Drinking Water Quality and Compliance

Town of Herbert’s Annual Notice to Consumers

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 Herbert water quality and sample submission compliance record for the 2018 time period. This report was completed on April 5, 2019. 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>](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hecs-sesc/water/dwgsup.htm) .

## Water Quality Standards

# Bacteriological Quality

**Regular Samples Regular Samples # of Positive Regular**

**Parameter/Location Limit Required Submitted 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

Minimum Total Chlorine Free Chlorine # Tests # Tests # Adequate

Parameter Limit Residual Range Residual Range Required Submitted Chlorine (%)

Chlorine 0.1 mg/L free OR

Residual 0.5 mg/L total 0.80-1.25ppm 0.77-1.19ppm \_\_\_52\_\_\_ \_\_\_52\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_100\_\_\_\_

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

**Test Level # Tests # Tests Not Meeting**

**Parameter Limit (mg/L) Range Performed Requirements**

Free Chlorine Residual at least 0.1 0.83-1.19ppm \_\_\_365\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_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.

**Turbidity – From Water Treatment Plant Records**

**Parameter Limit Test Level # Tests Not Meeting Maximum # Tests # Tests # Tests**

**(NTU) Range Requirements Turbidity (NTU) Required Performed Performed**

Turbidity 0.10 0.008-0.044NTU 0 0.044 365 365 \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 March 20/2017. Sample results indicated that the provincial drinking water quality standards were not exceeded.

Limit Limit Sample # Samples

Parameter MAC(mg/L) IMAC (mg/L) Result(s) Exceeding Limit

Arsenic 0.010 2.3 ug/l \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \* Results expressed

Barium 1.0 69.4 ug/l \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as average values

Boron 5.0 0.8 mg/l \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for communities or

Bromate 0.01 NA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ waterworks that

Cadmium 0.005 <0.15 ug/l \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fluoridate drinking

Chlorate 1.0 NA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ water supplies or

Chlorite 1.0 NA \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ those with elevated

Chromium 0.05 <0.19 ug/l \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ concentrations of

Fluoride (avg\*) 1.5 0.46 mg/l \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ fluoride or nitrates.

Lead 0.01 0.10 ug/l \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Nitrate (avg.\*) 45.0 1.4 mg/l \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Seleniuum 0.01 <1.13 ug/l \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Uranium 0.02 1.6 ug/l \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

Parameter THMs Sample # Samples # Samples

Limit (mg/L) Result (average) Required Submitted

Trihalomethanes 0.1 <4 ug/l 4 (1 every 3 months) \_\_\_\_4\_\_\_

Haloacetic Acids 0.08 <5 ug/l 4 (1 every 3 months) \_\_\_\_ 2\_\_\_

*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*

# General Chemical

**Aesthetic Sample Results # Samples # Samples**

### Parameter Objectives \* (mg/L) (average) Required Submitted

Alkalinity 500 161 4 4

Bicarbonate No Objective 197 4 4

Calcium No Objective 12 4 4

Carbonate No Objective 0 4 4

Chloride 250 18 4 4

Conductivity No Objective 564 4 4

Hardness 800 82 4 4

Magnesium 200 11 4 4

PH No Objective 7.78 4 4

Sodium 300 102 4 4

Sulphate 500 120 4 4

Total dissolved

Solids 1500 466 4 4

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 sets of quarterly samples for General Chemical analysis were required on Dec.31/2017 and were submitted on Dec 4/2017. Sample results indicated that there were no exceedences of the provincial aesthetic objectives for the General Chemical category.

\*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:

The Town of Herbert

Box 381, Herbert, Sk, S0H 2A0

306-784-2400 fax – 306-784-2402

t.o.herbert@sasktel.net

*June 2015 EPB 536D*