

**Drinking Water Quality and Compliance
Rural Municipality of Hoodoo
2023 Notification to Consumers**

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 Rural Municipality of Hoodoo water quality and sample submission compliance record for the January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 time period. This report was completed on February 1, 2024. Readers should refer to the WSA's Municipal Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Guidelines for more information on minimum sample submission requirements and types of samples. Permit requirements for a specific waterworks may require more sampling than outlined in the Agency's monitoring guidelines. If consumers need to know more about drinking water in Saskatchewan, more detailed information is available from: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/water-eau/index-eng.php>.

BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY

(Cudworth Station)

Parameter	Limit	Regular Samples Required	Regular Samples Submitted	# Positive of Regular Submitted
Total Coliform	0 Organisms/100 mL	6	26	0
E. Coli	0 Organisms/100 mL	6	26	0
Background Bacteria	Less than 200/100 mL	6	26	0

(Wakaw Station)

Parameter	Limit	Regular Samples Required	Regular Samples Submitted	# Positive of Regular Submitted
Total Coliform	0 Organisms/100 mL	6	26	0
E. Coli	0 Organisms/100 mL	6	26	0
Background Bacteria	Less than 200/100 mL	6	26	0

Analysis is performed on a single sample for all parameters mentioned above. All waterworks are required to submit samples for bacteriological water quality; the frequency of monitoring depends on the population served by the waterworks. Additional testing was done for informational purposes.

WATER DISINFECTION

Chlorine Residual in Distribution System – From Test Results Submitted with Bacteriological Samples

(Cudworth Station)

Parameter	Minimum Limit (either/or)	Range (mg/L)	# Tests Required	# Tests Submitted	# Adequate Chlorine
Free Chlorine	0.10 mg/L	0.87 – 1.51	6	26	26
Total Chlorine	0.50 mg/L	1.15 – 1.75	6	26	

(Wakaw Station)

Parameter	Minimum Limit (either/or)	Range (mg/L)	# Tests Required	# Tests Submitted	# Adequate Chlorine
Free Chlorine	0.10 mg/L	1.16 – 1.61	6	26	26
Total Chlorine	0.50 mg/L	1.36 – 1.72	6	26	

A minimum of 0.10 milligrams per litre (mg/L) free chlorine residual **OR** 0.50 mg/L total chlorine residual is required at all times throughout the distribution system. An adequate chlorine is a result that indicates that the chlorine level is above the regulated minimums. A waterworks is required to submit chlorine residual test results on every bacteriological sample they submit. Additional testing was done for informational purposes.

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Chlorine Residual for Water Within a Distribution System

(Cudworth Station)

Parameter	Minimum Limit (mg/L)	Range (mg/L)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	% Adequate Chlorine
Free Chlorine	0.10	0.42 – 1.61	Continuous	Continuous	100

Residuals are monitored continuously by an in-line chlorine analyzer.

(Wakaw Station)

Parameter	Minimum Limit (either/or)	Range (mg/L)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	% Adequate Chlorine
Free Chlorine	0.10 mg/L	0.84 – 1.88	81	365	100
Total Chlorine	0.50 mg/L	1.18 – 2.00	81	365	

A minimum of 0.10 milligrams per litre (mg/L) free chlorine residual **OR** 0.50 mg/L total chlorine residual is required. Tests performed on a daily basis by waterworks operators are recorded in operation records.

TURBIDITY

Turbidity in the Distribution System – From Test Results Submitted with Bacteriological Samples

(Cudworth Station)

Parameter	Limit (NTU)	Range (NTU)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	# Exceeding Limit
Turbidity	No standard	0.05 – 0.20	6	26	0

(Wakaw Station)

Parameter	Limit (NTU)	Range (NTU)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	# Exceeding Limit
Turbidity	No standard	0.05 – 0.19	6	26	0

Turbidity is a measure of water treatment efficiency. Turbidity measures the “clarity” of the drinking water and is reported in Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU). Additional testing was done for informational purposes.

CHEMICAL – TRIHALOMETHANES (THM)

Trihalomethanes are formed when chlorine reacts with organic matter in water. The four THM compounds are: chloroform, dibromochloromethane, bromodichloromethane (BCDM) and bromoform. The sum of the concentrations of these four components is referred to as Total Trihalomethanes. The limit for THM is a long term objective based on an annual average of seasonal samples.

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Parameter	Maximum Limit (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Total Trihalomethanes	0.100	0.031	1	1

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(Wakaw Station)

Parameter	Maximum Limit (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Total Trihalomethanes	0.100	0.027	1	1

CHEMICAL – HALOACETIC ACIDS (HAAs)

Haloacetic acids are formed when chlorine reacts with organic matter in water. The five regulated haloacetic acids are: monochloroacetic acid, dichloroacetic acid, trichloroacetic acid, monobromoacetic acid, and dibromoacetic acid. The sum of the concentrations of these five components is referred to as HAA5. The limit for HAA5 is a long term objective based on an annual average of seasonal samples.

(Cudworth Station)

Parameter	Maximum Limit (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Haloacetic Acids 5	0.080	0.023	1	1

(Wakaw Station)

Parameter	Maximum Limit (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Haloacetic Acids 5	0.080	0.021	1	1

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

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