

**2013 Drinking Water Quality and Compliance
Annual Notice to Consumers of the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle**

The Water Security Agency and the Ministry of Environment requires that at least once a 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 by submitting samples as required by a Minister's Order or Permit to Operate waterworks. The following is a summary of the Town of Fort Qu'Appelle's water quality and sample submission compliance record for January 1 – December 31, 2013 time period. This report was completed on August 11, 2014. Reporters should refer to Water Security Agency's Municipal Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Guidelines, November 2002, EPB 202 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

| <u>Parameter/Location</u> | <u>Limit</u> | <u>Regular Samples Required</u> | <u>Regular Samples Submitted</u> | <u># of Positive Regular Submitted (%)</u> |
|--|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Total Coliform and Background Bacteria | 0 Organisms/100 ml Less than 200/100 ml | 52 | 51 | 0 |

Water Disinfection –

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

| <u>Parameter</u> | <u>Minimum Limit</u> | <u>Total Chlorine Residual Range</u> | <u>Free Chlorine Residual Range</u> | <u># Tests Required</u> | <u># Tests Submitted</u> | <u># Adequate Chlorine (%)</u> |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Chlorine Residual | 0.1 mg/L free OR 0.5 mg/L total | 0.61-1.88 | .11-1.42 | 52 | 51 | 100% |

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

| <u>Parameter</u> | <u>Limit (mg/L)</u> | <u>Test Level Range</u> | <u># Tests Performed</u> | <u># Test not meeting Requirements</u> |
|------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Free Chlorine Residual | at least 0.1 | 0.09-1.69 | 365 | 1 |

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 to lowest recorded values) and the number of tests and percentages of results not meeting the minimum Requirement of 0.1 mg/L free chlorine residual.

Turbidity – From Water Treatment Plant Records

| <u>Parameter</u> | <u>Limit (NTU)</u> | <u>Test Level Range</u> | <u># Tests Not Meeting Requirements</u> | <u>Maximum Turbidity (NTU)</u> | <u># Tests Required</u> | <u># Tests Performed</u> |
|------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Turbidity | 1.0 | 0.15 – 0.58 | 0 | 0.58 | 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, boron, cadmium, chromium, fluoride, lead, nitrate, selenium and uranium.

The last sample for Chemical Health was submitted on September 1, 2011. Sample results indicated that the provincial drinking water quality standards were not exceeded.

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 Chemical 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 September 1, 2013 and submitted on September 1, 2011.

*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 they 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 performances may be obtained from:

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