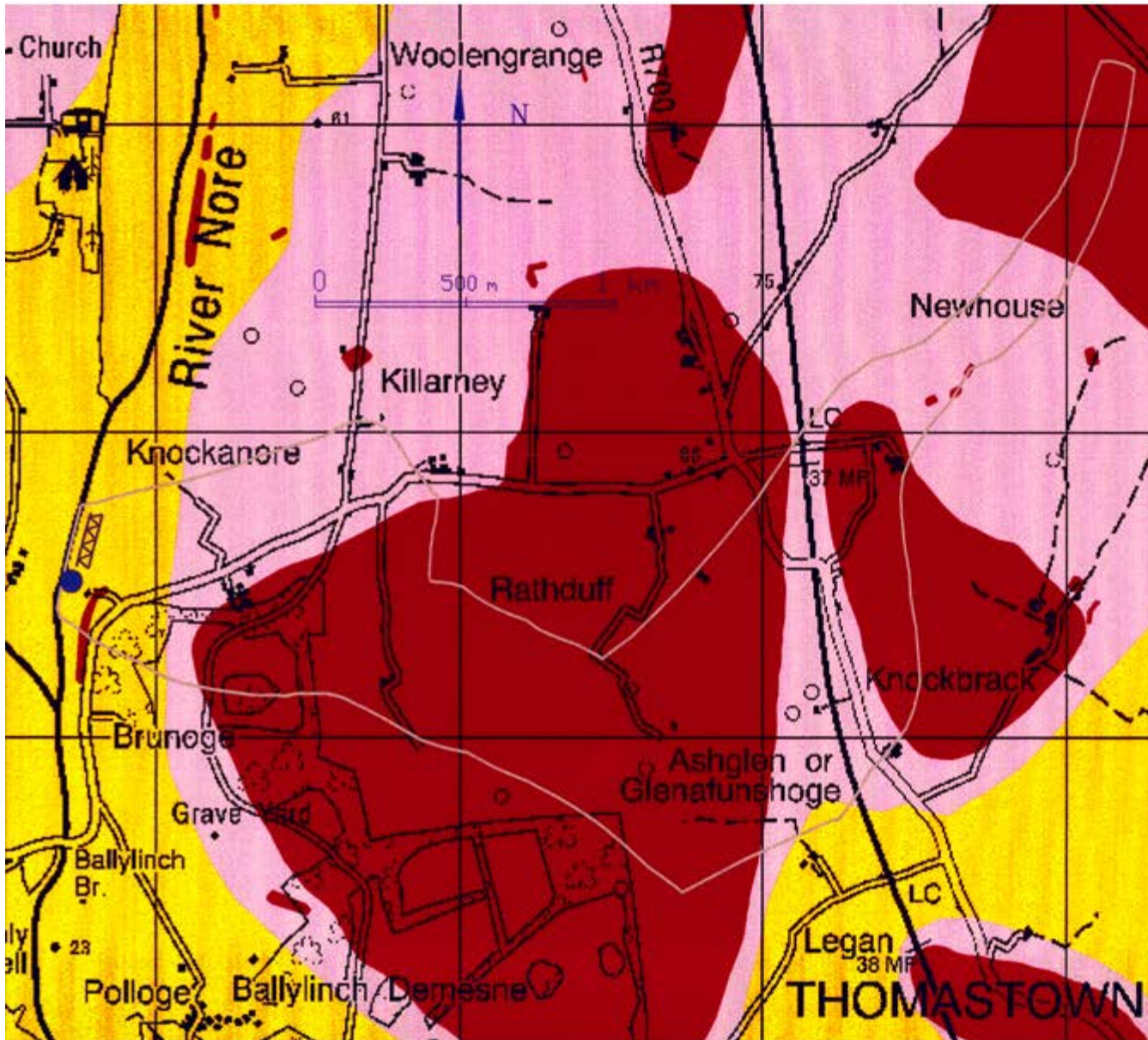
8.15 Land Use and Potential Pollution Sources

Agriculture in the area is mainly based on livestock.

Though a significant proportion of contaminants found in the source are expected to be derived from the River Nore, some are also likely to be derived from inorganic fertilisers and/or the disposal and management of organic wastes.

8.16 Conclusions and Recommendations

- ◆ It is unlikely that the bedrock aquifers will provide water supplies at the site that are significantly greater in the long term than those provided currently. Pumping water levels at the production borehole are deep and river recharge is required to balance abstraction. It may be that the current supply from the borehole will not be sustainable through future dry summers. Regionally important aquifers lie within 1.5 km of the north and south of the site. These might be explored if future increases in supply were needed or if an alternative to direct intake from the river is sought.
- ◆ The groundwater around the supply is ‘highly’ to ‘extremely’ vulnerable to contamination. Further, the well-head is vulnerable to surface water inundation during flooding of the River Nore.
- ◆ The available data suggest that the gallery supply is contaminated by river water and by groundwater contamination (possibly due to the disposal and handling of agricultural organic wastes) from the valley floor and sides. There is insufficient data from the production borehole to indicate whether this source is also contaminated, but some contamination is likely during floods which inundate the borehole.
- ◆ The protection zones delineated in this chapter are based on our current understanding of groundwater conditions and on the available data. Additional data obtained in the future may indicate that amendments to the boundaries are necessary.
- ◆ It is recommended that:
 - chemical and bacteriological analyses of raw water as well as treated water be carried out regularly. Given some of the raw water quality issues at the source, a monthly frequency has been recommended in Section 7.9. The chemical analyses should include all major ions - calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, ammonium, bicarbonate, sulphate, chloride, and nitrate. More occasional analyses of other parameters such as pesticides and hydrocarbons is also recommended;
 - sampling include separate waters from the borehole and the gallery, as well as the final mixed water;
 - the potential hazards in the ZOC be located and assessed;
 - the flow data from the borehole be examined regularly to identify decreases in yield which may be the result of dropping water levels.
 - the pumping borehole be protected from inundation by the river.
- ◆ The planned groundwater abstraction at Bennettsbridge is greater by some 30% than the current abstraction figures used in this document. The abstraction rate is a key factor in determining the size of protection zones around a source. The County Council indicated that the current abstraction rate should be used in the assessments at Bennettsbridge. However, should the planned rate be attained in the future, the size of the source protection areas delineated in this document may require re-evaluation.



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MAP 9 VULNERABILITY OF SOURCE PROTECTION AREAS

VULNERABILITY CLASSIFICATION

- Generally Extreme (E)
- Outcrop/Shallow rock/Karst (E)
- Generally High (H)
- Generally Moderate (M)
- Generally Low (L)

- High Yielding Spring
- Excellent Yielding Well
- Intermediate Yielding Spring
- Low Yielding Spring
- Infiltration Gallery
- Portion of Paultown Outer Source Area lying outside Co. Kilkenny

Vulnerability is a term used to represent the intrinsic geological and hydrogeological characteristics that determine the ease with which groundwater may be contaminated by human activities.

The map shows the vulnerability of the first groundwater encountered (in either sand/gravel aquifers or in bedrock) to contaminants released at depths of 1-2 m below the ground surface. Where contaminants are released at significantly different depths, there will be a need to determine groundwater vulnerability using site-specific data. The characteristics of individual contaminants have not been taken into account.

This vulnerability map is designed for general information and strategic planning usage. The boundaries are based on the available evidence and local details have been generalised to fit the map scale. Evaluation of specific sites and circumstances will normally require further and more detailed assessments, and will frequently require site investigations to determine the risk to groundwater.

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Outcrop and depth to bedrock mapping: Map 3; S. Hegarty, Quaternary and Geotechnical Section
Permeability mapping: R. Buckley and V. Fitzmaurice, Groundwater Section
Soil map: M. J. Conry, Air Force Technical
Subsoils Map: Map 2; S. Hegarty, Quaternary and Geotechnical Section

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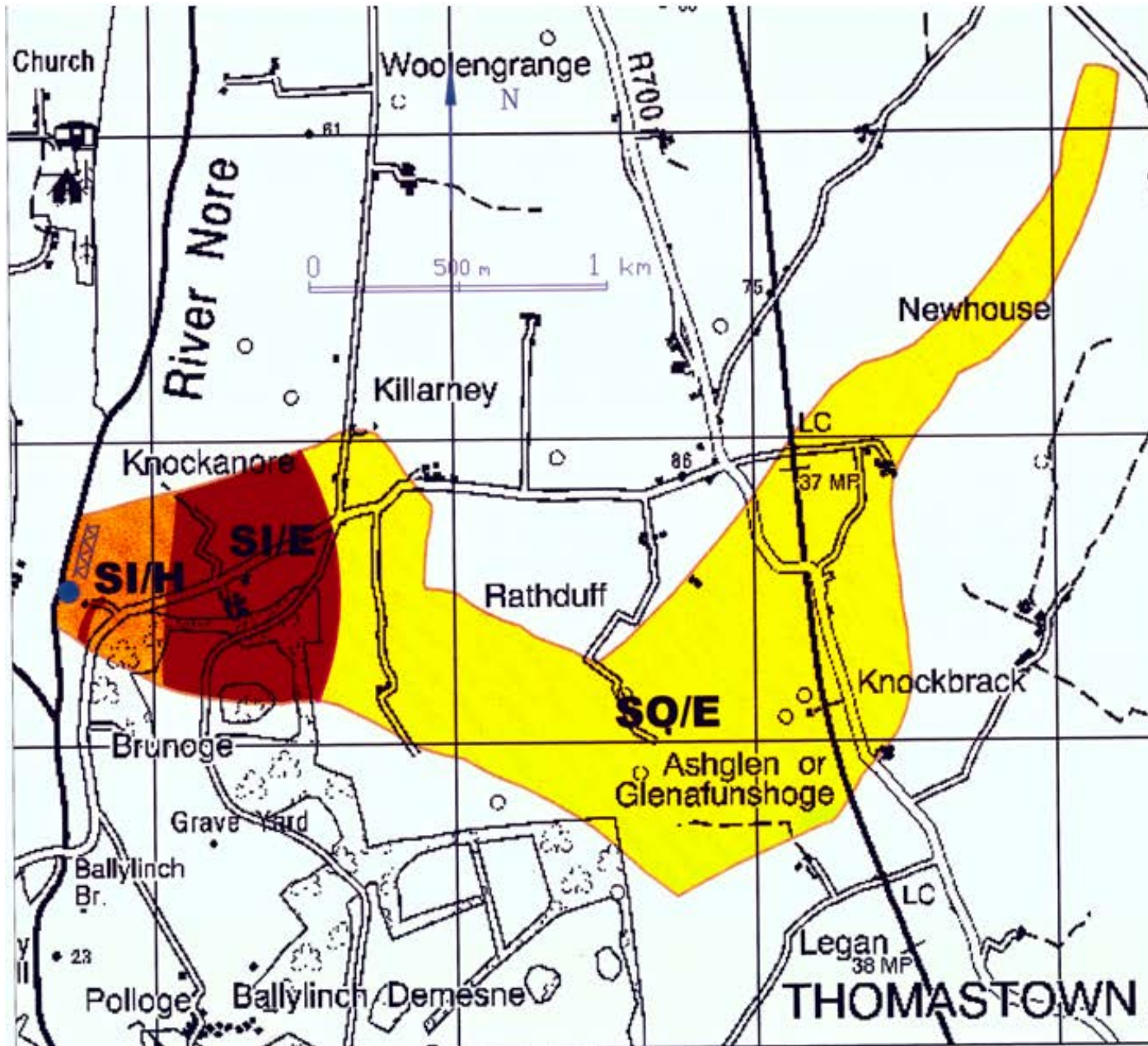
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Map 9 Vulnerability of Source Protection Areas



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MAP 10 SOURCE PROTECTION ZONES

| VULNERABILITY RATING | SOURCE PROTECTION ZONES | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| | Inner (SI) | Outer (SO) |
| Extreme (E) | SI/E | SO/E |
| High (H) | SI/H | SO/H |
| Moderate (M) | SI/M | SO/M |
| Low (L) | SI/L | SO/L |

- High Yielding Spring
- Excellent Yielding Well
- Intermediate Yielding Spring
- Low Yielding Spring
- Infiltration Gallery
- Portion of Paulstown Outer Source Area lying outside Co. Kilkenny

This Source Protection Zone map is designed for general information and strategic planning usage. The boundaries are based on the available evidence and local details have been generalised to fit the map scale. Evaluation of specific sites and circumstances will normally require further and more detailed assessments and will frequently require site investigations to determine the risk to groundwater.

