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Attention:

Ms. Silvia Kirkwood Chief Administrative Officer

Dear Ms. Kirkwood:

Re: 2024/2025 Inspection Report 1-351849507, **Tara Drinking Water System**Drinking Water Licence **No. 079-101, Issue #4,**Drinking Water Works Permit **No. 079-201, Issue #5** 

Please find attached the 2024/25 municipal drinking water system inspection report for the above mentioned facility.

The physical inspection for the Tara DWS was conducted on January 17, 2025 and reviews operations from December 19, 2023 to January 17, 2025.

The report normally includes an Inspection Summary Rating Record (IRR) as an appendix. This record forms part of the ministry's comprehensive, risk-based inspection process. The rating provides a quantitative measure of the inspection results for these specific drinking water system for the reporting year. An inspection rating that is less than 100 per cent does not mean that the drinking water from the system is unsafe. The primary goals of this assessment are to encourage ongoing improvement of drinking water systems and to measure this progress from year to year.

I would like to remind you that Section 19 of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002 (Standard of Care) creates a number of obligations for individuals who exercise decision-making authority over municipal drinking water systems, including members of municipal councils. "Taking Care of Your Drinking Water: A guide for members of municipal council", a publication found on the <u>Drinking Water Ontario website</u> (http://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/municipal-drinking-

water-systems-licencing-registration-and-permits), provides further information about these obligations.

Please note the IRR was not available as an appendix at the time of report issuance and will be sent as a separate email within the next week.

Should you have any questions regarding the content of the enclosed report, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

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TARA DRINKING WATER SYSTEM
Physical Address: 217 RIVER ST, , ARRANELDERSLIE, ON N0H 2N0

# **INSPECTION REPORT**

Entity: THE CORPORATION OF THE

MUNICIPALITY OF ARRAN-

**ELDERSLIE** 

Inspection Start Date: January 17, 2025
Site Inspection Date: January 17, 2025
Inspection End Date: March 18, 2025

Inspected By: Ron Burrell

Badge #: 741

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# **INTRODUCTION**

# **Purpose**

On January 17, 2025 Provincial Officer Ron Burrell inspected the Tara Drinking Water System. The inspection was conducted in conjunction with Water & Wastewater Foreman Chris Legge from the Municipality of Arran Elderslie. The system is classed as a Large Municipal Drinking Water System, with a population served of approximately 1,100. The inspection review period is from the date of the previous inspection of December 19, 2023 to January 17, 2025.

The rated capacity for the Tara DWS is 426 m3/day for Well #2, 458 m3/day for Well #3 and 852 m3/day for Well #4 (combined capacity of 1,736 m3/day) as authorized under MDWL No. 079-101, Issue #5.

The maximum flow rate during the review period occurred on May 29,

2024 with a flow of 758 m3. This is approximately 44% of the combined rated capacity of 1736 m3/day. However the max daily flow was entirely from Well #4 which represents approximately 89% of the Well #4 rated capacity of 852 m3/day as per Schedule C of MDWL 079-101. The average daily flow for the system in 2024 was 317 m3/day.

The owner is reminded to ensure that each individual rated capacity for Well #2 (426 m3/day), Well #3 (458 m3/day) and Well #4 (852 m3/day) as specified in Schedule C of MDWL 079-101 are not exceeded.

The Municipality is further reminded to ensure application for Municipal Drinking Water Licence 079-101 is made by July 7, 2025 as required in Schedule A.

The Overall Responsible Operator (ORO) used by the municipality for its municipal drinking water systems is Mr. Rakesh Sharma from GSS Engineering Consultants Ltd.. Mr. Scott McLeod, the Public Works manager for the municipality is designated as an alternate ORO if needed.

It was noted that Mr. Rakesh Sharma's Class IV Water Treatment (WT) Certificate # 9425 and Class IV Wastewater Treatment (WWT) Certificate # 9916 both expired on December 31, 2024. In both cases renewal applications were not received by the Ontario Water Wastewater Certification Office (OWWCO) until December 31, 2024 (one by mail, one by fax). A WT certificate renewal was issued on January 9, 2025 and a WWT certificate renewal was issued on January 17, 2025, both now expiring on December 31, 2027.

It is further noted that a Canada Post strike occurred between November 15th and December 17th, 2024, causing major delays and back ups in mail delivery into January 2025.

