

**Drinking Water Quality and Compliance
For Town of Osler
2024 Annual Notice to Consumers**

Introduction

The Water Security Agency (WSA) 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 Permit to Operate a Waterworks. The following is a summary of the Town of Osler water quality and sample submission compliance record for the Jan.1st to Dec.31st 2024 time period. This report was completed on January 17, 2025. Readers should refer to the 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 Agency'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 and Background Bacteria	0 Organisms/100 mL Less than 200/100 mL	52	53	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	1.20-1.80	N/A	52	53	100

Water Disinfection – Total 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
Total Chlorine Residual	at least 0.5	1.29 – 2.04	366	0

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. **The Town of Osler's water is supplied by the City of Saskatoon and is chloraminated so there is rarely a free chlorine residual. The system operates on total 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	5.0	0.07 – 0.29	0	0.29	365	366

Chemical – Health Category

All waterworks serving less than 5000 persons are required to submit water samples for WSA'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.

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Parameter	Limit MAC(mg/L)	Limit IMAC (mg/L)	Sample Result(s)	# Samples Exceeding Limit
Chemical – Trihalomethanes (THMs)				
Parameter	THMs Limit (ug/L)	Sample Result (average)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Trihalomethanes	100	28.9	4 (1 every 3 months)	0 Not required
Haloacetic Acids	80	15.75	4 (1 every 3 months)	0 Not required

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

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*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 hazards. 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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