The map is intended for use in conjunction with groundwater protection responses for potentially polluting activities, which lists the degree of acceptability of these activities in each zone and describes the control measures necessary to prevent pollution.

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Map 10 Source Protection Zones

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MAP 9 VULNERABILITY OF SOURCE PROTECTION AREAS

VULNERABILITY CLASSIFICATION

- Generally Extreme (E)
- Outcrop/Shallow rock/Karst (E)
- Generally High (H)
- Generally Moderate (M)
- Generally Low (L)

- High Yielding Spring
- Excellent Yielding Well
- Intermediate Yielding Spring
- Low Yielding Spring
- Infiltration Gallery
- Portion of Paulstown Outer Source Area lying outside Co. Kilkenny

Vulnerability is a term used to represent the intrinsic geological and hydrogeological characteristics that determine the ease with which groundwater may be contaminated by human activities.

The map shows the vulnerability of the first groundwater encountered (in either sand/gravel aquifers or in bedrock) to contaminants released at depths of 1-2 m below the ground surface. Where contaminants are released at significantly different depths, there will be a need to determine groundwater vulnerability using site-specific data. The characteristics of individual contaminants have not been taken into account.

This vulnerability map is designed for general information and strategic planning usage. The boundaries are based on the available evidence and local details have been generalised to fit the map scale. Evaluation of specific sites and circumstances will normally require further and more detailed assessments, and will frequently require site investigations to determine the risk to groundwater.

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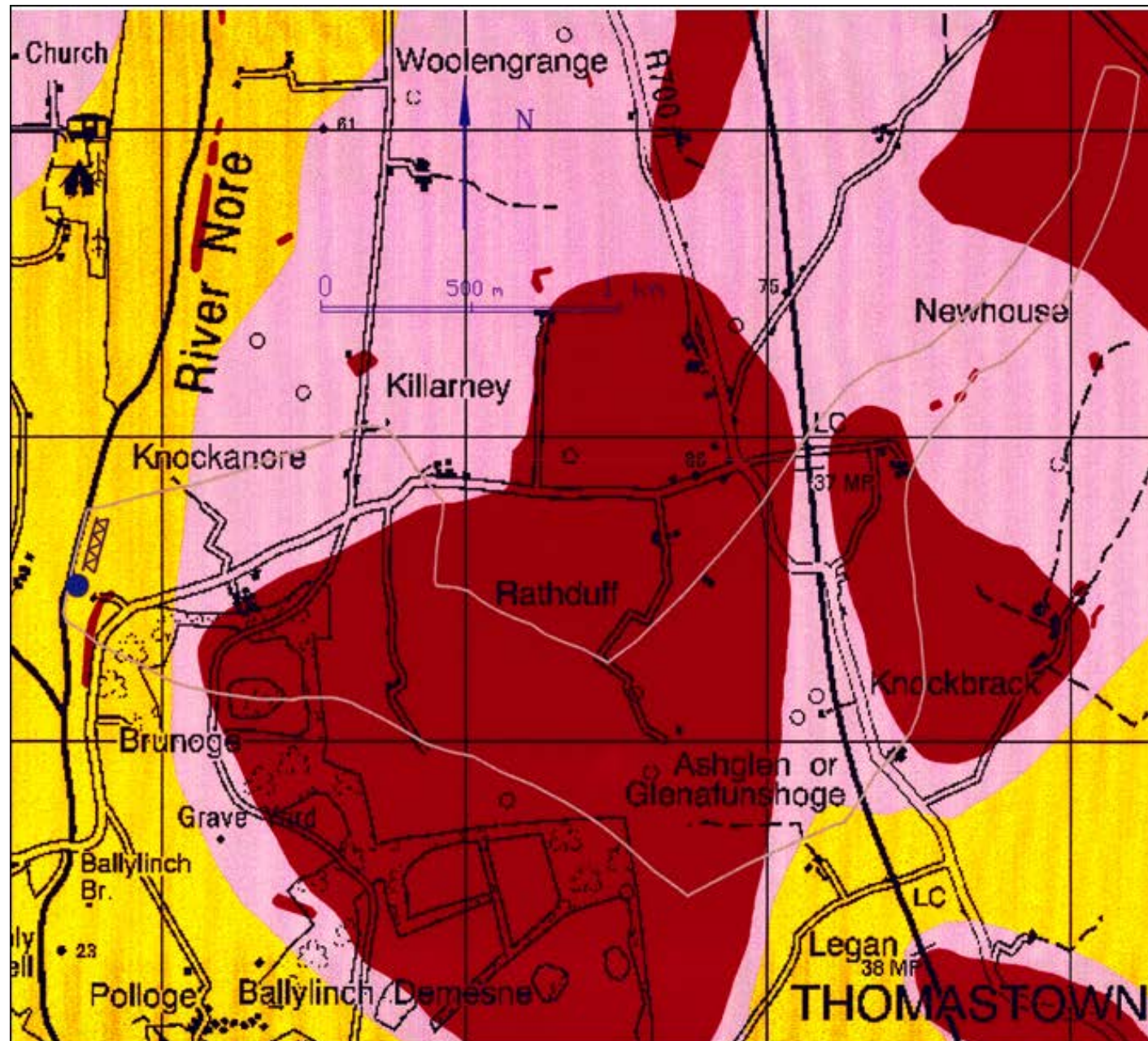
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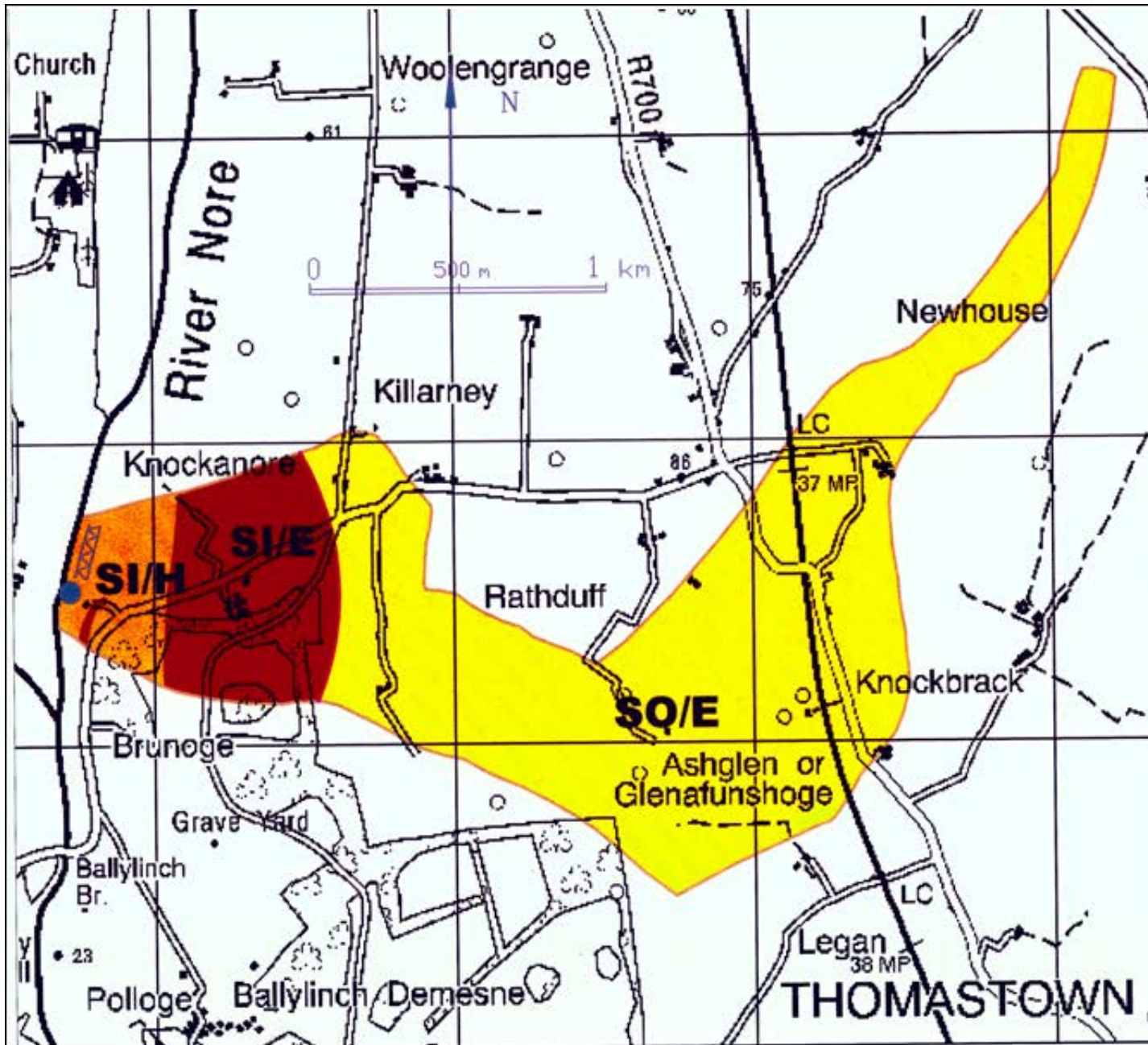
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MAP 10 SOURCE PROTECTION ZONES

| VULNERABILITY RATING | SOURCE PROTECTION ZONES | |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| | Inner (SI) | Outer (SO) |
| Extreme (E) | SI/E | SO/E |
| High (H) | SI/H | SO/H |
| Moderate (M) | SI/M | SO/M |
| Low (L) | SI/L | SO/L |

- High Yielding Spring
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- Low Yielding Spring
- Portion of Paulstown Outer Source Area lying outside Co. Kilkenny

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The map is intended for use in conjunction with groundwater protection responses for potentially polluting activities, which lists the degree of acceptability of these activities in each zone and describes the control measures necessary to prevent pollution.

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**Appendix IV: Discussion of the Key Indicators of
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A.1 Introduction

This appendix is adapted from Daly, 1996.

There has been a tendency in analysing groundwater samples to test for a limited number of constituents. A "full" or "complete" analysis, which includes all the major anions and cations, is generally recommended for routine monitoring and for assessing pollution incidents. This enables (i) a check on the reliability of the analysis (by doing an ionic balance), (ii) a proper assessment of the water chemistry and quality and (iii) a possible indication of the source of contamination. A listing of recommended and optional parameters are given in Table A1. It is also important that the water samples taken for analysis have not been chlorinated - this is a difficulty in some local authority areas where water take-off points prior to chlorination have not been installed.

The following parameters are good contamination indicators: E.coli, nitrate, ammonia, potassium, chloride, iron, manganese and trace organics.

TABLE A1

| Recommended Parameters | | |
|---|------------------------------|---|
| Appearance | Calcium (Ca) | Nitrate (NO ₃)* |
| Sediment | Magnesium (Mg) | Ammonia (NH ₄ and NH ₃)* |
| pH (lab) | Sodium (Na) | Iron (Fe)* |
| Electrical Conductivity (EC)* | Potassium (K)* | Manganese (Mn)* |
| Total Hardness | Chloride (Cl)* | |
| General coliform | Sulphate (SO ₄)* | |
| E. coli * | Alkalinity | |
| Optional Parameters (depending on local circumstances or reasons for sampling) | | |
| Fluoride (F) | Fatty acids * | Zinc (Zn) |
| Orthophosphate | Trace organics * | Copper (Cu) |
| Nitrite (NO ₂)* | TOC * | Lead (Pb) |
| B.O.D.* | Boron (B) * | Other metals |
| Dissolved Oxygen * | Cadmium (Cd) | |
| * good indicators of contamination | | |

A.2 Faecal Bacteria and Viruses

E. coli is the parameter tested as an indicator of the presence of faecal bacteria and perhaps viruses; constituents which pose a significant risk to human health. The most common health problem arising from the presence of faecal bacteria in groundwater is diarrhoea, but typhoid fever, infectious hepatitis and gastrointestinal infections can also occur. Although *E. coli* bacteria are an excellent indicator of pollution, they can come from different sources - septic tank effluent, farmyard waste, landfill sites, birds. The faecal coliform : faecal streptococci ratio has been suggested as a tentative

indicator to distinguish between animal and human waste sources (Henry *et al.*, 1987). However, researchers in Virginia Tech (Reneau, 1996) cautioned against the use of this technique.

Viruses are a particular cause for concern as they survive longer in groundwater than indicator bacteria (Gerba and Bitton, 1984).

