



DUFFIN CREEK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT PERFORMANCE

2018

Wastewater Flow

AVERAGE DAILY FLOW

Average volume of wastewater treated at the Plant each day:

343,159 m³ *

(equivalent to filling 137 Olympic-sized swimming pools)

MAXIMUM DAILY FLOW

The highest volume of wastewater that has come into the Plant on a single day¹:

787,719 m³ *

(equivalent to filling 315 Olympic-sized swimming pools)

TOTAL FLOW

The total amount of wastewater that flowed into the Plant over the year:

125,252,996 m³ of water *

(equivalent to filling 50,101 Olympic-sized swimming pools)

Number of by-passes, spills or abnormal discharge events: 0

Solids Processed

Total amount of inflowing solids processed:

44,492 dry tonnes

Amount of solids received and treated from other wastewater treatment plants in York and Durham Regions:

6,806 dry tonnes

¹ The maximum flow is affected by large rain events or melting snow that enters the sewer system through holes and openings in pipes and maintenance hole covers.

* 1 m³ = 1,000 litres.

Energy

Amount of solids reused as heat energy:

29,975 dry tonnes

The amount of greenhouse gases avoided by using biosolids as fuel at the Plant and not trucking waste to landfills:

more than 4,800 tonnes

(equivalent to taking over 1,000 cars off the road)

Water Quality

	Amount in wastewater entering the Duffin Creek Plant	Limits set by province for amount in water leaving Duffin Creek Plant	Actual level in water leaving Duffin Creek Plant	Average % removal
Total Phosphorus²	6.3 mg/L	0.8 mg/L	0.33 mg/L	93.3% ³
Total Suspended Solids⁴	359 mg/L	25.0 mg/L	7.9 mg/L	97.7%
Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD₅)⁵	226 mg/L	25.0 mg/L	6.6 mg/L	97.1%

Air Quality

Number of odour complaints received:

0

Number of odour complaints found to be caused by Plant operations:

0

² **Total Phosphorus** is a measure of the total amount of phosphorus in the wastewater in its different forms – both particulate (small pieces like small grains in the water) and soluble (phosphorus dissolved in the water). It is used as a measure of Plant performance.

³ This value changes from year to year, but phosphorus levels in the clear treated wastewater leaving the plant remain well within the Environmental Compliance Approval issued by the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) for the Plant.

⁴ **Total Suspended Solids (TSS)** is the amount of material suspended in a wastewater sample. It is used as a measure of Plant performance.

⁵ **BOD₅** is a measure of the amount of oxygen needed by living organisms in the wastewater to break down organic material over a period of five days. The plant removes this organic material from the water before it is discharged to the lake.



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