The OWWCO issues renewal notices to water and wastewater operators three (3) months prior to certificate expiry to allow for application to be made and renewed prior to expiry. Upon inquiry, OWWCO staff indicated that application processing can generally take up to twenty-one (21) days.

It is recommended that the municipality and it's engineering consultant ensure all expiry dates of

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any individual operator certificates, and all water and wastewater control documents associated with each of the facilities under their ownership (and/or) care are documented through various means. This will help to ensure applications for renewal (some of which can be required six (6) months prior to expiry) are submitted and can be processed within proper timelines to ensure re-issuance and compliance with legal requirements is maintained.

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#### NON-COMPLIANCE

This should not be construed as a confirmation of full compliance with all potential applicable legal requirements. These inspection findings are limited to the components and/or activities that were assessed, and the legislative framework(s) that were applied. It remains the responsibility of the owner to ensure compliance with all applicable legislative and regulatory requirements.

If you have any questions related to this inspection, please contact the signed Provincial Officer.

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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#### **INSPECTION DETAILS**

This section includes all questions that were assessed during the inspection.

Ministry Program: DRINKING WATER | Regulated Activity: DW Municipal Residential

Question ID	DWMR1007001	Question Type	Legislative	
	Legislative Requirement(s): SDWA   O. Reg. 170/03   1-2   (1)1;			

#### Question:

Was the owner maintaining the production well(s) in a manner sufficient to prevent entry into the well of surface water and other foreign materials?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

The owner was maintaining the production well(s) in a manner sufficient to prevent entry into the well of surface water and other foreign materials.

Two of the three production wells (Well No. 4, Well No. 2) are located within separate pumphouses. Well No. 3 is located within 10m SW of the third pumphouse and is classified as GUDI. All three wells are maintained in a manner sufficient to prevent entry of surface water or foreign materials.

The municipality trends raw water data and is aware that Well #3, the GUDI well occasionally shows bacteriological contamination present in the raw water.

Question ID	DWMR1009001	Question Type	Legislative
Legislative Ro	equirement(s): 1);		

#### Question:

**Drinking Water Works Permit?** 

Were measures in place to protect the groundwater and/or GUDI source in accordance with the Municipal Drinking Water Licence and Drinking Water Works Permit?

# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Measures were in place to protect the groundwater and/or GUDI source.

Question ID	DWMR1014001	Question T	уре	Legislative
Legislative Requirement(s): SDWA   31   (1);				
Question: Was flow monitoring performed as required by the Municipal Drinking Water Licence or				

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# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Flow monitoring was performed as required.

Question ID	DWMR1016001	<b>Question Type</b>	Legislative
Legislative Ro	equirement(s): 1);		

#### Question:

Was the owner in compliance with the conditions associated with maximum flow rate or the rated/operational capacity in the Municipal Drinking Water Licence?

# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

The owner was in compliance with the conditions associated with maximum flow rate and/or the rated/operational capacity conditions.

The rated capacity for the Tara DWS is 426 m3/day for Well #2, 458 m3/day for Well #3 and 852 m3/day for Well #4 (combined capacity of 1,736 m3/day) as authorized under MDWL No. 079-101, Issue #5.

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2024 with a flow of 758 m3. This is approximately 44% of the combined rated capacity of 1736 m3/day. However the max daily flow was entirely from Well #4 which represents approximately 89% of the Well #4 rated capacity of 852 m3/day as per Schedule C of MDWL 079-101.

The average daily flow for the system in 2024 was 317 m3/day.

It is noted that the calibration of the flow meters was completed by Tower Electronics Canada Inc. on April 29, 2024, and April 18, 2023 prior to that.

The owner is reminded to ensure that each individual rated capacity for Well #2 (426 m3/day), Well #3 (458 m3/day) and Well #4 (852 m3/day) as specified in Schedule C of MDWL 079-101 are not exceeded.

The Municipality is further reminded to ensure application for Municipal Drinking Water Licence 079-101 is made by July 7, 2025 as required in Schedule A.

Question ID	DWMR1018001	Question Type	Legislative
Legislative Requirement(s):			

# SDWA | 31 | (1);

Question:

Did the owner ensure that equipment was installed in accordance with Schedule A and Schedule C of the Drinking Water Works Permit?

# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

The owner ensured that equipment was installed as required.

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Question ID DWMR1020001 Question Type Legislative

Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | 31 | (1);

# Question:

Were Form 1 documents prepared as required?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Form 1 documents were prepared as required.