The published data on elimination of bacteria and viruses in groundwater has been compiled by Pekdeger and Matthess (1983), who show that in different investigations 99.9% elimination of *E. coli* occurred after 10-15 days. The mean of the evaluated investigations was 25 days. They show that 99.9% elimination of various viruses occurred after 16-120 days, with a mean of 35 days for Polio-, Hepatitis, and Enteroviruses. According to Armon and Kott (1994), pathogenic bacteria can survive for more than ten days under adverse conditions and up to 100 days under favourable conditions; enteroviruses can survive from about 25 days up to 170 days in soils.

Bacteria can move considerable distances in the subsurface, given the right conditions. In a sand and gravel aquifer, coliform bacteria were isolated 100 ft from the source 35 hours after the sewage was introduced (as reported in Hagedorn *et al.*, 1981). They can travel several kilometres in karstic aquifers. In Ireland, research at Sligo RTC involved examining in detail the impact of septic tank systems at three locations with different site conditions (Henry, 1990; summarised in Daly, Thorn and Henry, 1993). Piezometers were installed down-gradient; the distances of the furthest piezometers were 8 m, 10 m and 9.5 m, respectively. Unsurprisingly, high faecal bacteria counts were obtained in the piezometers at the two sites with soakage pits, one with limestone bedrock at a shallow depth where the highest count (max. 14 000 cfu's per 1000 ml) and the second where sand/gravel over limestone was present (max 3 000 cfu's per 100 ml). At the third site, a percolation area was installed at 1.0 m b.g.l; the subsoils between the percolation pipes and the fractured bedrock consisted of 1.5 m sandy loam over 3.5 m of poorly sorted gravel; the water table was 3.5 b.g.l. (So this site would satisfy the water table and depth to rock requirements of S.R.6:1991, and most likely the percolation test requirement.) Yet, the maximum faecal coliform bacteria count was 300 cfus per 100 ml. Faecal streptococci were present in all three piezometers. It is highly likely that wells located 30 m down gradient of the drainage fields would be polluted by faecal bacteria.

As viruses are smaller than bacteria, they are not readily filtered out as effluent moves through the ground. The main means of attenuation is by adsorption on clay particles. Viruses can travel considerable distances underground, depths as great as 67 m and horizontal migrations as far as 400 m have been reported (as reported in US EPA, 1987). The possible presence of viruses in groundwater as a result of pollution by septic tank systems is a matter of concern because of their mobility and the fact that indicator bacteria such as faecal coliforms have been found not to correlate with the presence of viruses in groundwater samples (US EPA, 1987).

The natural environment, in particular the soils and subsoils, can be effective in removing bacteria and viruses by predation, filtration and absorption. There are two high risk situations: (i) where permeable sands and gravels with a shallow water table are present; and (ii) where fractured rock, particularly limestone, is present close to the ground surface. The presence of clayey gravels, tills, and peat will, in many instances, hinder the vertical migration of microbes, although preferential flow paths, such as cracks in clayey materials, can allow rapid movement and bypassing of the subsoil.

A.3 Nitrate

Nitrate is one of the most common contaminants identified in groundwater and increasing concentrations have been recorded in many developed countries. The consumption of nitrate rich water by young children may give rise to a condition known as methaemoglobinaemia (blue baby syndrome). The formation of carcinogenic nitrosamines is also a possible health hazard and epidemiological studies have indicated a positive correlation between nitrate consumption in drinking

water and the incidence of gastric cancer. However, the correlation is not proven according to some experts (Wild and Cameron, 1980). The EC MAC for drinking water is 50mg/l.

The nitrate ion is not adsorbed on clay or organic matter. It is highly mobile and under wet conditions is easily leached out of the rooting zone and through soil and permeable subsoil. As the normal concentrations in uncontaminated groundwater is low (less than 5 mg/l), nitrate can be a good indicator of contamination by fertilisers and waste organic matter.

In the past there has been a tendency in Ireland to assume that the presence of high nitrates in well water indicated an impact by inorganic fertilisers. This assumption has frequently been wrong, as examination of other constituents in the water showed that organic wastes - usually farmyard waste, probably soiled water - were the source. The nitrate concentrations in wells with a low abstraction rate - domestic and farm wells - can readily be influenced by soiled water seeping underground in the vicinity of the farmyard or from the spraying of soiled water on adjoining land. Even septic tank effluent can raise the nitrate levels; if a septic tank system is in the zone of contribution of a well, a four-fold dilution of the nitrogen in the effluent is needed to bring the concentration of nitrate below the EU MAC (as the EU limit is 50 mg/l as NO₃ or 11.3 mg/l as N and assuming that the N concentration in septic tank effluent is 45 mg/l).

The recently produced draft county reports by the EPA on nitrate in groundwater show high levels of nitrate in a significant number of public and group scheme supplies, particularly in south and southern counties and in counties with intensive agriculture, such as Carlow and Louth. This suggests that diffuse sources – landspreading of fertilisers – is having an impact on groundwater.

In assessing regional groundwater quality and, in particular the nitrate levels in groundwater, it is important that:

- (i) conclusions should not be drawn using data only from private wells, which are frequently located near potential point pollution sources and from which only a small quantity of groundwater is abstracted;
- (ii) account should be taken of the complete chemistry of the sample and not just nitrate, as well as the presence of *E. coli*;
- (iii) account should be taken of not only the land-use in the area but also the location of point pollution sources;
- (iv) account should be taken of the regional hydrogeology and the relationship of this to the well itself. For instance, shallow wells generally show higher nitrate concentrations than deeper wells, low permeability sediments can cause denitrification, knowledge on the groundwater flow direction is needed to assess the influence of land-use.

A.4 Ammonia

Ammonia has a low mobility in soil and subsoil and its presence at concentrations greater than 0.1 mg/l in groundwater indicates a nearby waste source and/or vulnerable conditions. The EU MAC is 0.3 mg/l.

A.5 Potassium

Potassium (K) is relatively immobile in soil and subsoil. Consequently the spreading of manure, slurry and inorganic fertilisers is unlikely to significantly increase the potassium concentrations in groundwater. In most areas in Ireland, the background potassium levels in groundwater are less than 3.0 mg/l. Higher concentrations are found occasionally where the rock contains potassium e.g. certain granites and sandstones. The background potassium:sodium ratio in most Irish groundwaters is less than 0.4 and often 0.3. The K:Na ratio of soiled water and other wastes derived from plant organic

matter is considerably greater than 0.4, whereas the ratio in septic tank effluent is less than 0.2. Consequently a K:Na ratio greater than 0.4 can be used to indicate contamination by plant organic matter - usually in farmyards, occasionally landfill sites (from the breakdown of paper). However, a K:Na ratio lower than 0.4 does not indicate that farmyard wastes are **not** the source of contamination (or that a septic tank is the cause), as K is less mobile than Na. (Phosphorus is increasingly a significant pollutant and cause of eutrophication in surface water. It is not a problem in groundwater as it usually is not mobile in soil and subsoil).

A.6 Chloride

The principle source of chloride in uncontaminated groundwater is rainfall and so in any region, depending on the distance from the sea and evapotranspiration, chloride levels in groundwater will be fairly constant. Chloride, like nitrate, is a mobile anion. Also, it is a constituent of organic wastes. Consequently, levels appreciably above background levels (12-15 mg/l in Co. Offaly, for instance) have been taken to indicate contamination by organic wastes such as septic tank systems. While this is probably broadly correct, Sherwood (1991) has pointed out that chloride can also be derived from potassium fertilisers.

A.7 Iron and manganese

Although they are present under natural conditions in groundwater in some areas, they can also be good indicators of contamination by organic wastes. Effluent from the wastes cause deoxygenation in the ground which results in dissolution of iron (Fe) and manganese (Mn) from the soil, subsoil and bedrock into groundwater. With reoxygenation in the well or water supply system the Fe and Mn precipitate. High Mn concentrations can be a good indicator of pollution by silage effluent. However, it can also be caused by other high BOD wastes such as milk, landfill leachate and perhaps soiled water and septic tank effluent.

Box A1 Warning/trigger Levels for Certain Contaminants

As human activities have had some impact on a high proportion of the groundwater in Ireland, there are few areas where the groundwater is in a pristine, completely natural condition. Consequently, most groundwater is contaminated to some degree although it is usually not polluted. In the view of the GSI, assessments of the degree of contamination of groundwater can be beneficial as an addition to examining whether the water is polluted or not. This type of assessment can indicate where appreciable impacts are occurring. It can act as a warning that either the situation could worsen and so needs regular monitoring and careful land-use planning, or that there may be periods when the source is polluted and poses a risk to human health and as a consequence needs regular monitoring. Consequently, thresholds for certain parameters can be used to help indicate situations where additional monitoring and/or source protection studies and/or hazard surveys may be appropriate to identify or prevent more significant water quality problems.

| Parameter | Threshold mg/l | EU MAC mg/l |
|-----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Nitrate | 25 | 50 |
| Potassium | 4 | 12 |
| Chloride | 30 (except near sea) | 250 |
| Ammonia | 0.15 | 0.3 |
| K/Na ratio | 0.3-0.4 | |
| Faecal bacteria | 0 | 0 |

Box A2 Summary : Assessing a Problem Area

Let us assume that you are examining an area with potential groundwater contamination problems and that you have taken samples in nearby wells. How can the analyses be assessed?

E. coli present ⇒ organic waste source nearby (except in karst areas), usually either a septic tank system or farmyard.

E. coli absent ⇒ either not polluted by organic waste or bacteria have not survived due to attenuation or time of travel to well greater than 100 days.

Nitrate > 25 mg/l ⇒ either inorganic fertiliser or organic waste source; check other parameters.

Ammonia > 0.15 mg/l ⇒ source is nearby organic waste; fertiliser is not an issue.

Potassium (K) > 5.0 mg/l ⇒ source is probably organic waste.

K/Na ratio > 0.4 (0.3, in many areas) ⇒ Farmyard waste rather than septic tank effluent is the source. If < 0.3, no conclusion is possible.

Chloride > 30 mg/l ⇒ organic waste source. However this does not apply in the vicinity of the coast (within 20 km at least).

In conclusion, faecal bacteria, nitrate, ammonia, high K/Na ratio and chloride indicate contamination by organic waste. However, only the high K/Na helps distinguish between septic tank effluent and farmyard wastes. So in many instances, while the analyses can show potential problems, other information is needed to complete the assessment.

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Appendix V: Laboratory analytical results

EPA Regional Water Laboratory, Kilkenny. Monitoring Data for County Kilkenny Groundwaters 1993 to 1999.

