

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 Saltcoats** water quality and sample submission compliance record for the **January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016** time period. This report was completed on **May 12, 2017**. 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	52	52	0%
E. coli	0 Organisms/100 mL	52	52	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	0.85--2.90	0	52	52	52 (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	365	365

A minimum of 0.1 milligrams per litre (mg/L) free chlorine residual is required for water entering the distribution system. Due to high Ammonia found in the raw water the Town of Saltcoats does not currently meet this requirement. The Town is actively pursuing possible treatment options to resolve this issue.

Turbidity – From Water Treatment Plant Records

Parameter	Limit (NTU)	Test Level Range	# Tests Not Meeting Requirements	Maximum Turbidity (NTU)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed
Turbidity	1.00	0.20-0.99	0	0.99	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 last sample for Chemical Health analysis was submitted on March 12, 2016. Sample results indicated that the provincial drinking water quality standards were not exceeded. The last sample for General Chemical analysis was required on 2016 and submitted on February 22, 2016. Sample results indicated that there were no exceedences of the provincial aesthetic objectives for the General Chemical category.

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

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