



**Drinking Water Quality and Compliance**  
**SaskWater Codette Lake Potable Water Supply System**  
**2016 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 SaskWater Codette Lake Potable Water Supply System water quality and sample submission compliance record for the January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 time period. This report was completed on March 20, 2017. Readers should refer to WSA's Municipal Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Guidelines, October 2012, EPB 202 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, more detailed information is available from: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/water-eau/index-eng.php>.

**BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY**

Parameter	Limit	Regular Samples Required	Required Samples Submitted	# Positive of Regular Submitted
Total Coliform	0 Organisms/100 mL	104	100	0
E. Coli	0 Organisms/100 mL	104	100	0
Background Bacteria	Less than 200/100 mL	104	100	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.

The bacteriological samples were missed the weeks of May 30 & July 25. May 30<sup>th</sup> was because of a postal service error. July 25<sup>th</sup> was not sampled because of a Boil Water Advisory already on the system. Advisory was due to changing the source water supply due to the oil spill on the North Saskatchewan River.

**WATER DISINFECTION**

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

Parameter	Minimum Limit (either/or)	Range (mg/L)	# Tests Required	# Tests Submitted	# Adequate Chlorine
Free Chlorine	0.1 mg/L	0.17 – 3.76	104	100	100
Total Chlorine	0.5 mg/L	0.93 – 4.87	104	100	100

A minimum of 0.1 milligrams per litre (mg/L) free chlorine residual **OR** 0.5 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.

**Free Chlorine Residual for Water Leaving the Filters**

Parameter	Limit (mg/L)	Range (mg/L)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	% Adequate Chlorine (%)
Free Chlorine	At least 0.35	0.10 – 1.84	366	735	98.8

Minimum 0.35 milligrams per litre (mg/L) free chlorine residual is required for water leaving the filters. Tests are normally performed twice daily by waterworks operators and are to be recorded in operation records.

**Free Chlorine Residual for Water Entering the Distribution System**

Parameter	Limit (mg/L)	Range (mg/L)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	% Adequate Chlorine (%)
Free Chlorine	At least 1.2	1.27 – 4.14	366	Continuous	100

Minimum 1.2 milligrams per litre (mg/L) free chlorine residual is required for water entering the distribution system. Residuals are monitored continuously and multiple tests are normally performed on a daily basis by waterworks operators and are to be recorded in operation records.

## TURBIDITY

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

Parameter	Limit (NTU)	Range (NTU)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	# Exceeding Limit
Turbidity	No standard	0.07 – 0.25	10	100	0

Turbidity is a measure of water treatment efficiency. Turbidity measures the “clarity” of the drinking water and is generally reported in Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU). The turbidity is tested at the same frequency as the bacteriological testing with a bench testing instrument.

### Turbidity for Water Leaving the Filter

Parameter	Limit (NTU)	Range (NTU)	95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile (NTU)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	# months Exceeding Limit
Turbidity	< 0.30 – 95% of time each month; cannot be > 0.3 for more than 12 consecutive hours and; never >1.0	0.019–0.330	0.154	Continuous	Continuous	0

Turbidity leaving the filters is monitored continuously and multiple tests are normally performed on a daily basis by waterworks operators and are recorded in operation records.

## FLUORIDE

### Fluoride – From Treated Water at the Water Treatment Plant (on-site testing)

Parameter	Limit (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	Maximum (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted	# Exceeding Limit
Fluoride	1.5	0.83	1.37	366	735	0

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Parameter	Limit (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	Maximum (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted	# Exceeding Limit
Fluoride	1.5	0.68	1.30	52	53	0

## CHEMICAL – HEALTH

SaskWater Codette Lake Potable Water Supply is required to submit Chemical Health once per year. The last sample for Chemical Health analysis was submitted on October 13, 2016. Results indicated that provincial drinking water quality standards were not exceeded.