| Source | Sampling Date | Sampling Time | Cadmium mg/l Cd | Mercury mg/l Hg | Nickel mg/l Ni | Fluoride mg/l F | OMCTSiloxane µg/l | Comments1 | Comments2 | Comments3 |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---|--|-----------|
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 29/04/1992 | 11:38:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 01/07/1992 | 15:55:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 20/08/1992 | 15:15:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 18/11/1992 | 13:29:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 10/03/1993 | 16:00:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Castlecemer Yarns | 02/06/1993 | | < 0.0001 | | | | | Copy to Castlecemer Yarns Ltd. | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 02/06/1993 | | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Rathcash | 02/06/1993 | | < 0.0001 | | | | | Copy to Rathcash G.W.S. | | |
| Springs at Bausheenmore | 02/06/1993 | | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Westcourt | 02/06/1993 | | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Galmoy | 03/06/1993 | 11:25:00 | < 0.0001 | | 0.007 | | | | | |
| Galmoy 35 | 03/06/1993 | 11:47:00 | 0.0001 | | 0.001 | | | | | |
| Galmoy 37 | 03/06/1993 | 12:02:00 | 0.0001 | | < 0.001 | | | | | |
| Galmoy 25 | 03/06/1993 | 12:15:00 | 0.0001 | | 0.005 | | | | | |
| Galmoy 202 | 03/06/1993 | 12:55:00 | 0.0001 | | < 0.001 | | | | | |
| Borehole at Bawnmore | 03/06/1993 | 16:00:00 | 0.0001 | | < 0.001 | | | | | |
| Spring at Clomantagh | 10/06/1993 | 11:40:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Clomantagh | 10/06/1993 | 11:50:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Dunmore | 10/06/1993 | 12:28:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Spring Toberpatrick Urlingford | 15/06/1993 | 10:45:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Kilmanagh | 15/06/1993 | 12:00:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Dunmore S/G | 15/06/1993 | 14:30:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Kilkenny Mar | 15/06/1993 | 15:00:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Windgap | 01/07/1993 | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 05/08/1993 | 15:55:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Galmoy | 08/11/1993 | 11:15:00 | < 0.0001 | | < 0.001 | | | | | |
| Galmoy | 08/11/1993 | 11:45:00 | < 0.0001 | | < 0.001 | | | | | |
| Galmoy | 08/11/1993 | 12:20:00 | < 0.0001 | | < 0.001 | | | | | |
| Galmoy | 08/11/1993 | 12:40:00 | < 0.0001 | | < 0.001 | | | | | |
| Galmoy | 08/11/1993 | 13:50:00 | < 0.0001 | | < 0.001 | | | | | |
| Galmoy | 08/11/1993 | 13:55:00 | | | | | | Taken after well was pumped for approximately 1 1/2 hours. | | |
| Galmoy | 08/11/1993 | 14:44:00 | < 0.0001 | | < 0.001 | | | | | |
| Galmoy | 08/11/1993 | 14:52:00 | < 0.0001 | | < 0.001 | | | | | |
| Borehole at Bawnmore | 08/11/1993 | 15:15:00 | < 0.0001 | | < 0.001 | | | | | |
| Galmoy | 08/11/1993 | 15:45:00 | < 0.0001 | | < 0.001 | | | | | |
| Spring Toberpatrick Urlingford | 09/11/1993 | 11:45:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Castlecemer Yarns | 09/11/1993 | 12:35:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 09/11/1993 | 14:40:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Clara | 09/11/1993 | 15:15:00 | | | | | | 167 Total Coliforms, 5 obvious coliform colonies, 162 probably coliform colonies. | | |
| Spring at Westcourt | 09/11/1993 | 16:00:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Dunmore | 10/11/1993 | 10:30:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Dunmore S/G | 10/11/1993 | 10:55:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Kilkenny Mar | 10/11/1993 | 11:15:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Kilmanagh | 10/11/1993 | 12:22:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | Copy to Mr. Liam Delaney. | | |
| Springs at Bausheenmore | 10/11/1993 | 14:30:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole No.9, Thomastown | 10/11/1993 | 15:10:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Windgap | 10/11/1993 | 15:50:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Avonmore Dairy | 11/11/1993 | 11:30:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | Chlorinated sample | | |
| Rathcash, Clifden, Co. Kilkenny | 08/12/1993 | 09:45:00 | < 0.0001 | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 10/11/1994 | 11:25:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Graigie, Callan. | 12/01/1995 | | < 0.0003 | | | | | High iron and elevated manganese levels leading to high turbidity. | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 23/01/1995 | 15:45:00 | | | | | | Interference < mixed background colonies (non-coliform) on Total Coliform plate. | Coliform plate. | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 16/10/1995 | 15:23:00 | | | | | | Interference from background colonies on Total Coliform plate. | | |
| Borehole at Castlecemer Yarns | 08/01/1996 | 11:10:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Dunmore | 08/01/1996 | 11:30:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Dunmore S/G | 08/01/1996 | 12:00:00 | | | | | | Total Coliform plate overgrown with non-coliforms. | | |
| Borehole at Kilkenny Mar | 08/01/1996 | 12:15:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Clara | 08/01/1996 | 12:55:00 | | | | | | Copy to: Paddy Coogan, Clifden, Clara, Co. Kilkenny | | |
| Borehole at Rathcash | 08/01/1996 | 13:10:00 | | | | | | Copy to: Mr. Joe Pyke, Rathcash, Clifden, Co. Kilkenny. | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 08/01/1996 | 14:40:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Clomantagh | 09/01/1996 | 10:40:00 | | | | | | | Spring in farmyard, sample taken at surface. | |
| Spring Toberpatrick Urlingford | 09/01/1996 | 11:05:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Bawnmore | 09/01/1996 | 11:30:00 | | | | | | | | |

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| Source | Sampling Date | Sampling Time | To | Ref No | Sampling Location | Taken By | Lab No | EPAREf | Stn Grid Ref | Water Supply | Public/Group/Private | Temperature | Odour 1/2/3 | Colour Hazen | pH | Conductivity µS/cm | Turbidity NTU | TOC mg/l C | Ammonia mg/l N | |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------|--|--------------|--------|--------|--------------|------------------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|-------|
| Borehole at Galmoy | 09/01/1996 | 12:40:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | KK00200 | Leahy's House, Galmoy | C. Murray | 92 | KIK17 | 23020 17120 | Galmoy | Group | 8.6 | 1 | 5 | 7.3 | 779 | 0.1 | 1.8 | <0.01 | |
| Borehole at Kilmanagh | 09/01/1996 | 14:20:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | KK01400 | In pumphouse | C. Murray | 93 | KIK45 | 23930 15250 | Kilmanagh/Ballycuddihy | Group | 8.2 | 1 | 5 | 7.6 | 645 | 0.1 | 2.3 | 0.021 | |
| Spring at Westcourt | 09/01/1996 | 15:10:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | KK00800 | Spring at Earlsland, Westcourt, Callan | C. Murray | 94 | KIK91 | S 407 442 | Callan | Public | 11.1 | 1 | 5 | 7.3 | 704 | 0.1 | 2.9 | <0.01 | |
| Borehole at Windgap | 09/01/1996 | 15:40:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | KK01900 | Overflow from borehole | C. Murray | 95 | | 24200 13580 | Farm supply | Private | 11 | 1 | 5 | 7.4 | 380 | 0.2 | <0.12 | 0.023 | |
| Spring at Carrigeen, | 15/01/1996 | 13:00:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Keoghans Field, Threecastles | J. Jennings | 135 | | | | | | 2 | 15 | 8 | 1045 | | | 0.03 | |
| Belview | 27/02/1996 | 14:15:00 | Kilkenny County Council | | Well No.2 for proposed new water supply | Brian Connor | 763 | | | Belview proposec | | | | 5 | 6.8 | 351 | | | <0.01 | |
| Belview | 29/02/1996 | 11:45:00 | Kilkenny County Council | | Well No.2 for proposed new water supply | Brian Connor | 822 | | | Belview proposec | | | 1 | 5 | 6.7 | 359 | | | <0.01 | |
| Belview No. 2 | 07/03/1996 | 16:00:00 | Kilkenny Co Co | | Belview Proposed water supply Well No. 2 | Brian Connor | 973 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 6.7 | 365 | | | | |
| Belview No. 2 | 14/03/1996 | 11:00:00 | Kilkenny Co Co | | Belview Proposed water supply Well No. 2 | Brian Connor | 1050 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 6.7 | 357 | | | <0.01 | |
| Belview No. 2 | 23/03/1996 | 14:10:00 | Kilkenny Co Co | | Belview Proposed water supply Well No. 2 | Brian Connor | 1157 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 6.4 | 290 | | | <0.01 | |
| Belview No. 1 | 25/03/1996 | 15:00:00 | Kilkenny Co Co | | Belview Proposed water supply Well No. 1 | Brian Connor | 1130 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 6.5 | 290 | | 0.67 | <0.01 | |
| Belview No. 1 | 27/03/1996 | 13:00:00 | Kilkenny Co Co | | Belview Proposed water supply Well No. 1 | Brian Connor | 1173 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 6.4 | 289 | | | <0.01 | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:10:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Readymix | C. Murray | 2536 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 7.5 | 651 | | 0.15 | <0.01 | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:15:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Leahy's | C. Murray | 2537 | | | | | | 1 | 10 | 8.3 | 413 | | <0.12 | <0.01 | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:15:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | O'Dwyers | C. Murray | 2538 | | | | | | 2 | 5 | 7.5 | 513 | | <0.12 | 0.03 | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:35:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Tom Langtons | C. Murray | 2539 | | | | | | 1 | 10 | 7.9 | 350 | | <0.12 | 0.02 | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:55:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | McDermotts | C. Murray | 2540 | | | | | | 1 | 10 | 7.4 | 599 | | 0.69 | <0.01 | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 11:10:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Nolans | C. Murray | 2541 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 7.3 | 841 | | 0.61 | <0.01 | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 11:30:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | O'Neill's | C. Murray | 2542 | | | | | | 1 | 10 | 7.4 | 700 | | 0.15 | <0.01 | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 11:45:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Fitzpatrick's | C. Murray | 2543 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 7.4 | 737 | | 0.53 | <0.01 | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 12:10:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Canteen in Landfill Site | C. Murray | 2544 | | | | | | 1 | 15 | 7.4 | 563 | | 2.07 | 0.05 | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 12:35:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Holohan's | C. Murray | 2545 | | | | | | 2 | 15 | 7.4 | 633 | | 1.94 | 0.42 | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 12:45:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Murphy's/Stacks | C. Murray | 2546 | | | | | | 2 | 50 | 7.5 | 689 | | <0.12 | 0.013 | |
| Belview | 02/10/1996 | 11:10:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Well No. 3. | Brian Connor | 3853 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 6.6 | 554 | 0.26 | | <0.01 | |
| Belview | 03/10/1996 | 10:30:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Well No. 3. | Brian Connor | 3873 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 6.4 | 565 | 0.2 | | | |
| Bellview Water Supply | 08/10/1996 | 10:30:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Well No. 3. | B. O'Connor | 3971 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 6.5 | 551 | | | <0.01 | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 09/01/1997 | 12:17:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | KK00600 | Spring at Paulstown Castle | P. Mullins | 106 | KIK46 | S 660 570 | Gowran/Goresbr./P-town | Public | 9.3 | 1 | <5 | 7.3 | 613 | 0.23 | 1.9 | <0.01 | |
| Thomastown | 10/01/1997 | 10:17:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Borehole No. 5 | P. Mullins | 111 | | S 589 411 | | | | 9.6 | 1 | <5 | 7.1 | 439 | 0.09 | 1.3 | <0.01 |
| Borehole No.9, Thomastown | 10/01/1997 | 10:05:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | KK01600 | At pumphouse | P. Mullins | 112 | KIK32 | 25890 14160 | Thomastown | Public | 9.4 | 1 | <5 | 7.3 | 721 | 0.11 | 1.5 | | |
| Borehole at Dunmore | 13/01/1997 | | Kilkenny Co. Co. | KK00700 | C. Murray,s house, Dunmore. | C. Murray | 216 | | 24910 16200 | Dunmore | Group | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 17/02/1997 | 11:30:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | KK00600 | Spring at Paulstown Castle | C. Murray | 726 | KIK46 | S 660 570 | Gowran/Goresbr./P-town | Public | 10.3 | 1 | <5 | 7.3 | 607 | 0.6 | | <0.1 | |
| Springs at Bausheenmore | 17/02/1997 | 12:30:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | KK00500 | At source (springs at Bausheenmore | C. Murray | 727 | KIK39 | 25520 14690 | | Private | 10.5 | 1 | <5 | 7.3 | 767 | | | <1 | <0.1 |
| Spring at Westcourt | 17/02/1997 | 14:05:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | KK00800 | Spring at Earlsland, Westcourt, Callan | C. Murray | 728 | KIK91 | S 407 442 | Callan | Public | 11.3 | 1 | <5 | 7.3 | 702 | | | <1 | <0.1 |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Doyle's | M. Daly | 1936 | | | | Private | | 1 | | | | | 0.53 | 2 | |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Holohan's | M. Daly | 1937 | | | | Private | | 3 | | | | | 1.8 | 0.5 | |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | No. 8 Stack | M. Daly | 1938 | | | | Private | | 3 | | | | | 0.1 | <0.01 | |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Well in landfill site | M. Daly | 1939 | | | | Private | | 2 | | | | | | 17.6 | |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Unused Borehole, Doyle's Field | M. Daly | 1940 | | | | Private | | 2 | | | | | 5.4 | 12.1 | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 10:45:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Readymix | C. Murray | 1944 | | | | | 10.2 | 1 | 5 | 7.7 | 631 | 0.65 | 0.22 | 1.5 | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 10:55:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | O'Dwyers | C. Murray | 1945 | | | | | 10.8 | 2 | 15 | 7.6 | 473 | 3.8 | 0.09 | 0.05 | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 11:05:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Langtons | C. Murray | 1946 | | | | | 9.7 | 1 | 15 | 8 | 352 | 12 | 0.08 | 0.04 | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 11:15:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Bergin's | C. Murray | 1947 | | | | | 9.8 | 2 | 5 | 7.4 | 656 | 0.42 | 0.33 | <0.01 | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 11:25:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | McDermott's | C. Murray | 1948 | | | | | 10.8 | 2 | 5 | 7.3 | 615 | | 0.39 | <0.01 | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 12:00:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Nolans | C. Murray | 1949 | | | | | 10.8 | 2 | 5 | 7.3 | 794 | 0.19 | 0.64 | <0.01 | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 12:15:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | O'Neill's | C. Murray | 1950 | | | | | 10.9 | 1 | 5 | 7.4 | 700 | 0.42 | 0.09 | <0.01 | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 12:30:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Fitzpatricks | C. Murray | 1951 | | | | | 10.4 | 2 | 5 | 7.3 | 736 | 0.21 | 0.43 | <0.01 | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 15:30:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Doyle's | C. Murray | 1952 | | | | | 10.7 | 2 | 5 | 7.2 | 816 | 0.11 | 0.67 | 1.41 | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 15:45:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Holohan's | C. Murray | 1953 | | | | | 12 | 2 | | 7.3 | 640 | 69 | 1.88 | 0.33 | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 15:55:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Stacks/Murphys | C. Murray | 1954 | | | | | 11.5 | 3 | | 7.7 | 665 | 16 | 0.26 | <0.01 | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 14:35:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Canteen at landfill site. | C. Murray | 1955 | | | Canteen at landfill | private | 11.5 | 3 | | 7.9 | 1.8 | 100 | | 110 | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 14:50:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | New Bore at landfill site. | C. Murray | 1956 | | | | | 12.4 | 2 | | 7.2 | 994 | 6.1 | 7.2 | 0.5 | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 15:10:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | | Roches Pit, new cell | C. Murray | 1957 | | | | | 10.8 | 2 | 5 | 7.3 | 653 | 1.2 | 0.64 | <0.01 | |

