

**City of Meadow Lake  
Drinking Water Quality and Compliance  
Annual Notice to Consumers 2019**

**Introduction**

The Water Security Agency 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 City of Meadow Lake's water quality and sample submission compliance records for the January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 time period. This report was completed on January 2, 2020. Readers should refer to Saskatchewan 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: Website [www.saskh20.ca](http://www.saskh20.ca)

**Water Quality Standards**

**Bacteriological Quality**

Parameter	Limit	Regular samples required	Regular Samples Submitted	# of Positive samples
Total Bacteria and Background Bacteria	Organisms/100 mL	159	159	0
	Less than 200/100 mL	159	159	0

**Water Disinfection – Chlorine Residual in Distribution System for Test Results Submitted with Bacteriological Samples**

Parameter	Minimum (mg/L)	Test Range Level	# Tests Performed	# Tests Not Meeting Requirements
Chlorine Residual	0.1 mg/L free or 0.5 mg/L total	0.00 – 1.87 mg/L free	305	13*

\*From Public Works Precautionary Drinking Water Advisories

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

Parameter	Minimum (mg/L)	Test Range Level	# Tests Performed	# Tests Not Meeting Requirements
Free Chlorine Residual	0.51 mg/L	0.61 – 1.83 mg/L	365	0

**Turbidity**

Parameter	Limit (NTU)	Test Level Range (NTU)	# of Tests Not Meeting Requirements	# of Tests
Turbidity	0.3	0.04 – 1.07	1%	Continuous Monitoring

### **Chemical – Trihalomethanes**

All waterworks serving 5000 persons or more are required to submit water samples for Saskatchewan Environment's "Trihalomethanes" based on population size. Samples were submitted in January, April, July, and October 2019. Next samples are due in January, April, July, and October 2020.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Limit (mg/L)</b>	<b>SampleResult (average)</b>	<b># Samples Required</b>	<b># Samples Submitted</b>
Trihalomethanes	0.1	0.088	8	8

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

### **Chemical – Halo Acetic Acid**

All waterworks serving 5000 persons or more are required to submit water samples for Saskatchewan Environment's "Halo Acetic Acid" based on population size. Samples were submitted in January, April, July, and October 2019. Next samples are due in January, April, July, and October 2020.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Limit (mg/L)</b>	<b>SampleResult (average)</b>	<b># Samples Required</b>	<b># Samples Submitted</b>
Halo Acetic Acid	0.08	0.066	8	8

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

### **Chemical – Cyanide and Mercury**

All waterworks serving 5000 persons or more are required to submit water samples for Saskatchewan Environment's "Cyanide and Mercury" category. The frequency of sample submission depends on the number of persons supplied by the waterworks. Samples were submitted in 2019. Next samples are due in 2020.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>LIMIT MAC (mg/L)</b>	<b>Sample Results (mg/L)</b>	<b># Samples Exceeding Limit</b>	<b># Samples Required</b>	<b># Sample Submitted</b>
Cyanide	0.2	0.002	None	1	1
Mercury	0.001	0.000004	None	1	1

### **Chemical – Health Category**

All waterworks serving 5000 persons or more are required to submit water samples for Saskatchewan Environment's "Chemical Health" based on population size. The "Chemical Health" category includes analysis for arsenic, barium, boron, cadmium, chromium, fluoride, lead, nitrate, selenium and uranium. Sample results indicated that the provincial drinking water quality standards were not exceeded. Samples were submitted in 2019. Next samples are due in 2020.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Limit MAC (mg/L)</b>	<b>Limit IMAC (mg/L)</b>	<b>Sample Results (mg/L)</b>	<b># Samples Exceeding Limit</b>	<b># Samples Required</b>	<b># Sample Submitted</b>
Arsenic	0.025		0.0003	None	1	1
Barium	1.0		0.022	None	1	1
Boron		5.0	0.02	None	1	1
Cadmium	0.005		<0.00001	None	1	1
Chromium	0.05		<0.0005	None	1	1
Lead	0.01		0.0002	None	1	1
Nitrate (avg)	45.0		0.24	None	4	4
Selenium	0.01		<0.0001	None	1	1
Uranium	0.02		<0.001	None	1	1