There was one (1) Form 1 prepared during the review period for the installation of new watermain and appurtenances on Francis Street from Brooke to Matilda Streets (260 m) dated April 11, 2024.

Question IDDWMR1021001Question TypeLegislative

# Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | 31 | (1);

#### Question:

Were Form 2 documents prepared as required?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Form 2 documents were prepared as required.

There was one (1) Form 2 prepared during the review period for the addition of data loggers at Well #4 and Well #3 pumphouses dated February 5, 2024. The data loggers provide a redundancy in the unlikely event of SCADA failure.

 Question ID
 DWMR1025001
 Question Type
 Legislative

# Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | 31 | (1);

#### Question:

Were all parts of the drinking water system that came in contact with drinking water disinfected in accordance with a procedure listed in Schedule B of the Drinking Water Works Permit?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

All parts of the drinking water system were disinfected as required.

Question IDDWMR1023001Question TypeLegislativeLegislative Requirement(s):<br/>SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 1-2 | (2);

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Did records indicate that the treatment equipment was operated in a manner that achieved the design capabilities prescribed by O. Reg. 170/03, Drinking Water Works Permit and/or Municipal Drinking Water Licence at all times that water was being supplied to consumers?

# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Records indicated that the treatment equipment was operated in a manner that achieved the design capabilities prescribed.

The minimum CT necessary to meet a 2-log inactivation of viruses for Well #2 and Well #3 as well as a 4-log inactivation of viruses in Well #4 has been determined to be 3.0 mg/l\*min. (Calculations available in the OM) This has an equivalent minimum chlorine residual of 0.14 mg/L for Well #2, 0.21 mg/L for Well #3 and 0.52 mg/L for Well #4 necessary to achieve primary disinfection.

UV equipment must provide a minimum dosage of 40 mJ/cm2 at 11.37 L/min to meet primary disinfection requirements for Well #3.

Records revieved indicate primary treatment requirements were met at all times during the inspection review period.

Question ID	DWMR1026001	Question Type	Legislative

# **Legislative Requirement(s):**

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 1-6 | (2);

#### Question:

If primary disinfection equipment did not use chlorination or chloramination, was the equipment equipped with alarms or shut-off mechanisms that satisfy the standards described in Schedule 1-6 of O. Reg. 170/03?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Primary disinfection equipment was equipped with alarms or shutoff mechanisms that satisfied the standards.

Question ID	DWMR1024001	Question Type	Legislative

#### **Legislative Requirement(s):**

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 1-2 | (2);

#### Question:

Did records confirm that the water treatment equipment which provides chlorination or chloramination for secondary disinfection was operated as required?

# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Records confirmed that the water treatment equipment which provides chlorination or chloramination for secondary disinfection was operated as required.

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Question ID DWMR1033001 Question Type Legislative

# Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 7-2 | (3); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 7-2 | (4);

#### Question:

Was secondary disinfectant residual tested as required for the large municipal residential distribution system?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Secondary disinfectant residual was tested as required.

 Question ID
 DWMR1030001
 Question Type
 Legislative

#### **Legislative Requirement(s):**

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 7-2 | (1); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 7-2 | (2);

#### Question:

Was primary disinfection chlorine monitoring being conducted at a location approved by Municipal Drinking Water Licence and/or Drinking Water Works Permit or at/near a location where the intended CT had just been achieved?

# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Primary disinfection chlorine monitoring was conducted as required.

Question IDDWMR1035001Question TypeLegislative

# Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 6-5 | (1)1-4;

#### Question:

Were operators examining continuous monitoring test results and did they examine the results within 72 hours of the test?

## **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Operators were examining continuous monitoring test results as required.

 Question ID
 DWMR1038001
 Question Type
 Legislative

#### **Legislative Requirement(s):**

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 6-5 | (1)1-4;

## Question:

Was continuous monitoring equipment that was being utilized to fulfill O. Reg. 170/03 requirements performing tests for the parameters with at least the minimum frequency and

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recording data with the prescribed format?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Continuous monitoring equipment that was being utilized to fulfill O. Reg. 170/03 requirements was performing tests for the parameters with at least the minimum frequency and recording data with the prescribed format.