Parameter	MAC (mg/L)	IMAC (mg/L)	AO* (mg/L)	Sample Results (mg/L)	# of Samples Required	# of Samples Submitted
Aluminum	No Objective			0.016	1	5
Antimony	0.006			<0.0002	1	1
Arsenic	0.010			0.0002	1	1
Barium	1.0			0.046	1	1
Boron		5.0		0.02	1	1
Cadmium	0.005			0.00003	1	1
Chromium	0.05			<0.0005	1	1
Copper			1.0	0.0056	1	1
Iron			0.3	0.0022	1	1
Lead	0.01			<0.0001	1	1
Manganese			0.05	0.0006	1	1
Selenium	0.01			0.0002	1	1
Silver	No Objective			<0.00005	1	1
Uranium	0.02			0.0001	1	1
Zinc			5	0.002	1	1

MAC – Maximum Acceptable Concentrations

AO – Aesthetic Objective

IMAC – Interim Maximum Acceptable Concentrations

## **CHEMICAL – GENERAL**

SaskWater Codette Lake Potable Water Supply is required to submit General Chemical once per quarter. The last sample for General Chemical analysis was submitted on November 29, 2016. Results indicated that the provincial drinking water quality standards were not exceeded.

Parameter	MAC	AO*	Sample Results	# Of Samples Required	# Of Samples Submitted
Total Alkalinity (mg/L)		500	141	4	4
Bicarbonate (mg/L)	No Objective		172	4	4
Calcium (mg/L)	No Objective		57	4	4
Carbonate (mg/L)	No Objective		<1	4	4
Chloride (mg/L)		250	12	4	4
Fluoride (mg/L)	1.5		0.80	4	4
Total Hardness (mg/L)		800	227	4	4
Hydroxide (mg/L)	No Objective		<1	4	4
Magnesium (mg/L)		200	21	4	4
Nitrate (mg/L)	45		0.56	4	4
pH (pH units)		6.5 - 9.0	7.64	4	4
Potassium (mg/L)	No Objective		3.3	4	4
Sodium (mg/L)		300	24	4	4
Specific Conductivity (µs/cm)	No Objective		566	4	4
Sulphate (mg/L)		500	133	4	4
Sum of Ions	No Objective		422	4	4
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)		1500	348	4	4

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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 CaCO<sub>3</sub>, magnesium, sodium and total dissolved solids) consider regional differences in drinking water sources and quality.

## **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.

Parameter	Limit (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Total Trihalomethanes	0.100	0.113	8	8

High third quarter results caused by high chlorine dosage needed for alternate source water following the oil spill in the North Saskatchewan River.

## **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.

Parameter	Limit (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Haloacetic Acids 5	0.080	Not tested	1	0

## CHEMICAL – CYANIDE AND MERCURY

SaskWater Codette Lake Potable Water Supply System is required to submit water samples for the WSA's Cyanide and Mercury category once every second year. 2016 is a required sampling year. The last sample was submitted on October 13, 2016.

Parameter	Limit (mg/L)	Sample Results (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Cyanide	0.2	<0.001	1	1
Mercury	0.001	0.000007	1	1

## CHEMICAL – SYNTHETIC ORGANICS

SaskWater Codette Lake Potable Water Supply System is required to submit water samples for the WSA's Synthetic Organic category once every second year. 2016 is a required sampling year. The last sample for analysis was submitted on October 13, 2016. Sample results indicated that the provincial drinking water quality standards were not exceeded.

Parameter	MAC (mg/L)	IMAC (mg/L)	AO (mg/L)	Sample Results (mg/L)	# of Samples Required	# of Samples Submitted
Benzene	0.005			<0.0002	1	1
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.00001			<0.00001	1	1
Carbon tetrachloride	0.005			<0.002	1	1
Dichlorobenzene 1,2	10.2			<0.0005	1	1
Dichlorobenzene 1,4	0.005			<0.0005	1	1
Dichloroethane 1,2		0.005		<0.0005	1	1
Dichloroethylene 1,1	0.014			<0.0005	1	1
Dichloromethane	0.05			<0.0005	1	1
Dichlorophenol 2,4	0.9			<0.002	1	1
Ethylbenzene			0.0024	<0.0002	1	1
Monochlorobenzene	0.080			<0.0005	1	1
Nitrilotriacetic Acid (NTA)	0.4			<0.1	1	1
Tetrachlorophenol 2,3,4,6	0.10			<0.002	1	1
Toluene	0.05			<0.0002	1	1
Trichloroethylene			0.024	<0.0005	1	1
Trichlorophenol 2,4,6	0.005			<0.002	1	1
Vinyl Chloride	0.002			<0.0005	1	1