### **General Chemical**

All waterworks serving 5000 persons or more are required to submit water samples for Saskatchewan Environment's "General Chemical" based on population size. The General Chemical category includes analysis for alkalinity, bicarbonate, calcium, carbonate, chloride, conductivity, hardness (as CaCO<sub>3</sub>), magnesium, sodium, sulphate and total dissolved solids. Samples were submitted in January, April, August, October 2019. Next samples are due in January, April, July, October 2020.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Aesthetic Objectives* (mg/L)</b>	<b>Sample Results (mg/L)</b>	<b># Samples Exceeding Limit</b>	<b># Samples Required</b>	<b># Sample Submitted</b>
Alkalinity	500	138	None	4	4
Bicarbonate		169	None	4	4
Calcium		36	None	4	4
Carbonate		<1	None	4	4
Chloride	250	42	None	4	4
Conductivity	2300	383	None	4	4
Hardness	800	163	None	4	4
Magnesium	200	18	None	4	4
pH		7.6	None	4	4
Sodium	300	14	None	4	4
Sulphate	500	7.4	None	4	4
Total Dissolved Solids	1500	217	None	4	4

### **Chemical – Radiological**

All waterworks serving 5000 persons or more are required to submit water samples for Saskatchewan Environment's "Radiological" category. The frequency of sample submission depends on the number of persons supplied by the waterworks. Samples were submitted in 2019. Next samples are due in 2020.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>LIMIT MAC (Bq/L)</b>	<b>Sample Results (Bq/L)</b>	<b># Samples Exceeding Limit</b>	<b># Samples Required</b>	<b># Sample Submitted</b>
Gross Alpha	0.5	<0.15	None	1	1
Gross Beta	1	0.20 +/- 0.04	None	1	1

### **Chemical – Pesticides**

All waterworks serving 5000 persons or more are required to submit water samples for Saskatchewan Environment's "Pesticides" category. The frequency of sample submission depends on the number of persons supplied by the waterworks. The "Pesticides" category includes analysis for atrazine, bromoxynil, carbofuran, chlorpyrifos, dicamba, 2,4-D, diclofop-methyl, dimethoate, malathion, pentachlorophenol, picloram and trifluralin. Samples were submitted in 2018. Next samples are due in 2020.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Limit MAC (mg/L)</b>	<b>Sample Results (mg/L)</b>	<b># Samples Exceeding Limit</b>	<b># Samples Required</b>	<b># Sample Submitted</b>
Atrazine	0.005	<0.0002	None	1	1
Bromoxynil	0.005	<0.001	None	1	1
Carbofuran	0.09	<0.0002	None	1	1
Chlorpyrifos	0.09	<0.0002	None	1	1
Dicamba	0.12	<0.001	None	1	1
2,4-D	0.10	<0.001	None	1	1
Diclofop-Methyl	0.009	<0.001	None	1	1
Dimethoate	0.02	<0.002	None	1	1
Malathion	0.19	<0.0002	None	1	1
Picloram	0.19	<0.001	None	1	1
Trifluralin	0.045	<0.0002	None	1	1
Pentachlorophenol	0.06	<0.0005	None	1	1

### **Chemical – Synthetic Organic Chemicals**

All waterworks serving 5000 persons or more are required to submit water samples for Saskatchewan Environment's "Synthetic Organic Chemicals" category. The frequency of sample submission depends on the number of persons supplied by the waterworks. The "Synthetic Organic Chemicals" category includes analysis for Benzene, Benzo(a)pyrene, Carbon tetrachloride, 1,2-Dichlorobenzene, 1,4-Dichlorobenzene, 1,2-Dichloroethane, 1,1-Dichloroethylene, Dichloromethane, 2,4-Dichlorophenol, Monochlorobenzene, 2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol, Trichloroethylene, 2,4,6-Trichlorophenol and Vinyl Chloride. Samples were submitted in 2018. Next samples are due in 2020.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>LIMIT MAC (ug/L)</b>	<b>Sample Results (ug/L)</b>	<b># Samples Exceeding Limit</b>	<b># Samples Required</b>	<b># Sample Submitted</b>
Benzene		<0.5	None	1	1
Benzo(a)pyrene		<0.01	None	1	1
Carbontetrachloride		<2	None	1	1
dichlorobenzene		<0.5	None	1	1
1,4-Dichlorobenzene		<0.5	None	1	1
1,2 - Dichloroethane		<0.5	None	1	1
1,1 - Dichloroethylene		<0.5	None	1	1
Dichloromethane		<0.5	None	1	1
2,4 Dichlorophenol		<0.2	None	1	1
Ethylbenzene		<0.5	None	1	1
Monochlorobenzene		<0.5	None	1	1
2,3,4,6 Tetrachlorophenol		<1	None	1	1
Toluene		<0.5	None	1	1
Trichloroethylene		<0.5	None	1	1
2,4,6 Trichlorophenol		<2	None	1	1
Vinyl chloride		<0.5	None	1	1
Xylene		<0.5	None	1	1

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

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