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| Source | Sampling Date | Sampling Time | o-Phosphate mg/l P | Nitrate mg/l N | Nitrite mg/l N | Chloride mg/l Cl | Ca Hardness mg/l CaCO ₃ | Alkalinity mg/l CaCO ₃ | TCS | Total Coliforms per 100 ml | FCS | Fecal Coliforms per 100 ml | Sulphate mg/l SO ₄ | Dry Residue mg/l | Sus_Solids mg/l | Magnesium mg/l Mg | Total Hardness mg/l CaCO ₃ | Sodium mg/l Na | Potassium mg/l K | Aluminium mg/l Al | Iron mg/l Fe | Manganese mg/l Mn | Copper mg/l Cu | Zinc mg/l Zn | Chromium mg/l Cr | Lead mg/l Pb | |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|--|
| Borehole at Galmoy | 09/01/1996 | 12:40:00 | 0.002 | 9.6 | < 0.003 | 27.7 | | 364 | 999 | 999 | 999 | 20 | | | 31.8 | | 7.9 | 0.8 | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | 0.061 | | | | |
| Borehole at Kilmanagh | 09/01/1996 | 14:20:00 | 0.099 | 3.5 | < 0.003 | 20.4 | | 327 | >= | 15 | >= | 2 | 11 | | 18.4 | | 9.1 | 0.9 | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | 0.035 | | | | |
| Spring at Westcourt | 09/01/1996 | 15:10:00 | 0.02 | 3.6 | < 0.003 | 24.1 | | 365 | | 52 | | 64 | 15 | | 29.2 | | 9.5 | 0.9 | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | 0.028 | | | | |
| Borehole at Windgar | 09/01/1996 | 15:40:00 | 0.122 | 1.8 | < 0.003 | 16 | | 164 | 999 | 999 | 999 | 4 | | | 19.2 | | 6.9 | 1 | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | 0.03 | | | | |
| Spring at Carrigeen | 15/01/1996 | 13:00:00 | 0.1 | 36.2 | 0.014 | 44 | | 183 | | | | 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belview | 27/02/1996 | 14:15:00 | < 0.02 | 3.7 | < 0.004 | 28 | | 97 | 999 | 999 | 999 | | | | | | 103 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belview | 29/02/1996 | 11:45:00 | < 0.02 | 4.1 | < 0.004 | 32.7 | | 81 | 999 | 999 | 999 | | | | | | 83 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belview No. 2 | 07/03/1996 | 16:00:00 | | | | | | 114 | | 1 | 999 | | | | | | 116 | | | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | 0.08 | | | |
| Belview No. 2 | 14/03/1996 | 11:00:00 | < 0.02 | 4.5 | < 0.004 | 28 | | 97 | | 14 | 9 | | | | | | | | | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | 0.026 | | | |
| Belview No. 2 | 23/03/1996 | 14:10:00 | < 0.02 | 6.7 | < 0.004 | 26 | | 77 | | 2 | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belview No. 1 | 25/03/1996 | 15:00:00 | < 0.02 | 6.8 | 0.004 | 28 | | 49 | 999 | 999 | 999 | | | | | | | | | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | 0.314 | | | |
| Belview No. 1 | 27/03/1996 | 13:00:00 | < 0.02 | 6.7 | < 0.004 | 28 | | 64 | | 1 | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:10:00 | < 0.02 | < 0.1 | 0.004 | 20 | | 317 | 999 | 999 | 999 | 29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:15:00 | < 0.02 | 1.5 | 0.007 | 16 | | 191 | >= | 3 | 999 | 11 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:15:00 | < 0.02 | < 0.1 | 0.009 | 18 | | 999 | 999 | 999 | 999 | 14 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:35:00 | < 0.02 | < 0.1 | 0.003 | 13 | | 164 | > | 80 | 999 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:55:00 | < 0.02 | 6.5 | 0.001 | 19 | | 283 | >= | 3 | 6 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 11:10:00 | 0.22 | 12 | 0.002 | 37 | | 352 | > | 80 | 15 | 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 11:30:00 | < 0.02 | 7.4 | 0.002 | 28 | | 323 | 999 | 999 | 999 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 11:45:00 | 0.14 | 9.2 | 0.002 | 28 | | 330 | > | 80 | > | 60 | 16 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 12:10:00 | 0.03 | 2.6 | 0.041 | 22 | | 250 | > | 80 | 6 | 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 12:35:00 | 0.09 | < 0.1 | 0.015 | 19 | | 322 | 2 | 999 | 999 | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 12:45:00 | < 0.02 | < 0.1 | 0.005 | 21 | | 323 | >= | 68 | 999 | 30 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belview | 02/10/1996 | 11:10:00 | < 0.02 | 19.3 | 0.003 | 43 | | | 999 | 999 | 999 | | | | 21.3 | | 22.5 | 2.6 | | 0.12 | 0.033 | | 0.184 | | | | |
| Belview | 03/10/1996 | 10:30:00 | | | | | | | 1 | 999 | 999 | | | | 21.3 | | 23.3 | 2.8 | | 0.087 | 0.034 | 0.112 | | | | | |
| Bellview Water Supply | 08/10/1996 | 10:30:00 | 0.01 | 22 | 0.004 | 41 | | 68 | >= | 2 | 999 | | | | 21.3 | | 22.8 | 2.8 | | 0.087 | 0.029 | | 0.074 | | | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 09/01/1997 | 12:17:00 | 0.01 | 7 | 0.001 | 28 | | 252 | | 21 | 1 | 19 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Thomastown | 10/01/1997 | 10:17:00 | 0.01 | 4.4 | < 0.004 | 23 | 248 | | 999 | 999 | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole No.9, Thomastown | 10/01/1997 | 10:05:00 | 0.03 | 5.7 | < 0.004 | 39 | 248 | | 999 | 999 | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Dunmore | 13/01/1997 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 17/02/1997 | 11:30:00 | < 0.02 | 6.4 | 0.01 | 22 | | 245 | 200 | 22 | | | | | 11.5 | | 8.7 | 2.6 | | | | | | | | | |
| Springs at Bausheenmore | 17/02/1997 | 12:30:00 | < 0.02 | 7.1 | < 0.004 | 26 | | 345 | > | 80 | 50 | | | | 29.5 | | 8.7 | 3.6 | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Westcourt | 17/02/1997 | 14:05:00 | < 0.02 | 4.8 | 0.011 | 20 | | 329 | | 3 | 2 | | | | 23.3 | | 8.3 | 0.9 | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | < 0.02 | 11.2 | < 0.004 | 45 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | 0.19 | < 0.1 | 0.005 | 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | < 0.02 | < 0.1 | < 0.003 | 21 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | 0.87 | 11.3 | 2 | 295 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | 0.08 | 3.3 | 0.1 | 29 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 10:45:00 | 0.01 | 0.232 | 0.004 | 20 | | | | 15 | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 10:55:00 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 0.003 | 16 | | | | >= | 37 | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 11:05:00 | 0.01 | 0.16 | 0.004 | 13 | | | | 999 | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 11:15:00 | < 0.02 | 16.2 | 0.007 | 23 | | | | >= | 6 | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 11:25:00 | < 0.02 | 7.5 | 0.003 | 20 | | | | >= | 13 | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 12:00:00 | 0.17 | 12 | 0.004 | 30 | | | | >= | 210 | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 12:15:00 | 0.01 | 8.2 | 0.003 | 27 | | | | | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 12:30:00 | 0.165 | 10.1 | 0.003 | 26 | | | | 750 | 300 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 15:30:00 | 0.015 | 1.3 | 0.031 | 44 | | | | > | 80 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 15:45:00 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.019 | 18 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 15:55:00 | < 0.02 | 0.18 | 2.2 | 19 | | | | >= | 16 | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 14:35:00 | 3 | 5.6 | 3.8 | 353 | | | | > | 2000 | > | 2000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 14:50:00 | 0.5 | 0.9 | 0.41 | 31 | | | | | > | 600 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 15:10:00 | < 0.02 | 11 | 0.002 | 19 | | | | >= | 9 | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| Source | Sampling Date | Sampling Time | Cadmium mg/l Cd | Mercury mg/l Hg | Nickel mg/l Ni | Fluoride mg/l F | OMCTSiloxane µg/l | Comments1 | Comments2 | Comments3 |
|----------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|---|--|
| Borehole at Galmoy | 09/01/1996 | 12:40:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Kilmanagh | 09/01/1996 | 14:20:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Westcourt | 09/01/1996 | 15:10:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Windgar | 09/01/1996 | 15:40:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Carrigeen, | 15/01/1996 | 13:00:00 | | | | | | Very high Nitrate. | High Conductivity and chloride. | |
| Belview | 27/02/1996 | 14:15:00 | | | | | | Sample taken after pumping for 1 hour. | | |
| Belview | 29/02/1996 | 11:45:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Belview No. 2 | 07/03/1996 | 16:00:00 | | | | | | Sample delivered to the laboratory on 8/3/96 by Finbar Coughlan. | | |
| Belview No. 2 | 14/03/1996 | 11:00:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Belview No. 2 | 23/03/1996 | 14:10:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Belview No. 1 | 25/03/1996 | 15:00:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Belview No. 1 | 27/03/1996 | 13:00:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:10:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:15:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:15:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:35:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 10:55:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 11:10:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 11:30:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 11:45:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 12:10:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 12:35:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Wells | 02/07/1996 | 12:45:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Belview | 02/10/1996 | 11:10:00 | | | | | | Calcium Hardness = 152 mg/l CaCO3 | Very high nitrate. | |
| Belview | 03/10/1996 | 10:30:00 | | | | | | Calcium Hardness = 144 mg/l CaCO3 | | |
| Bellview Water Supply | 08/10/1996 | 10:30:00 | | | | | | Calcium Hardness = 144 mg/l CaCO3 | Interference from background colonies on Total Coliform plate. | Very high Nitrate. |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 09/01/1997 | 12:17:00 | | | | | | See GC/MS Purge & Trap analyses on separate sheet. | | |
| Thomastown | 10/01/1997 | 10:17:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole No.9, Thomastown | 10/01/1997 | 10:05:00 | | | | | | See GC/MS Purge & Trap analyses on separate sheet. | Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane < 0.2 ug/l. | |
| Borehole at Dunmore | 13/01/1997 | | | | | | | Sample for GC/MS Purge & Trap analyses only. Results on separate sheet. | Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane 0.7 ug/l. | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 17/02/1997 | 11:30:00 | | | | | | Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane = 0.3 ug/l. | | |
| Springs at Bausheenmore | 17/02/1997 | 12:30:00 | | | | | | Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane = 1.7 ug/l. | K/Na Ratio = 0.41 | |
| Spring at Westcourt | 17/02/1997 | 14:05:00 | | | | | | Octamethylcyclotetrasiloxane = 1.4 ug/l. | | |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | | | | | | Very high ammonia. | Sample taken after land-fill leachate escaped to groundwater. | Approximate ammonia concentration. |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | | | | | | Strong odour and high ammonia. | Sample taken after land-fill leachate escaped to groundwater. | Approximate ammonia concentration. |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | | | | | | Odour of sulphide. | Sample taken after land-fill leachate escaped to groundwater. | Approximate ammonia concentration. |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | | | | | | Very high TOC, ammonia and nitrite results < serious contamination. | Sample taken after land-fill leachate escaped to groundwater. | Approximate ammonia concentration. |
| Dunmore | 09/05/1997 | | | | | | | Very high ammonia and high nitrite. | Sample taken after land-fill leachate escaped to groundwater. | Approximate ammonia concentration. |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 10:45:00 | | | | | | Ammonia >1.5 mg/l as N. | Sample taken after leachate at landfill site escaped to groundwater | Amended report, ammonia is >1.5 and not <1.5 as reported on 15/5/97. |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 10:55:00 | | | | | | | Sample taken after leachate at landfill site escaped to groundwater | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 11:05:00 | | | | | | | Sample taken after leachate at landfill site escaped to groundwater | No coliforms detected but possible interference from suspended solids. |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 11:15:00 | | | | | | | Sample taken after leachate at landfill site escaped to groundwater | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 11:25:00 | | | | | | | Sample taken after leachate at landfill site escaped to groundwater | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 12:00:00 | | | | | | | Sample taken after leachate at landfill site escaped to groundwater | Interference from suspended solids on the total coliform test. |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 12:15:00 | | | | | | | Sample taken after leachate at landfill site escaped to groundwater | Background interference on the total coliform test. |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 12:30:00 | | | | | | | Sample taken after leachate at landfill site escaped to groundwater | Very high coliform levels (total and faecal). |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 15:30:00 | | | | | | High ammonia and nitrite concentrations. | Sample taken after leachate at landfill site escaped to groundwater | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 15:45:00 | | | | | | Very turbid. High ammonia indicative of pollution. | Sample taken after leachate at landfill site escaped to groundwater | Interference from suspended solids on the coliform tests (total & faecal). |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 15:55:00 | | | | | | Very turbid. High nitrite. Odour detected. | Sample taken after leachate at landfill site escaped to groundwater | Background interference on the total coliform test. |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 14:35:00 | | | | | | Turbidity > 100 NTU and ammonia > 110 mg/l N. Very high coliform levels. | Sample taken after leachate at landfill site escaped to groundwater | |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 14:50:00 | | | | | | High ammonia and nitrite levels. | Sample taken after leachate at landfill site escaped to groundwater | Interference on the total coliform test. |
| Dunmore | 12/05/1997 | 15:10:00 | | | | | | | Sample taken after leachate at landfill site escaped to groundwater | Interference on the total coliform test. |

