

Drinking Water Quality and Compliance
2014
Town of Canora

Introduction

Saskatchewan Environment (SE) requires that at least once each year waterworks owners provide notification to consumers of the quality of water produced and supplied as well as information on the performance of the waterworks in submitting samples as required by a Minister's Order or Permit to Operate a waterworks. The following is a summary of the Town of Canora's water quality and sample submission compliance record for the January 1st to December 31st time period. This report is completed **February 4, 2015** (*must be completed before June 30th each year on a calendar year based reporting frequency*). Readers should refer to SE's "Municipal Water Quality Monitoring Guidelines, November 2002, EPB 202" for more information on minimum sample submissions requirements and the meaning of type of sample. Permit requirements for a specific waterworks may require more sampling than outlined in the department's monitoring guidelines. If consumers need more information on the nature and significance of specific water tests, for example, "what is the significance of Selenium in a water supply", more detailed information is available from:

<http://www.hc-sc.ca/hecs-sesc/water/dwqsup.htm>.

Water Quality Standards

Bacteriological Quality

Parameter/Location	Limit	Regular Samples Requires	Regular Samples Submitted	# of Positive Regular Submitted (%)
Total Coliform and Background Bacteria	0 Organism/100 mL Less than 200/100 mL	53	53	0 %

Water Disinfection-

Chlorine Residual in Distribution Systems for Test Results Submitted with Bacteriological Samples

Parameter	Minimum Limit	Total Chlorine Residual Range	Free Chlorine Residual Range	# Tests Required	# Tests Submitted	# Adequate Chlorine (%)
Chlorine Residual	0.1 mg/L free OR 0.5 mg/L total	0.30 – 0.65	0.22 – 0.57	53	68	100 %

Water Disinfection –Free Chlorine Residual for Water Entering Distribution System from Waterworks Records – From Water Treatment Plant Records

Parameter	Limit (mg/L)	Test Level Range	# Tests Performed	# Tests Not Meeting Requirements
Free Chlorine Residual	at least 0.1	0.22 – 0.57	68	0

A minimum of 0.1 milligram per litre (mg/L) free chlorine residual is required for water entering the distribution system. Tests are normally performed on a daily basis by the waterworks operator and are to be recorded in operation records. This data includes the number of free chlorine residual tests performed, the overall range of the free chlorine residual (highest and lowest recorded values) and the number of tests and percentage of results not meeting the minimum requirements of 0.1 mg/L free chlorine residual.

Turbidity – From Water Treatment Plant Records

Parameter	Limit (NTU)	Test Level Range	# Tests Not Meeting Requirements	Maximum Turbidity (NTU)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed
Turbidity	1.0	0.07 – 0.21	0	0.21	365	365

Fluoride – From Water Treatment Plant Records

Parameter	Max.Limit (mg/L)	Test Level Range	# Tests Not Meeting Requirements	Maximum Limit (mg/L)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed
Fluoride	1.5	0.23 – 1.09	0	1.09	365	365

Chemical – Health Category

All waterworks serving less than 5000 persons are required to submit water samples for SE's Chemical Health category once every 2 years. The chemical Health category includes analysis for arsenic, barium, boron, cadmium, chromium, fluoride, lead, nitrate, selenium and uranium.

The last sample for Chemical Health analysis was submitted on **Nov. 20, 2013**. Sample results indicated that the provincial drinking water quality standards were not exceeded.

Parameter	Limit MAC (mg/L)	Limit IMAC (mg/L)	Sample Results	# Samples Exceeding Limit
Arsenic	0.025		0.0003	0
Barium	1.0		0.26	0
Boron		5.0	0.02	0
Cadmium	0.005		<0.0001	0
Chromium	0.05		<0.0005	0
Fluoride (avg*)	1.5		0.61	0
Lead	0.01		<0.0001	0
Nitrate (avg*)	45.0		0.18	0
Selenium	0.01		<0.0001	0
Uranium	0.02		0.001	0

*Results expressed as average values for communities or waterworks that fluoridate drinking water supplies or those with elevated concentrations of fluoride or nitrate

General Chemical

Parameter	Aesthetic Objectives * (mg/L)	Sample Results (average)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Alkalinity	500	273	1	1
Bicarbonate	No Objective	333	1	1
Calcium	No Objective	74	1	1
Carbonate	No Objective	<1	1	1
Chloride	250	3	1	1
Conductivity	No Objective	523 uS/cm	1	1
Hardness	800	267	1	1
Magnesium	200	20	1	1
pH	No Objective	8.10	1	1
Sodium	300	60.0	1	1
Sulphate	500	12	1	1
Total dissolved Solids	1500	310	1	1

All waterworks serving less than 5000 persons are required to submit water samples for SE's General Chemical category once every two years if a ground water source and once per three months every second year if a surface water or blended surface/groundwater source. The General category includes analysis for alkalinity, bicarbonate, calcium, carbonate, chloride, conductivity, hardness (as CaCO₃, magnesium, sodium, sulphate and total dissolved solids).

The last sample for General Chemical analysis was required on **Nov. 20, 2013**

*Objectives apply to certain characteristics of or substances found in water for human consumptive or hygienic use. The presence of these substances will affect the acceptance of water by consumers and/or interfere with the practice of supplying good quality water. Compliance with drinking water aesthetic objectives is not mandatory as these objectives are in the range where that do not constitute a health hazard. The aesthetic objectives for several parameters (including hardness as CaCO₃, magnesium, sodium and total dissolved solids) consider regional differences in drinking water sources and quality.

More information on water quality and sample submission performance may be obtained from:

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