Question ID DWMR1037001	<b>Question Type</b>	Legislative
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# **Legislative Requirement(s):**

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 6-5 | (1)5-10; SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 6-5 | (1.1);

#### Question:

Were all continuous monitoring equipment utilized for sampling and testing required by O. Reg. 170/03, or Municipal Drinking Water Licence or Drinking Water Works Permit or order, equipped with alarms or shut-off mechanisms that satisfied the standards described in Schedule 6?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

All required continuous monitoring equipment utilized for sampling and testing were equipped with alarms or shut-off mechanisms that satisfied the standards

#### **Legislative Requirement(s):**

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 6-5 | (1)1-4; SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 6-5 | (1)5-10;

#### Question:

Were all continuous analysers calibrated, maintained, and operated, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or the regulation?

#### Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

All continuous analysers were calibrated, maintained, and operated as required.

Operators perform in-house calibration of online analyzers on a regular basis with their hand held HACH units. Trending on the weekly verifications is monitored closely to determine maintenance actions.

Annual calibration of handheld colorimeters occurred on January 14, 2025 by Nichol Water Services and January 18, 2024 prior to that.

Question ID	DWMR1108001	<b>Question Type</b>	Legislative	
Legislative Requirement(s):				
SDWA   O. Reg. 170/03   6-5   (1)5-10; SDWA   O. Reg. 170/03   6-5   (1.1);				

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Where continuous monitoring equipment used for the monitoring of free chlorine residual, total chlorine residual, combined chlorine residual or turbidity, required by O. Reg. 170/03, Municipal Drinking Water Licence, Drinking Water Works Permit, or order triggered an alarm or an automatic shut-off, did a qualified person respond as required and take appropriate actions?

## Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

A qualified person responded as required and took appropriate actions.

Question IDDWMR1039001Question TypeLegislative	Question ID	DWMR1039001	Question Type	Legislative
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# Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 1-6 | (3);

#### Question:

If primary disinfection equipment that does not use chlorination or chloramination was used, did the owner and operating authority ensure the equipment had a recording device that continuously recorded the performance of the disinfection equipment?

# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

The owner and operating authority ensured that the primary disinfection equipment had a recording device that continuously recorded the performance of the disinfection equipment.

#### **Legislative Requirement(s):**

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 1-6 | (1); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 1-6 | (2);

#### Question:

If the system used equipment for primary disinfection other than chlorination or chloramination and the equipment malfunctioned, lost power, or ceased to provide the appropriate level of disinfection, causing an alarm or an automatic shut-off, did a certified operator respond as required and take appropriate actions?

# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

A certified operator responded as required and took appropriate actions.

Question ID	DWMR1042001	<b>Question Type</b>	Legislative
Legislative Ro	equirement(s): 1);		

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If UV disinfection was used, were duty sensors and reference UV sensors checked and calibrated as per the requirements of Schedule E of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence or at a frequency as otherwise recommended by the UV equipment manufacturer?

# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

All UV sensors were checked and calibrated as required.

Schedule E of MDWL No. 079-101 issued January 2021 requires the duty reference sensor to be checked at least monthly against a reference UV sensor. Records reviewed indicate this requirement was met.

Schedule E further requires Reference UV sensors be checked against a Master Reference Assembly once every three (3) years. Records reviewed indicated the Reference Sensor was calibrated against a Master Reference assembly on February 20, 2023 by Trojan UV, meeting the requirement of the MDWL.

Question ID	DWMR1099001	Question Type	Information	
Legislative Requirement(s):				
Not Applicable				

#### Question:

Question:

Do records show that water provided by the drinking water system met the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Records showed that all water sample results met the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards.

Question ID	DWMR1083001	Question Type	Legislative		
Legislative R	Legislative Requirement(s):				

# SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 10-3;

Were treated microbiological sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 10-3 of O. Reg. 170/03 for large municipal residential systems met?

# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Treated microbiological sampling requirements were met.

Question ID	DWMR1081001	Question Type	Legislative		
Legislative Requirement(s):					
SDWA   O. Reg. 170/03   10-2   (1); SDWA   O. Reg. 170/03   10-2   (2); SDWA   O. Reg.					
170/03   10-2	170/03   10-2   (3);				

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Were distribution microbiological sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 10-2 of O. Reg. 170/03 for large municipal residential systems met?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Distribution microbiological sampling requirements were met.

Question ID	DWMR1096001	<b>Question Type</b>	Legislative
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#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 6-3 | (1);

#### Question:

Did records confirm that chlorine residual tests were conducted at the same time and location as microbiological samples?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Records confirmed that chlorine residual tests were conducted as required.