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| Source | Sampling Date | Sampling Time | o-Phosphate mg/l P | Nitrate mg/l N | Nitrite mg/l N | Chloride mg/l Cl | Ca Hardness mg/l CaCO3 | Alkalinity mg/l CaCO3 | TCS | Total Coliforms per 100 ml | FCS | Fecal Coliforms per 100 ml | Sulphate mg/l SO4 | Dry Residue mg/l | Sus_Solids mg/l | Magnesium mg/l Mg | Total Hardness mg/l CaCO3 | Sodium mg/l Na | Potassium mg/l K | Aluminium mg/l Al | Iron mg/l Fe | Manganese mg/l Mn | Copper mg/l Cu | Zinc mg/l Zn | Chromium mg/l Cr | Lead mg/l Pb |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Borehole at Dunmore | 18/06/1997 | 11:45:00 | < 0.02 | 10 | | 19.7 | | 240 | | 999 | | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 08/07/1997 | 14:50:00 | < 0.02 | < 0.1 | 0.003 | 20 | | | < | 100 | < | 100 | | | Visible | 19.5 | | 10.2 | 0.6 | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 08/07/1997 | 15:00:00 | 0.1 | < 0.1 | 0.016 | 19 | | | < | 200 | < | 100 | | | Visible | 10.3 | | 15.2 | 0.4 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Kilmanagh | 01/09/1997 | 10:24:00 | < 0.02 | 4.6 | < 0.004 | 17 | 270 | 287 | > | 100 | > | 100 | 7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Westcourt | 01/09/1997 | 11:17:00 | < 0.02 | 4.3 | < 0.004 | 22 | 262 | 310 | | 15 | | 5 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Windgap | 01/09/1997 | 11:54:00 | 0.02 | 2.1 | < 0.004 | 15 | 144 | 151 | | 6 | | 2 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Springs at Bausheenmore | 01/09/1997 | 13:36:00 | 0.04 | 5.6 | 0.004 | 26 | 270 | 304 | > | 100 | > | 100 | 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Dunmore S/G | 01/09/1997 | 14:17:00 | < 0.02 | < 0.1 | < 0.004 | 21 | 252 | | | 480 | | 9 | 36 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Dunmore | 01/09/1997 | 14:26:00 | < 0.02 | 10.6 | < 0.004 | 19 | 272 | 272 | | 2 | | 999 | 20 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Kilkenny Mar | 01/09/1997 | 15:13:00 | 0.09 | 0.5 | 0.018 | 3 | 64 | | > | 160 | > | 120 | < 1.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Galmoy | 27/08/1997 | 11:19:00 | < 0.02 | 16.1 | < 0.004 | 20 | 228 | 298 | | 1 | | 999 | 19 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Bawnmore | 27/08/1997 | 11:39:00 | < 0.02 | 11 | < 0.004 | 23 | 316 | 363 | > | 80 | | 7 | 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring Toberpatrick Urlingford | 27/08/1997 | 12:05:00 | < 0.02 | 8.1 | < 0.004 | 22 | 292 | 332 | | 51 | | 9 | 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Clomantagh | 27/08/1997 | 12:20:00 | < 0.02 | 7.4 | 0.001 | 18 | 236 | 276 | > | 160 | > | 120 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Castlecomer Yarn | 27/08/1997 | 14:00:00 | < 0.02 | 0.13 | 0.004 | 20 | 144 | 262 | | 999 | | 999 | 25 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 27/08/1997 | 14:51:00 | < 0.02 | 7 | < 0.004 | 25 | 232 | 256 | > | 160 | > | 120 | 17 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Rathcash | 27/08/1997 | 15:12:00 | < 0.02 | 6.2 | < 0.004 | 24 | 212 | 314 | | 999 | | 999 | 15 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Clara | 27/08/1997 | 15:30:00 | 0.02 | 8.7 | < 0.004 | 21 | 272 | 283 | | 29 | | 18 | 13 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 03/03/1998 | 11:10:00 | < 0.02 | | | 17.6 | | 206 | < | 40 | < | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Group Scheme | 19/05/1998 | 11:45:00 | 0.011 | 9.4 | | 19 | | | | 999 | | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 19/05/1998 | 11:55:00 | 0.011 | 0.4 | | 22 | | | | 12 | | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Windgap | 09/02/1999 | 09:30:00 | 0.05 | 2 | < 0.003 | 13.3 | 93 | 148 | | 999 | | 999 | 6.1 | | | 13.9 | | 7.2 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Clomantagh | 17/02/1999 | 10:40:00 | < 0.04 | 6.1 | < 0.003 | 15.4 | | 299 | | 10 | | 2 | 9.5 | | Not Vis. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Spring Toberpatrick Urlingford | 17/02/1999 | 11:00:00 | < 0.04 | 5.7 | < 0.003 | 17.5 | | 340 | | 13 | | 1 | 10.1 | | Not Vis. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Bawnmore | 17/02/1999 | 11:30:00 | < 0.04 | 7.9 | < 0.003 | 17.9 | | 416 | | 999 | | 999 | 11.2 | | Not Vis. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Galmoy | 17/02/1999 | 12:00:00 | < 0.04 | 11.5 | < 0.003 | 24.5 | | 317 | | 29 | | 999 | 13.3 | | Not Vis. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Castlecomer Yarn | 17/02/1999 | 12:50:00 | < 0.04 | 0.6 | < 0.003 | 16.7 | | 241 | | 999 | | 999 | 18.4 | | Not Vis. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Dunmore | 17/02/1999 | 14:05:00 | | 8.9 | < 0.003 | 21.3 | 303 | 262 | | 999 | | 999 | 15.1 | | Not Vis. | 4.5 | | 9 | 0.9 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Kilkenny Mar | 17/02/1999 | 15:00:00 | < 0.04 | 6.6 | < 0.003 | 18.8 | 273 | 270 | | 9 | | 999 | 37.9 | | Not Vis. | 14.1 | | 11.2 | 1.3 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Kilmanagh | 17/02/1999 | 16:00:00 | < 0.04 | 4 | < 0.003 | 15.2 | 276 | 308 | | 999 | | 999 | 9.7 | | Not Vis. | 12 | | 9.2 | 0.8 | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Westcourt | 14/04/1999 | 10:47:00 | < 0.04 | 4.2 | < 0.004 | 20 | 288 | 330 | | 1 | | 11.4 | | | | 24.2 | | 8.9 | 0.6 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Windgap | 14/04/1999 | 11:14:00 | < 0.04 | 2.2 | < 0.004 | 13 | 138 | 174 | | 999 | | 999 | 5.6 | | | 17.9 | | 6.6 | 0.7 | | | | | | | |
| Springs at Bausheenmore | 14/04/1999 | 12:12:00 | < 0.04 | 5.7 | < 0.004 | 23 | 272 | 360 | | 74 | | 2 | 15 | | | 30.5 | | 8.3 | 2.3 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Rathcash | 14/04/1999 | 14:00:00 | < 0.04 | 6.7 | < 0.004 | 21 | 286 | 326 | | 999 | | 999 | 14 | | | 22.3 | | 7.9 | 0.8 | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Clara | 14/04/1999 | 14:18:00 | < 0.04 | 8.5 | < 0.004 | 19 | 288 | 318 | | 45 | | 2 | 12.8 | | | 17.1 | | 7.8 | 1 | | | | | | | |
| | 07/09/1999 | 10:20:00 | | | | | | | | 999 | | 999 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bennettsbridge | 29/03/2000 | 14:16:00 | < 0.006 | 5.1 | | 22 | | | | 999 | | 999 | | | Not Vis. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Kilmanagh | 27/09/2000 | 10:30:00 | < 0.006 | 3.7 | < 0.001 | 14 | 288 | | >= | 43 | | 999 | 13 | | | 15 | 349 | 11 | 1.2 | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | | 0.026 | |
| Borehole at Windgap | 27/09/2000 | 12:10:00 | 0.019 | 2.4 | < 0.001 | 14 | 143 | | | 999 | | 999 | 9.1 | | | 15 | 204 | 7.9 | 1.4 | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | | 0.024 | |
| Borehole No.9, Thomastowr | 27/09/2000 | 14:15:00 | 0.032 | 5.8 | < 0.001 | 31 | 293 | | | 8 | | 1 | 19 | | | 22 | 383 | 18 | 3.5 | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | | 0.138 | |
| Springs at Bausheenmore | 27/09/2000 | 14:50:00 | 0.014 | 6 | < 0.001 | 23 | 308 | | > | 80 | > | 60 | 20 | | | 30 | 431 | 10 | 3.9 | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | | 0.022 | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 27/09/2000 | 15:40:00 | 0.008 | 4.7 | 0.007 | 23 | 290 | | > | 80 | > | 60 | 18 | | | 11 | 335 | 11 | 3.4 | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | | 0.021 | |
| Spring at Clomantagh | 26/09/2000 | 10:20:00 | 0.012 | 1.5 | 0.007 | 6.9 | 83 | | > | 80 | > | 60 | 7.8 | | | 2.4 | 92.8 | 6 | 6.5 | | 0.086 | < 0.02 | | | 0.189 | |
| Spring Toberpatrick Urlingford | 26/09/2000 | 10:40:00 | 0.009 | 7.1 | 0.011 | 20 | 338 | | > | 80 | > | 60 | 15 | | | 19 | 416 | 9.4 | 5 | | 0.106 | < 0.02 | | | 0.48 | |
| Borehole at Bawnmore | 26/09/2000 | 11:05:00 | < 0.006 | 6.7 | < 0.001 | 18 | 348 | | >= | 50 | | 28 | 16 | | | 30 | 471 | 8.1 | 3.4 | | 0.114 | < 0.02 | | | 0.421 | |
| Borehole at Galmoy | 26/09/2000 | 12:15:00 | < 0.006 | 8.2 | < 0.001 | 21 | 305 | | | 999 | | 999 | 18 | | | 27 | 416 | 9.6 | 1.4 | | 0.082 | < 0.02 | | | 0.258 | |
| Borehole at Castlecomer Yarn | 26/09/2000 | 14:00:00 | 0.077 | 1.1 | 0.003 | 17 | 150 | | | 7 | | 999 | 25 | | | 17 | 220 | 43 | 1.7 | | 0.664 | 0.536 | | | 0.152 | |
| Borehole at Dunmore | 26/09/2000 | 14:25:00 | < 0.006 | 8.9 | < 0.001 | 23 | 308 | | | 21 | < | 1 | 18 | | | 3.1 | 320 | 9.9 | 1.4 | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | | 0.102 | |
| Borehole at Dunmore S/G | 26/09/2000 | 14:40:00 | < 0.006 | 0.67 | 0.002 | 19 | 278 | | >= | 44 | | 999 | 38 | | | 14 | 294 | 12 | 1.4 | | 0.063 | 0.273 | | | 0.076 | |
| Borehole at Kilkenny Mar | 26/09/2000 | 14:55:00 | < 0.006 | 6.2 | < 0.001 | 18 | 295 | | | 47 | | 3 | 39 | | | 16 | 360 | 12 | 1.9 | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | | 0.151 | |
| Borehole at Clara | 26/09/2000 | 15:35:00 | 0.03 | 5.9 | < 0.001 | 18 | 275 | | | 5 | | 999 | 16 | | | 16 | 340 | 9.7 | 1.9 | | < 0.06 | < 0.02 | | | 0.068 | |
| Kiloshau/Barna | 03/10/2000 | 11:15:00 | 0.023 | 5.9 | < 0.001 | 14 | 360 | 305 | > | 80 | > | 80 | 7.8 | | | 10.4 | 402 | 6.9 | 2.1 | < 0.05 | 0.075 | 0.01 | 0.004 | 0.262 | 0.012 | < 0.001 |
| Tubrid Lower | 03/10/2000 | 11:40:00 | 0.009 | 8.5 | < 0.001 | 18 | 413 | 353 | | 7 | | 1 | 10.6 | | | 15.5 | 476 | 7.7 | 0.6 | < 0.05 | 0.097 | 0.003 | 0.005 | 0.463 | 0.034 | < 0.001 |
| Balief Clomantagh | 03/10/2000 | 12:00:00 | 0.01 | 8.5 | 0.01 | 18 | 427 | 383 | | 62 | | 58 | 9.6 | | | 14.2 | 485 | 9.4 | 5 | < 0.05 | 0.078 | 0.005 | 0.005 | 0.343 | 0.028 | < 0.001 |
| Graine/Craddockstown | 03/10/2000 | 12:30:00 | 0.007 | 5.2 | < 0.01 | 15 | 321 | 362 | | 999 | | 999 | 10.7 | | | 37.1 | 7.4 | < 0.3 | | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | 0.002 | 0.009 | 0.208 | 0.019 | < 0.001 |
| Pilltown (PWS07) | 03/10/2000 | 09:45:00 | 0.03 | 2.9 | 0.003 | 14.3 | 40 | 53 | | 28 | | 999 | 4.9 | | | 3.1 | 52.7 | 8 | 1.4 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | 0.002 | < 0.001 | 0.124 | 0.009 | < 0.001 |
| Tullahought (GWS16) | 03/10/2000 | 10:30:00 | 0.027 | 7.1 | < 0.001 | 17 | 35 | 26 | | 2 | | 999 | 9.8 | | | 5.5 | 57.6 | 11.4 | < 0.3 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | 0.002 | 0.011 | 0.084 | 0.005 | < 0.001 |
| Hugginstown (GWS10) | 03/10/2000 | 11:30:00 | 0.026 | 4.3 | < 0.001 | 15 | 193 | 176 | > | 80 | > | 60 | 14.5 | | | 8.4 | 227 | 10.5 | 5.9 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | < 0.001 | 0.011 | 0.071 | 0.006 | < 0.001 |
| Ahenure (PWS09) | 03/10/2000 | 14:15:00 | < 0.006 | 2.6 | < 0.001 | 19 | 348 | 347 | | 14 | | 999 | 16.5 | | | 28.3 | 464 | 8.8 | 1.7 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | 0.739 | 0.009 | 0.051 | 0.007 | < 0.001 |

