

Drinking Water Quality and Compliance

Introduction

The Water Security Agency and the Ministry of Environment 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 La Ronge water quality and sample submission compliance record for the 2020 time period. This report was completed on August 20, 2021. Readers should refer to Water Security Agency's Municipal Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Guidelines, June 2015, EPB 502 for more information on minimum sample submission 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.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/water-eau/index_e.html.

Water Quality Standards

Bacteriological Quality

Parameter/Location	Limit	Regular Samples Required	Regular Samples Submitted	# of Positive Regular Submitted (%)
Total Coliform	0 Organisms/100 mL	104	98	0%
E. coli	0 Organisms/100 mL	104	98	0%

Water Disinfection –

Chlorine Residual in Distribution System 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	0.36-1.32	0.11-1.06	104	98	100%

A minimum of 0.1 milligrams 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 free chlorine residual (highest and lowest recorded values) and the number of tests and percentage of results not meeting the minimum requirement of 0.1 mg/L free chlorine residual.

Turbidity – From Saskatchewan Disease Control Laboratory

Parameter	Limit (NTU)	Test Level Range	# Tests Not Meeting Requirements	Maximum Turbidity (NTU)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed
Turbidity	No Limit	0.07-0.14	Not Applicable	0.14	104	98

Chemical – Trihalomethanes (THMs) and Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)

Parameter	THMs Limit (mg/L)	Sample Result (average)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Trihalomethanes	0.10	0.10	3 (1 every 3 months)	4
Haloacetic Acids	0.08	0.07	3 (1 every 3 months)	4

Note: Only water supplies derived from surface water or groundwater under the influence of surface water are required to monitor for THMs and HAAs. Waterworks using groundwater sources beyond the influence of surface water do not need to report THMs or HAAs since sampling/analysis will not likely have been performed unless otherwise noted in the waterworks permit to operate

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

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