Question ID	DWMR1084001	Question Type	Legislative	
Legislative Requirement(s):				

# Legislative Kequirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-2;

#### Question:

Were inorganic parameter sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 13-2 of O. Reg. 170/03 met?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Inorganic parameter sampling requirements were met.

The owners completed Schedule 23 and 24 (inorganic and organic) sampling for all three source wells on November 12, 2024. Previous to that, on November 13, 2023 for Well 2 & 3 (blended) and November 22, 2021, for all three production wells. The owner is required to sample Wells 2 & 3 as one set of samples on an annual basis as both sources are blended prior to point of entry into the distribution and Well #3 is considered a GUDI source. Well #4 is required to be sampled every 36 months for Schedule 23 and 24 parameters.

Question ID	DWMR1085001	Question Type	Legislative	
<b>Legislative Requirement(s):</b> SDWA   O. Reg. 170/03   13-4   (1); SDWA   O. Reg. 170/03   13-4   (2); SDWA   O. Reg. 170/03   13-4   (3);				
Question:				

Were organic parameter sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 13-4 of O. Reg.

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170/03 met?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Organic parameter sampling requirements were met.

See previous question.

Question ID	DWMR1086001	Question Type	Legislative
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#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6.1 | (1); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6.1 | (2); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6.1 | (3); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6.1 | (4); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6.1 | (5); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6.1 | (6);

#### Question:

Were haloacetic acid sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 13-6 of O. Reg. 170/03 met?

# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Haloacetic acid sampling requirements were met.

HAA samples were taken during the inspection review period on the following dates: February 12th - 5.3 ug/L, May 13th - 5.3 ug/L, August 6th - 5.3 ug/L and November 12th, 2024 - 5.3 ug/L.

It is noted that the method detection limit for HAA's is 5.3 ug/L.

Question ID   DWMR1087001   Question Type   Led	Question ID	DWMR1087001	<b>Question Type</b>	Legislative
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#### Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6 | (1); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6 | (2); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6 | (3); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6 | (4); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6 | (5); SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 13-6 | (6);

#### Question:

Were trihalomethane sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 13-6 of O. Reg. 170/03 met?

# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Trihalomethane sampling requirements were met.

Trihalomethane samples were taken during the inspection review period on the following dates: February 12th - 11 ug/L, May 13th - 8.2 ug/L, August 6th - 12 ug/L and November 12th, 2024 - 14 ug/L.

The running annual average is 11.3 ug/L based on the last four quarterly sample results.

Question ID	DWMR1088001	Quest	ion Type	Legislative
Legislative Requirement(s): SDWA   O. Reg. 170/03   13-7;				

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Were nitrate/nitrite sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 13-7 of O. Reg. 170/03 met?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Nitrate/nitrite sampling requirements were met.

Nitrate/Nitrite sampling during the inspection review period occurred quarterly as required. Sampling was conducted on the following dates: February 12th, May 13th, August 6th and November 12th, 2024.

Question ID	DWMR1089001	Question Type	Legislative	
Legislative Requirement(s):				
SDWA   O. Reg. 170/03   13-8;				

#### Question:

Were sodium sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 13-8 of O. Reg. 170/03 met?

## **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Sodium sampling requirements were met.

Sodium, required to be sampled once every sixty (60) months was sampled from Wells 2 and 3 (blended) and Well 4 on November 12, 2024. Results of 14.9 mg/L and 18.5 mg/L were obtained. Previous to that, samples were taken on November 18, 2019 with results of 16.8 mg/L and 15.7 mg/L.

Question ID	DWMR1090001	Question Type	Legislative
	equirement(s): eg. 170/03   13-9;		

#### Question:

Where fluoridation is not practiced, were fluoride sampling requirements prescribed by Schedule 13-9 of O. Reg. 170/03 met?

# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Fluoride sampling requirements were met.

Fluoride monitoring required once every sixty (60) months was most recently sampled on November 12, 2024 (1.2 mg/L at Well #2 & #3 and 0.48 mg/L at Well #4).

Previous samples taken on November 18, 2019 returned results of 1.32 mg/L at Well #2 & #3 and 0.57 mg/L at Well #4. All results were below the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards (ODWQS) Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC) of 1.5 mg/L.

Fluoride is naturally occurring in the area and any sample results exceeding the ODWQS are only required to be reported once every five years.