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## CHEMICAL – PESTICIDES

SaskWater Codette Lake Potable Water Supply System is required to submit water samples for the WSA's Pesticide category once every second year. 2016 is a required sampling year. The last sample for analysis was submitted on October 13, 2016. Sample results indicated that the provincial drinking water quality standards were not exceeded.

Parameter	MAC (mg/L)	IMAC (mg/L)	Sample Results (mg/L)	# of Samples Required	# of Samples Submitted
Atrazine		0.005	<0.0002	1	1
Bromoxynil		0.005	<0.0005	1	1
Carbofuran	0.09		<0.0002	1	1
Chlorpyrifos	0.09		<0.0002	1	1
Dicamba	0.12		<0.0005	1	1
2,4-D		0.10	<0.0005	1	1
Diclofop-methyl	0.009		<0.003	1	1
Dimethoate		0.02	<0.002	1	1
Malathion	0.19		<0.0002	1	1
Pentachlorophenol	0.06		<0.002	1	1
Picloram		0.19	<0.001	1	1
Trifluralin		0.045	<0.0002	1	1

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## HYDROCARBONS

SaskWater Codette Lake Potable Water Supply System is required to submit water samples for Hydrocarbon monitoring following the oil spill in the North Saskatchewan River. WSA has set up a monitoring schedule until the spring of 2017. At that time, WSA will inform SaskWater of the required monitoring schedule. The last sample for analysis was submitted on December 19, 2016. Sample results indicated that the provincial drinking water quality standards were not exceeded.

Parameter	MAC (mg/L)	AO (mg/L)	Sample Results (mg/L) (max)	# of Samples Required	# of Samples Submitted
Benzene	0.005		<0.0002	6	6
Ethylbenzene	0.140	0.0016	<0.0002	6	6
m + p-Xylene	No Limit		<0.0002	6	6
o-Xylene	No Limit		<0.0002	6	6
Total Xylene	0.090	0.020	<0.0002	6	6
Toluene	0.060	0.024	<0.0002	6	6
2-Methylnaphthalene	0.020		<0.00005	6	6
Acenaphthene	No Limit		<0.00005	6	6
Acenaphthylene	No Limit		<0.00005	6	6
Acridine	No Limit		Not tested	6	0
Anthracene	No Limit		<0.00005	6	6
Benzo(a)anthracene	No Limit		<0.00002	6	6
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.00001		<0.00001	6	6
Benzo(b)fluoranthene	No Limit		<0.0005	6	6
Benzo(b+j)fluoranthene	No Limit		Not tested	6	0
Benzo(e)pyrene	No Limit		<0.0005	6	6
Benzo(g,h,i)perylene	No Limit		<0.0005	6	6
Benzo(k)fluoranthene	No Limit		<0.0005	6	6
Chrysene	No Limit		<0.0001	6	6
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene	No Limit		<0.0005	6	6
Fluoranthene	No Limit		<0.00005	6	6
Fluorene	No Limit		<0.00005	6	6
Indeno(1,2,3,-c,d)pyrene	No Limit		<0.0005	6	6
Naphthalene	0.090		<0.00005	6	6
Perylene	No Limit		<0.0005	6	6
Phenanthrene	No Limit		<0.00005	6	6
Pyrene	0.120		<0.00002	6	6
Quinoline	No Limit		<0.00005	6	6
Hydrocarbons, F1	No Limit		<0.050	6	6
Hydrocarbons, F2	No Limit		<0.050	6	6
Hydrocarbons, F3	0.120		0.100	6	6
Hydrocarbons, F4	No Limit		<0.050	6	6

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

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