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| Source | Sampling Date | Sampling Time | Cadmium mg/l Cd | Mercury mg/l Hg | Nickel mg/l Ni | Fluoride mg/l F | OMCTSiloxane µg/l | Comments1 | Comments2 | Comments3 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|---|-----------|
| Borehole at Dunmore | 18/06/1997 | 11:45:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 08/07/1997 | 14:50:00 | | | | | | Total Coliforms present. Accurate count not possible due to | Suspended Solids. | |
| Dunmore | 08/07/1997 | 15:00:00 | | | | | | Total Coliforms present. Accurate count not possible due to | Suspended Solids. | |
| Borehole at Kilmanagh | 01/09/1997 | 10:24:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Westcourt | 01/09/1997 | 11:17:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Windgap | 01/09/1997 | 11:54:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Springs at Bausheenmore | 01/09/1997 | 13:36:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Dunmore S/G | 01/09/1997 | 14:17:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Dunmore | 01/09/1997 | 14:26:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Kilkenny Mar | 01/09/1997 | 15:13:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Galmoy | 27/08/1997 | 11:19:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Bawnmore | 27/08/1997 | 11:39:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring Toberpatrick Urlingford | 27/08/1997 | 12:05:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Clomantagh | 27/08/1997 | 12:20:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Castlecomer Yarn: | 27/08/1997 | 14:00:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 27/08/1997 | 14:51:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Rathcash | 27/08/1997 | 15:12:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Clara | 27/08/1997 | 15:30:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore | 03/03/1998 | 11:10:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Dunmore Group Schemc | 19/05/1998 | 11:45:00 | | | | | | | | |
| | 19/05/1998 | 11:55:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Borehole at Windgap | 09/02/1999 | 09:30:00 | | | | | | Sodium and calcium for guide only. | | |
| Spring at Clomantagh | 17/02/1999 | 10:40:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring Toberpatrick Urlingford | 17/02/1999 | 11:00:00 | | | | < 0.1 | | | | |
| Borehole at Bawnmore | 17/02/1999 | 11:30:00 | | | | < 0.1 | | | | |
| Borehole at Galmoy | 17/02/1999 | 12:00:00 | | | | < 0.1 | | | | |
| Borehole at Castlecomer Yarn: | 17/02/1999 | 12:50:00 | | | | < 0.1 | | | | |
| Borehole at Dunmore | 17/02/1999 | 14:05:00 | | | | < 0.1 | | | | |
| Borehole at Kilkenny Mar | 17/02/1999 | 15:00:00 | | | | < 0.1 | | | | |
| Borehole at Kilmanagh | 17/02/1999 | 16:00:00 | | | | < 0.1 | | | | |
| Spring at Westcourt | 14/04/1999 | 10:47:00 | | | | < 0.1 | | | | |
| Borehole at Windgap | 14/04/1999 | 11:14:00 | | | | < 0.1 | | | | |
| Springs at Bausheenmore | 14/04/1999 | 12:12:00 | | | | < 0.1 | | | | |
| Borehole at Rathcash | 14/04/1999 | 14:00:00 | | | | < 0.1 | | | | |
| Borehole at Clara | 14/04/1999 | 14:18:00 | | | | < 0.1 | | | | |
| | 07/09/1999 | 10:20:00 | | | | | | Sample for bacteriological analyses only. | | |
| Bennettsbridge | 29/03/2000 | 14:16:00 | | | | | | This is a sample from a new well that feeds the old infiltration gallery for | Bennettsbridge water supply. | |
| Borehole at Kilmanagh | 27/09/2000 | 10:30:00 | | | | | 3.2 | | VOC analysis results on separate sheet. | |
| Borehole at Windgap | 27/09/2000 | 12:10:00 | | | | | 2.1 | Total Coliforms not reported. | VOC analysis results on separate sheet. | |
| Borehole No.9, Thomastowr | 27/09/2000 | 14:15:00 | | | | | 1.8 | | VOC analysis results on separate sheet. | |
| Springs at Bausheenmore | 27/09/2000 | 14:50:00 | | | | | | | | |
| Spring at Paulstown Castle | 27/09/2000 | 15:40:00 | | | | | 10.3 | | VOC analysis results on separate sheet. | |
| Spring at Clomantagh | 26/09/2000 | 10:20:00 | | | | | 0.6 | | VOC analysis results on separate sheet. | |
| Spring Toberpatrick Urlingford | 26/09/2000 | 10:40:00 | | | | | 1.7 | | VOC analysis results on separate sheet. | |
| Borehole at Bawnmore | 26/09/2000 | 11:05:00 | | | | | 0.7 | Background interference on Total Coliform plate. | VOC analysis results on separate sheet. | |
| Borehole at Galmoy | 26/09/2000 | 12:15:00 | | | | | 2.4 | | VOC analysis results on separate sheet. | |
| Borehole at Castlecomer Yarn: | 26/09/2000 | 14:00:00 | | | | | 0.6 | | VOC analysis results on separate sheet. | |
| Borehole at Dunmore | 26/09/2000 | 14:25:00 | | | | | 1.1 | Small underdeveloped colonies on Total Coliform plate. | VOC analysis results on separate sheet. | |
| Borehole at Dunmore S/G | 26/09/2000 | 14:40:00 | | | | | 2.2 | Background interference on Total Coliform plate. | VOC analysis results on separate sheet. | |
| Borehole at Kilkenny Mar | 26/09/2000 | 14:55:00 | | | | | 1.3 | | VOC analysis results on separate sheet. | |
| Borehole at Clara | 26/09/2000 | 15:35:00 | | | | | 2.9 | | VOC analysis results on separate sheet. | |
| Kiloshau/Barna | 03/10/2000 | 11:15:00 | < 0.0001 | < 0.0001 | 0.008 | < 0.1 | | Samples as part of Kilkenny Groundwater Protection Scheme. | | |
| Tubrid Lower | 03/10/2000 | 11:40:00 | < 0.0001 | < 0.0001 | 0.015 | < 0.1 | | Samples as part of Kilkenny Groundwater Protection Scheme. | | |
| Balief Clomantagh | 03/10/2000 | 12:00:00 | < 0.0001 | < 0.0001 | 0.012 | < 0.1 | | Samples as part of Kilkenny Groundwater Protection Scheme. | | |
| Graine/Craddockstown | 03/10/2000 | 12:30:00 | < 0.0001 | < 0.0001 | 0.007 | < 0.1 | | Samples as part of Kilkenny Groundwater Protection Scheme. | | |
| Pilltown (PWS07) | 03/10/2000 | 09:45:00 | < 0.0001 | < 0.0001 | 0.004 | < 0.1 | | Samples as part of Kilkenny Groundwater Protection Scheme. | | |
| Tullahought (GWS16) | 03/10/2000 | 10:30:00 | < 0.0001 | < 0.0001 | 0.002 | < 0.1 | | Samples as part of Kilkenny Groundwater Protection Scheme. | | |
| Hugginstown (GWS10) | 03/10/2000 | 11:30:00 | < 0.0001 | < 0.0001 | 0.002 | < 0.1 | | Samples as part of Kilkenny Groundwater Protection Scheme. | | |
| Ahenure (PWS09) | 03/10/2000 | 14:15:00 | < 0.0001 | < 0.0001 | 0.024 | < 0.1 | | Samples as part of Kilkenny Groundwater Protection Scheme. | | |

