

**Drinking Water Quality and Compliance
Lac La Ronge Regional Water Corporation
Regional Water Supply System and Treatment Plant
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 Minister's Order or Permit to Operate. The following is a summary of the Lac La Ronge Regional Water Corporation (LLRWC) Regional Water Supply System and Treatment Plant 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 MOE'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 department's monitoring guidelines. If consumers need to 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

Parameter	Limit	Regular Samples Required	Regular Samples Submitted	# Positive of Regular Submitted
Total Coliform	0 Organisms/100 mL	52	52	0
E. Coli	0 Organisms/100 mL	52	52	0
Background Bacteria	Less than 200/100 mL	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 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	0.58 – 1.30	52	52	52
Total Chlorine	0.50 mg/L	0.86 – 1.63	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 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	0.22	0.42 – 1.75	Continuous	Continuous	100

Residuals are monitored continuously, and tests performed on a daily basis by waterworks operators are recorded in operation records.

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TURBIDITY

Turbidity for Water Leaving the Ultra Filtration System

Ultra Filtration Unit #1

Parameter	Limit (NTU)	Range (NTU)	99 th Percentile (NTU)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	# months Exceeding Limit
Turbidity	< 0.1 – 99% of time each month and; not to be > 0.1 for > 15 minutes and; never > 0.3	0.004 – 0.090	0.090	Continuous	Continuous	0

Ultra Filtration Unit #2

Parameter	Limit (NTU)	Range (NTU)	99 th Percentile (NTU)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	# months Exceeding Limit
Turbidity	< 0.1 – 99% of time each month and; not to be > 0.1 for > 15 minutes and; never > 0.3	0.020 – 0.094	0.090	Continuous	Continuous	0

Ultra Filtration Unit #3

Parameter	Limit (NTU)	Range (NTU)	99 th Percentile (NTU)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	# months Exceeding Limit
Turbidity	< 0.1 – 99% of time each month and; not to be > 0.1 for > 15 minutes and; never > 0.3	0.020 – 0.100	0.090	Continuous	Continuous	0

Ultra Filtration Unit #4

Parameter	Limit (NTU)	Range (NTU)	99 th Percentile (NTU)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	# months Exceeding Limit
Turbidity	< 0.1 – 99% of time each month and; not to be > 0.1 for > 15 minutes and; never > 0.3	0.019 – 0.098	0.090	Continuous	Continuous	0

Turbidity for Water Entering the Distribution System

Parameter	Limit (NTU)	Range (NTU)	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed
Turbidity	No Limit	0.039 – 0.298	Continuous	Continuous

Turbidity values are monitored continuously with an on-line analyzer and tests normally performed daily by waterworks operators and are recorded in operation records.

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 Limit	0.05 – 0.27	52	52	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). All waterworks are required to monitor turbidity at the water treatment plant.

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DIRECT INTEGRITY TESTING

Testing done daily on each Ultra Filtration Train recorded as log removal values

Ultra Filtration Unit #1

Parameter	Limit	Range	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	# Inadequate LRV
LRV	LRV \geq 3	4.54 – 5.79	357	357	0

Ultra Filtration Unit #2

Parameter	Limit	Range	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	# Inadequate LRV
LRV	LRV \geq 3	4.03 – 6.62	283	283	0

Ultra Filtration Unit #3

Parameter	Limit	Range	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	# Inadequate LRV
LRV	LRV \geq 3	4.58 – 5.70	353	353	0

Ultra Filtration Unit #4

Parameter	Limit	Range	# Tests Required	# Tests Performed	# Inadequate LRV
LRV	LRV \geq 3	4.29 – 5.53	280	280	0

In order to receive the log removal credits for both Giardia and Cryptosporidium, a removal efficiency equal to or greater than 3 has to be maintained through daily pressure decay testing on each UF bank in production.

FLUORIDE

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

Parameter	Maximum Limit (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	Maximum (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted	# Exceeding Limit
Fluoride	1.50	0.64	0.98	365	365	0

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CHEMICAL – TRIHALOMETHANES (THM)

Trihalomethanes are formed when chlorine reacts with organic matter in water. The four THM compounds are: chloroform, dibromochloromethane, bromodichloromethane (BDCM) 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
Trihalomethane	0.100	0.051	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. The limit for HAA5 is a long-term objective based on an annual average of quarterly samples.

Parameter	Maximum Limit (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Haloacetic Acids	0.080	0.033	4	4

CHEMICAL – HEALTH

The LLRRWC is required to submit water samples for the WSA’s Chemical Health category once per three months every year.

Parameter	MAC (mg/L)	IMAC (mg/L)	AO* (mg/L)	Sample Results (mg/L)	# of Samples Required	# of Samples Submitted
Aluminum	No Objective			0.0021	4	4
Antimony	0.006			<0.0002	4	4
Arsenic	0.010			0.0003	4	4
Barium	1.0			0.029	4	4
Boron		5.0		0.01	4	4
Cadmium	0.005			<0.00001	4	4
Chromium	0.05			<0.0005	4	4
Copper			1.0	0.046	4	4
Iron			0.3	0.0014	4	4
Lead	0.01			0.0001	4	4
Manganese			0.05	0.0019	4	4
Selenium	0.01			<0.0001	4	4
Silver	No Objective			<0.00005	4	4
Uranium	0.02			0.0001	4	4
Zinc			5	0.0039	4	4

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AO – Aesthetic Objective

IMAC – Interim Maximum Acceptable Concentrations

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CHEMICAL – GENERAL

The LLRRWC is required to submit water samples for the WSA's General Chemical category once per three months every year.

