

**Drinking Water Quality and Compliance**  
**Village of Vanscoy**  
**Station Number SK05HG0020**  
**2020 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 Village of Vanscoy water quality and sample submission compliance record for the January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020 time period. This report was completed on January 28, 2021. Readers should refer to the 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 in Saskatchewan, more detailed information is available from: <http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/water-eau/index-eng.php>.

**BACTERIOLOGICAL QUALITY**

**Sampling from Distribution System**

Parameter	Limit	Regular Samples Required	Regular Samples Submitted	# of Positive Regular Submitted
Total Coliform	0 Organisms/100mL	52	52	0
E. Coli	0 Organisms/100m/L	52	52	0
Background Bacteria	Less than 200/100mL	52	52	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.

**WATER DISINFECTION**

**Chlorine Residual in the 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	0.10 mg/L	0.82 – 1.32	52	52	52
Total Chlorine	0.50 mg/L	0.99 – 1.84	52	52	

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 residual 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 Entering Distribution System**

Parameter	Minimum Limit (mg/L)	Range (mg/L)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	% Adequate Chlorine
Free Chlorine	0.15	0.76 – 1.50	Continuous	Continuous	100

Residuals are monitored continuously and tests performed regularly by waterworks operators and are to be recorded in operation records.

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**TURBIDITY**

**Turbidity for Water Leaving the Filter**

Parameter	Limit (NTU)	Range (NTU)	95th Percentile	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	# of Months Exceeding 95 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Limit
Turbidity	< 0.30 – 95% of measurements each month; not to > 0.30 for > 12 consecutive hours and; never >1.0	0.02 – 0.65	0.11	Continuous	Continuous	0

**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	0.06 – 0.22	52	52	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.

**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	Maximum Limit (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Total Trihalomethanes	0.100	0.055	4	4

**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	Maximum Limit (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Haloacetic Acids 5	0.080	0.037	4	4

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**TOTAL MICROCYSTIN – RAW WATER**

The Village of Vanscoy is required to sample once per year in the raw water during the month of August and following detection of significant algal blooms affecting the water intake.

Parameter	Maximum Limit (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Total Microcystin	<0.0015	<0.0002	1	1

**CHEMICAL – HEALTH**

The Village of Vanscoy is required to submit water samples for the WSA’s Chemical Health category once every second year. 2020 is not a required sampling year. Additional sampling was performed by Saskwater for informational purposes.

Parameter	MAC (mg/L)	IMAC (mg/L)	AO* (mg/L)	Sample Results (mg/L)	# of Samples Required	# of Samples Submitted
Aluminum	No Objective			0.165	0	2
Antimony	0.006			<0.0002	0	2
Arsenic	0.010			0.0004	0	2
Barium	1.0			0.084	0	2
Boron		5.0		0.02	0	2
Cadmium	0.005			<0.00001	0	2
Chromium	0.050			<0.0005	0	2
Copper			1.0	0.0025	0	2
Iron			0.3	<0.0005	0	2
Lead	0.010			<0.0001	0	2
Manganese			0.05	0.0006	0	2
Selenium	0.010			0.0004	0	2
Silver	No Objective			<0.00005	0	2
Uranium	0.020			0.0008	0	2
Zinc			5	0.0009	0	2

MAC – Maximum Acceptable Concentrations

AO – Aesthetic Objective

IMAC – Interim Maximum Acceptable Concentrations

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**CHEMICAL – GENERAL**

The Village of Vanscoy is required to submit water samples for the WSA’s General Chemical category once per three months every second year. 2020 is not a required sampling year. Additional sampling was performed by Saskwater for informational purposes.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>MAC</b>	<b>AO *</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b># of Samples Required</b>	<b># of Samples Submitted</b>
Total Alkalinity (mg/L)		500	159	0	4
Bicarbonate (mg/L)	No Objective		194	0	4
Calcium (mg/L)	No Objective		45	0	4
Carbonate (mg/L)	No Objective		<1	0	4
Chloride (mg/L)		250	19	0	4
Fluoride (mg/L)	1.5		0.12	0	4
Total Hardness (mg/L)		800	182	0	4
Hydroxide (mg/L)	No Objective		<1	0	4
Magnesium (mg/L)		200	17	0	4
Nitrate (mg/L)	45		1.3	0	4
pH (pH units)		6.5 - 9.0	8.12	0	4
Potassium (mg/L)	No Objective		3.6	0	4
Sodium (mg/L)		300	27	0	4
Specific Conductivity (µs/cm)	No Objective		471	0	4
Sulphate (mg/L)		500	67	0	4
Sum of Ions (mg/L)	No Objective		374	0	4
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)		1500	279	0	4

MAC – Maximum Acceptable Concentration

AO – Aesthetic Objective

\*Objectives apply to certain characteristics of or substances found in water for human 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.

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

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