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Question IDDWMR1094001Question TypeLegislative

Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | 31 | (1);

#### Question:

Were water quality sampling requirements imposed by the Municipal Drinking Water Licence and Drinking Water Works Permit met?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Water quality sampling requirements were met.

Question IDDWMR1060001Question TypeLegislative

# Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | 31 | (1);

#### Question:

Did the operations and maintenance manual(s) meet the requirements of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

The operations and maintenance manual(s) met the requirements of the Municipal Drinking Water Licence.

Question IDDWMR1062001Question TypeLegislative

# Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 7-5;

#### Question:

Did records or other record keeping mechanisms confirm that operational testing not performed by continuous monitoring equipment was done by a certified operator, water quality analyst, or person who met the requirements of Schedule 7-5 of O. Reg. 170/03?

# Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Records or other record keeping mechanisms confirmed that operational testing not performed by continuous monitoring equipment was done by a certified operator, water quality analyst, or person who met the requirements of Schedule 7-5 of O. Reg. 170/03.

 Question ID
 DWMR1071001
 Question Type
 BMP

 Legislative Requirement(s):
 Not Applicable

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Did the owner provide security measures to protect components of the drinking water system?

## **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

The owner provided security measures to protect components of the drinking water system.

Each of the three pumphouses are equipped with intruder alarms, keyed entry, and emergency contact numbers posted on the door.

Question ID	DWMR1073001	<b>Question Type</b>	Legislative
Legislative Requirement(s): SDWA   O. Reg. 128/04   23   (1);			

#### Question:

Was an overall responsible operator designated for all subsystems which comprise the drinking water system?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

An overall responsible operator was designated for all subsystem.

The Overall Responsible Operator (ORO) used by the municipality for its municipal drinking water systems is Mr. Rakesh Sharma from GSS Engineering Consultants Ltd.. Mr. Scott McLeod, the Public Works manager for the municipality is designated as an alternate ORO if needed.

It was noted that Mr. Rakesh Sharma's Class IV Water Treatment (WT) Certificate # 9425 and Class IV Wastewater Treatment (WWT) Certificate # 9916 both expired on December 31, 2024. In both cases renewal applications were not received by the Ontario Water Wastewater Certification Office (OWWCO) until December 31, 2024 (one by mail, one by fax). A WT certificate renewal was issued on January 9, 2025 and a WWT certificate renewal was issued on January 17, 2025, both now expiring on December 31, 2027.

It is further noted that a Canada Post strike occurred between November 15th and December 17th, 2024, causing major delays and back ups in mail delivery into January 2025.

The OWWCO issues renewal notices to water and wastewater operators three (3) months prior to certificate expiry to allow for application to be made and renewed prior to expiry. Upon inquiry, OWWCO staff indicated that application processing can generally take up to twenty-one (21) days.

It is recommended that the municipality and it's engineering consultant ensure all expiry dates of any individual operator certificates, and all water and wastewater control documents associated with each of the facilities under their ownership (and/or) care are documented through various means. This will help to ensure applications for renewal (some of which are required six (6) months prior to expiry) are submitted and can be processed within proper timelines to ensure re-issuance and compliance with legal requirements is maintained.

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Question IDDWMR1074001Question TypeLegislative

Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 128/04 | 25 | (1);

Question:

Were operators-in-charge designated for all subsystems which comprise the drinking water system?

# **Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):**

Operators-in-charge were designated for all subsystems.

The municipality currently designates the Operator on Call as the Operator In Charge (OIC) for both municipal residential drinking water systems within the municipality, unless the on-call operator is an OIT. The schedule is maintained at the municipal office.

 Question ID
 DWMR1075001
 Question Type
 Legislative

Legislative Requirement(s):

SDWA | O. Reg. 128/04 | 22;

Question:

Were all operators certified as required?

## Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

All operators were certified as required.

 Question ID
 DWMR1076001
 Question Type
 Legislative

**Legislative Requirement(s):** 

SDWA | O. Reg. 170/03 | 1-2 | (2);

Question:

Were adjustments to the treatment equipment only made by certified operators?

Compliance Response(s)/Corrective Action(s)/Observation(s):

Adjustments to the treatment equipment were only made by certified operators.

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# **APPENDIX A**

# REFERENCE GUIDE FOR STAKEHOLDERS

# **Key Reference and Guidance Material for Municipal Residential Drinking Water Systems**

Many useful materials are available to help you operate your drinking water system. Below is a list of key materials owners and operators of municipal residential drinking water systems frequently use.