Parameter	MAC	AO *	Sample Results	# Of Samples Required	# Of Samples Submitted
Total Alkalinity (mg/L)		500	123	4	4
Bicarbonate (mg/L)	No Objective		150	4	4
Calcium (mg/L)	No Objective		31	4	4
Carbonate (mg/L)	No Objective		<1	4	4
Chloride (mg/L)		250	4.8	4	4
Fluoride (mg/L)	1.5		0.43	4	4
Total Hardness (mg/L)		800	125	4	4
Hydroxide (mg/L)	No Objective		<1	4	4
Magnesium (mg/L)		200	10.1	4	4
Nitrate (mg/L)	45		0.80	4	4
pH (pH units)		7.0 – 10.5	7.95	4	4
Potassium (mg/L)	No Objective		1.9	4	4
Sodium (mg/L)		300	4.7	4	4
Specific Conductivity (µs/cm)	No Objective		245	4	4
Sulphate (mg/L)		500	1.2	4	4
Sum of Ions	No Objective		203	4	4
Total Dissolved Solids (mg/L)		1500	139	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 CaCO₃, magnesium, sodium and total dissolved solids) consider regional differences in drinking water sources and quality.

CHEMICAL – PESTICIDES

The LLRRWC is required to submit water samples for the WSA's Pesticide category once every second year. 2023 is not a required sampling year. The 2022 are included for informational purposes.

Parameter	MAC (mg/L)	IMAC (mg/L)	2022 Sample Results (mg/L)	# of Samples Required (2023)	# of Samples Submitted (2023)
Atrazine		0.005	<0.0002	0	0
Bromoxynil		0.005	<0.002	0	0
Carbofuran	0.09		<0.0002	0	0
Chlorpyrifos	0.09		<0.0002	0	0
Dicamba	0.12		<0.001	0	0
2, 4-D		0.10	<0.001	0	0
Diclofop-methyl	0.009		<0.001	0	0
Dimethoate		0.02	<0.005	0	0
Malathion	0.19		<0.0002	0	0
MCPA	0.10		<0.001	0	0
Pentachlorophenol	0.06		<0.0005	0	0
Picloram		0.19	<0.001	0	0
Trifluralin		0.045	<0.0002	0	0

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CHEMICAL – ORGANICS

The LLRRWC is required to submit water samples for the WSA’s Synthetic Organic category once every 2 years. 2023 is not a required sampling year. The 2022 are included for informational purposes.

Parameter	MAC (mg/L)	IMAC (mg/L)	AO * (mg/L)	2022 Sample Results (mg/L)	# of Samples Required (2023)	# of Samples Submitted (2023)
Benzene	0.005			<0.0005	0	0
Benzo(a)pyrene	0.00001			<0.00001	0	0
Carbon tetrachloride	0.005			<0.002	0	0
Dichlorobenzene 1,2	0.2			<0.0005	0	0
Dichlorobenzene 1,4	0.005			<0.0005	0	0
Dichloroethane 1,2		0.005		<0.0005	0	0
Dichloroethylene 1,1	0.014			<0.0005	0	0
Dichloromethane	0.05			<0.0005	0	0
Dichlorophenol 2,4	0.9			<0.0002	0	0
Ethylbenzene			0.0016	<0.0005	0	0
Monochlorobenzene	0.08			<0.0005	0	0
Tetrachlorophenol 2,3,4,6	0.10			<0.001	0	0
Toluene			0.024	<0.0005	0	0
Trichloroethylene	0.05			<0.0005	0	0
Trichlorophenol 2,4,6	0.005			<0.002	0	0
Vinyl Chloride	0.002			<0.0005	0	0
Xylene			0.02	<0.0005	0	0

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CYANIDE AND MERCURY

Mercury enters water supplies naturally and as a result of human activities. Cyanide can enter source waters as a result of industrial effluent or spill events. These substances may represent a long-term health risk if the Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC) is exceeded. The LLRRWC is required to sample for cyanide and mercury once every year.

Parameter	Maximum Limit (mg/L)	Sample Results (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Cyanide	0.2	<0.001	1	1
Mercury	0.001	<0.000001	1	1

MICROCYSTIN LR and/or TOTAL MICROCYSTIN TOXINS

The LLRRWC is required to sample for microcystin once every month from the treated water at the water treatment plant during the algal bloom period.

Parameter	Limit (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Microcystin	0.0015	<0.0001	4	4

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GIARDIA AND CRYPTOSPORIDIUM (Raw Water)

The LLRRWC is required to sample for giardia & cryptosporidium semi-annually (early spring and fall) and following upsets or significant events that may affect raw water quality from the raw water entering the water treatment plant.

Parameter	Limit	Average (cysts or oocysts / 100 L)	# Samples Required	# Samples Submitted
Giardia	No Limit	0.2 (cysts)	2	2
Cryptosporidium	No Limit	0.0 (oocysts)	2	2

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

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