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| Source | Sampling Date | Sampling Time | To | Ref No | Sampling Location | Taken By | Lab No | EPAREf | Stn Grid Ref | Water Supply | Public/Group/Private | Temperature | Odour 1/2/3 | Colour Hazen | pH | Conductivity µS/cm | Turbidity NTU | TOC mg/l C | Ammonia mg/l N |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-----|-----------------------|------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Callan (PWS06) | 03/10/2000 | 15:00:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | | Ruth Buckley | 5226 | | | | | | | | 7.3 | 705 | | | 0.004 |
| Windgap (GWS17) | 03/10/2000 | 12:45:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | | Ruth Buckley | 5227 | | | | | | | | 6.7 | 267 | | | 0.007 |
| Highrath (GWS11) | 04/10/2000 | 12:00:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Highrath (GWS11) | M. Daly | 5260 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 7.1 | 999 | | | 0.024 |
| Maddoxtown (GWS12) | 04/10/2000 | 12:30:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Maddoxtown (GWS12) | M. Daly | 5261 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 7.2 | 931 | | | 0.022 |
| Glenmore Spring (PWS02-1) | 04/10/2000 | 11:10:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Glenmore Spring (PWS02-1) | Ruth Buckley | 5266 | | | | | | | 5 | 6.4 | 259 | | | 0.018 |
| Glenmore Spring (PWS02-2) | 04/10/2000 | 13:25:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Glenmore Spring (PWS02-2) | Ruth Buckley | 5267 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cuffesgrange No. 1 (GWS13) | 02/10/2000 | 11:00:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Cuffesgrange No. 1 (GWS13) | M. Daly | 5094 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 7.3 | 772 | | | 0.011 |
| Ballymack (GWS02) | 02/10/2000 | 11:20:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Ballymack (GWS02) | M. Daly | 5095 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 7.2 | 800 | | | 0.004 |
| Newtown Kells (GWS04) | 02/10/2000 | 11:45:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Newtown Kells (GWS04) | M. Daly | 5096 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 7.3 | 789 | | | 0.007 |
| Caherlesk Goolaghmore | 02/10/2000 | 12:20:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Caherlesk Goolaghmore | M. Daly | 5097 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 6.8 | 459 | | | 0.008 |
| Paulstown (PWS7) | 04/10/2000 | 10:30:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Paulstown (PWS7) | V. Fitzsimons | 5262 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 7.3 | 676 | | | 0.016 |
| Tullaroan (PWS5) | 04/10/2000 | 11:30:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Tullaroan (PWS5) | V. Fitzsimons | 5263 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 7.5 | 616 | | | 0.004 |
| Urlingford (PWS5-S) | 04/10/2000 | 12:30:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Urlingford (PWS5-S) | V. Fitzsimons | 5264 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 7.2 | 803 | | | 0.007 |
| Urlingford (PWS5-R) | 04/10/2000 | 12:40:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Urlingford (PWS5-R) | V. Fitzsimons | 5265 | | | | | | | 10 | 7.3 | 825 | | | 0.094 |
| Thomastown BH1 (PWS01-1) | 02/10/2000 | 10:30:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Thomastown BH1 (PWS01-1) | Ruth Buckley | 5114 | | | | | | | 5 | 7 | 466 | | | 0.003 |
| Thomastown BH2 (PWS01-2) | 02/10/2000 | 10:50:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Thomastown BH2 (PWS01-2) | Ruth Buckley | 5115 | | | | | | | 5 | 7.3 | 748 | | | < 0.003 |
| Bennettsbridge BH (PWS04-B) | 02/10/2000 | 12:10:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Bennettsbridge BH (PWS04-B) | Ruth Buckley | 5116 | | | | | | | 5 | 7.3 | 721 | | | < 0.003 |
| Bennettsbridge River (PWS04-R) | 02/10/2000 | 12:15:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Bennettsbridge River (PWS04-R) | Ruth Buckley | 5117 | | | | | | | 175 | 8 | 447 | | | 0.022 |
| Bennettsbridge Gravel (PWS04-G) | 02/10/2000 | 12:25:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Bennettsbridge Gravel (PWS04-G) | Ruth Buckley | 5118 | | | | | | | 20 | 7.5 | 563 | | | 0.006 |
| Bennettsbridge Mixed (PWS04-M) | 02/10/2000 | 12:50:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Bennettsbridge Mixed (PWS04-M) | Ruth Buckley | 5119 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 7.4 | 681 | | | < 0.003 |
| Kilree Stoneyford (GWS08) | 02/10/2000 | 15:00:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co./G.S.I. | | Kilree Stoneyford (GWS08) | Ruth Buckley | 5120 | | | | | | 1 | 5 | 7.1 | 866 | | | < 0.003 |
| Spring at Clomantagh | 12/02/2001 | 11:00:00 | Kilkenny Co. Co. | KK00900 | Beside Nuenna river, 50m SE of roac | | 633 | | 23520 16320 | | Private | 9.7 | | | 7.2 | 615 | 1.4 | | 0.007 |

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| Source | Sampling Date | Sampling Time | o-Phosphate mg/l P | Nitrate mg/l N | Nitrite mg/l N | Chloride mg/l Cl | Ca Hardness mg/l CaCO ₃ | Alkalinity mg/l CaCO ₃ | TCS | Total Coliforms per 100 ml | FCS | Fecal Coliforms per 100 ml | Sulphate mg/l SO ₄ | Dry Residue mg/l | Sus_Solids mg/l | Magnesium mg/l Mg | Total Hardness mg/l CaCO ₃ | Sodium mg/l Na | Potassium mg/l K | Aluminium mg/l Al | Iron mg/l Fe | Manganese mg/l Mn | Copper mg/l Cu | Zinc mg/l Zn | Chromium mg/l Cr | Lead mg/l Pb |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Callan (PWS06) | 03/10/2000 | 15:00:00 | 0.006 | 4.1 | < 0.001 | 19 | 334 | 336 | | 24 | | 10 | 11.6 | | | 25.1 | 437 | 10.1 | 0.9 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | 0.0014 | < 0.001 | 0.046 | 0.004 | < 0.001 |
| Windgap (GWS17) | 03/10/2000 | 12:45:00 | 0.062 | 9.6 | < 0.001 | 15 | 99.7 | 64 | | 1 | | 999 | 6.8 | | | 2.8 | 75.5 | 7.8 | < 0.3 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | 0.039 | 0.003 | < 0.001 |
| Highrath (GWS11) | 04/10/2000 | 12:00:00 | 0.023 | 5.3 | 0.003 | 49 | 443 | 436 | > | 80 | > | 60 | 13.5 | | | 30 | 566 | 11 | 5.6 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | 0.003 | 0.004 | 0.027 | 0.024 | < 0.001 |
| Maddoxtown (GWS12) | 04/10/2000 | 12:30:00 | 0.015 | 11.7 | < 0.001 | 25 | 383 | 404 | | 17 | | 4 | 18.6 | | | 29.1 | 502 | 11.1 | 3.3 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | 0.003 | 0.021 | < 0.001 |
| Glenmore Spring (PWS02-1) | 04/10/2000 | 11:10:00 | < 0.006 | 9.6 | 0.001 | 22 | 44 | 38 | | 45 | | 1 | 12.8 | | | 11.5 | 91.3 | 10.9 | 3.8 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | 0.02 | 0.003 | < 0.001 |
| Glenmore Spring (PWS02-2) | 04/10/2000 | 13:25:00 | | | | | | | | 36 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Cuffesgrange No. 1 (GWS13) | 02/10/2000 | 11:00:00 | 0.02 | 4.2 | 0.009 | 19 | 362 | 362 | > | 80 | | 29 | 13.1 | | | 25 | 464 | 11.2 | 3.6 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | < 0.001 | 0.005 | 0.037 | 0.005 | < 0.001 |
| Ballymack (GWS02) | 02/10/2000 | 11:20:00 | < 0.006 | 6.4 | < 0.001 | 23 | 345 | 365 | | 52 | | 7 | 13.9 | | | 36.2 | 494 | 11.7 | 1.5 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | 0.035 | 0.005 | < 0.001 |
| Newtown Kells (GWS04) | 02/10/2000 | 11:45:00 | 0.006 | 5.6 | < 0.001 | 26 | 359 | 367 | > | 80 | | 7 | 13 | | | 29.2 | 479 | 12.5 | 1.5 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | < 0.001 | 0.004 | 0.049 | 0.003 | < 0.001 |
| Caherlesk Goolaghmore | 02/10/2000 | 12:20:00 | 0.008 | 5.3 | < 0.001 | 19 | 197 | 178 | | 51 | | 8 | 10 | | | 15.5 | 260 | 9.2 | 2.3 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | < 0.001 | 0.003 | 0.046 | 0.004 | < 0.001 |
| Paulstown (PWS7) | 04/10/2000 | 10:30:00 | 0.008 | 5.7 | 0.008 | 22 | 330 | 286 | > | 80 | > | 60 | 12.8 | | | 11.5 | 377 | 10.9 | 3.8 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | 0.014 | 0.016 | < 0.001 |
| Tullaroan (PWS5) | 04/10/2000 | 11:30:00 | < 0.006 | 2.9 | < 0.001 | 14 | 301 | 284 | | 999 | | 999 | 7.4 | | | 10 | 342 | 8.2 | 1.4 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | 0.015 | < 0.001 |
| Urlingford (PWS5-S) | 04/10/2000 | 12:30:00 | 0.006 | 8 | 0.002 | 18 | 377 | 369 | > | 80 | > | 60 | 10.7 | | | 18.5 | 453 | 8 | 5.9 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | 0.012 | < 0.001 |
| Urlingford (PWS5-R) | 04/10/2000 | 12:40:00 | 0.039 | 7.2 | 0.056 | 19 | 375 | 375 | | 1080 | | 370 | 15.9 | | | 13.5 | 430 | 10.8 | 1.1 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | < 0.001 | < 0.001 | 0.013 | 0.021 | < 0.001 |
| Thomastown BH1 (PWS01-1) | 02/10/2000 | 10:30:00 | 0.012 | 4.9 | < 0.001 | 18 | 186 | 105 | | 8 | | 999 | 10.4 | | | 15.5 | 249 | 11 | 1.3 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | < 0.001 | 0.005 | 0.05 | 0.004 | < 0.001 |
| Thomastown BH2 (PWS01-2) | 02/10/2000 | 10:50:00 | 0.037 | 6.2 | < 0.001 | 30 | 325 | 320 | | 6 | | 1 | 16 | | | 22.5 | 417 | 17.6 | 3.3 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | 0.001 | 0.013 | 0.046 | 0.006 | < 0.001 |
| Bennettsbridge BH (PWS04-B) | 02/10/2000 | 12:10:00 | < 0.006 | 4.3 | 0.002 | 24 | 320 | 317 | | 17 | | 999 | 28.5 | | | 25.4 | 424 | 16.1 | 2.3 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | 0.004 | < 0.001 | 0.034 | 0.002 | < 0.001 |
| Bennettsbridge River (PWS04-R) | 02/10/2000 | 12:15:00 | 0.083 | 2.1 | 0.014 | 16 | 223 | 185 | | 42000 | | 5600 | 15.8 | | | 7.8 | 255 | 10.3 | 4.4 | 0.119 | 0.279 | 0.02 | 0.003 | 0.037 | 0.004 | < 0.001 |
| Bennettsbridge Gravel (PWS04-G) | 02/10/2000 | 12:25:00 | 0.05 | 1.1 | 0.051 | 22 | 260 | 253 | >= | 76 | | 4 | 21.2 | | | 10.1 | 301 | 18.3 | 3.8 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | 0.066 | 0.037 | 0.042 | 0.005 | < 0.001 |
| Bennettsbridge Mixed (PWS04-M) | 02/10/2000 | 12:50:00 | 0.02 | 4.5 | 0.009 | 23 | 311 | 291 | | 104 | | 5 | 23 | | | 19.2 | 390 | 16.7 | 3.3 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | 0.025 | 0.002 | 0.046 | 0.006 | < 0.001 |
| Kilree Stoneyford (GWS08) | 02/10/2000 | 15:00:00 | 0.131 | 15.4 | < 0.001 | 19 | 397 | 370 | > | 80 | | 60 | 11.3 | | | 29.9 | 520 | 11.4 | 3 | < 0.05 | < 0.05 | < 0.001 | 0.008 | 0.039 | 0.002 | < 0.001 |
| Spring at Clomantagh | 12/02/2001 | 11:00:00 | 0.015 | 4.1 | 0.002 | 14 | 305 | 270 | | 15 | | 12 | 34.9 | | | 6.5 | 331 | 5.5 | 1.3 | | < 0.01 | < 0.02 | | 0.031 | | |

Appendix VI: Summary of trends in water quality over time for selected supply sources in Kilkenny

Fig 8.2-Bennettsbridge
Key indicators of Agricultural and Domestic Groundwater Contamination.