To access these materials online click on their titles in the table below or use your web browser to search for their titles. Contact the Public Information Centre if you need assistance or have questions at 1-800-565-4923/416-325-4000 or picemail.moe@ontario.ca.

For more information on Ontario's drinking water visit www.ontario.ca/drinkingwater and email drinking.water@ontario.ca to subscribe to drinking water news.



PUBLICATION TITLE	PUBLICATION NUMBER
Taking Care of Your Drinking Water: A Guide for Members of Municipal Councils	7889e01
FORMS: Drinking Water System Profile Information, Laboratory Services Notification, Adverse Test Result Notification Form	7419e, 5387e, 4444e
Procedure for Disinfection of Drinking Water in Ontario	4448e01
Strategies for Minimizing the Disinfection Products Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids	7152e
Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) Reporting Requirements Technical Bulletin (February 2011)	8215e
Filtration Processes Technical Bulletin	7467
Ultraviolet Disinfection Technical Bulletin	7685
Guide for Applying for Drinking Water Works Permit Amendments, Licence Amendments, Licence Renewals and New System Applications	7014e01
Certification Guide for Operators and Water Quality Analysts	
Guide to Drinking Water Operator Training Requirements	9802e
Taking Samples for the Community Lead Testing Program	6560e01
Community Sampling and Testing for Lead: Standard and Reduced Sampling and Eligibility for Exemption	7423e
Guide: Requesting Regulatory Relief from Lead Sampling Requirements	6610
Drinking Water System Contact List	7128e
Technical Support Document for Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards	4449e01

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Principaux guides et documents de référence sur les réseaux résidentiels municipaux d'eau potable

De nombreux documents utiles peuvent vous aider à exploiter votre réseau d'eau potable. Vous trouverez ci-après une liste de documents que les propriétaires et exploitants de réseaux résidentiels municipaux d'eau potable utilisent fréquemment.

Pour accéder à ces documents en ligne, cliquez sur leur titre dans le tableau ci-dessous ou faites une recherche à l'aide de votre navigateur Web. Communiquez avec le Centre d'information au public au 1 800 565-4923 ou au 416 325-4000, ou encore à **picemail.moe@ontario.ca** si vous avez des questions ou besoin d'aide.



Pour plus de renseignements sur l'eau potable en Ontario, consultez le site **www.ontario.ca/ eaupotable** ou envoyez un courriel à **drinking.water@ontario.ca** pour suivre l'information sur l'eau potable.

TITRE DE LA PUBLICATION	NUMÉRO DE PUBLICATION
Prendre soin de votre eau potable – Un guide destiné aux membres des conseils municipaux	7889f01
Renseignements sur le profil du réseau d'eau potable, Avis de demande de services de laboratoire, Formulaire de communication de résultats d'analyse insatisfaisants et du règlement des problèmes	7419f, 5387f, 4444f
Marche à suivre pour désinfecter l'eau potable en Ontario	4448f01
Strategies for Minimizing the Disinfection Products Thrihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids (en anglais seulement)	7152e
Total Trihalomethane (TTHM) Reporting Requirements: Technical Bulletin (février 2011) (en anglais seulement)	8215e
Filtration Processes Technical Bulletin (en anglais seulement)	7467
Ultraviolet Disinfection Technical Bulletin (en anglais seulement)	7685
Guide de présentation d'une demande de modification du permis d'aménagement de station de production d'eau potable, de modification du permis de réseau municipal d'eau potable, de renouvellement du permis de réseau municipal d'eau potable et de permis pour un nouveau réseau	7014f01
Guide sur l'accréditation des exploitants de réseaux d'eau potable et des analystes de la qualité de l'eau de réseaux d'eau potable	
Guide sur les exigences relatives à la formation des exploitants de réseaux d'eau potable	9802f
Prélèvement d'échantillons dans le cadre du programme d'analyse de la teneur en plomb de l'eau dans les collectivités	6560f01
Échantillonnage et analyse du plomb dans les collectivités : échantillonnage normalisé ou réduit et admissibilité à l'exemption	7423f
Guide: Requesting Regulatory Relief from Lead Sampling Requirements (en anglais seulement)	6610
Liste des personnes-ressources du réseau d'eau potable	7128f
Document d'aide technique pour les normes, directives et objectifs associés à la qualité de l'eau potable en Ontario	4449f01

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