

## 2025 Drinking Water Quality and Compliance Annual Notice to Consumers

### Introduction

The Water Security Agency and the Ministry of Environment 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 a waterworks. The following is a summary of the TOWN OF PENSE water quality and sample submission compliance record for the **January 1 – December 31, 2025** time period. This report was completed on January 19, 2026. Readers should refer to Water Security Agency's Municipal Drinking Water Quality Monitoring Guidelines, June 2015, EPB 502 for more information on minimum sample submission requirements and the meaning of type of sample. Permit requirements for a specific waterworks may require more sampling than outlined in the department's monitoring guidelines. If consumers need more information on the nature and significance of specific water tests, for example, "what is the significance of Selenium in a water supply", more detailed information is available from: [http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/water-eau/index\\_e.html](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/water-eau/index_e.html).

### Water Quality Standards

#### Bacteriological Quality

Parameter	Limit	Regular Samples Required	Regular Samples Submitted	# of Positive Regular Submitted
Total Coliform	Zero organisms/100 mL	52	52	0
E. Coli	Zero organisms/100 mL	52	52	0

#### Water Disinfection –

#### Chlorine Residual in Distribution System for Test Results Submitted with Bacteriological Samples

Parameter	Minimum Limit	Total Chlorine Residual Range	Free Chlorine Residual Range	# of Tests Required	# of Tests Submitted	% Adequate Chlorine
Chlorine Residual	0.1 mg/L free OR 0.5 mg/L total	0.49 mg/L – 2.17 mg/L	0.42 mg/L – 1.71 mg/L	52	52	100

#### Water Disinfection - Free Chlorine Residual for Water Entering Distribution System from Waterworks Records-From Water Treatment Plant Records

Parameter	Limit (mg/L)	Test Level Range	# of Tests Performed	# Of Tests Not Meeting Requirements
Free Chlorine	Minimum 0.1 mg/L	0.345 mg/L – 1.953 mg/L	365	0

A minimum of 0.1 milligrams per litre (mg/L) free chlorine residual is required for water entering the distribution system. Tests are normally performed on a daily basis by the waterworks operator and are to be recorded in operation records. This data includes the number of free chlorine residual tests performed, the overall range of free chlorine residual (highest and lowest recorded values) and the number of tests and percentage of results not meeting the minimum requirement of 0.1 mg/L free chlorine residual.

#### Chemical – Trihalomethanes (THMs)and Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)

Parameter	Limit (ug/L)	Sample Result (average)	Units (mg/L or $\mu$ g/L)	# of Samples Required	# of Samples Submitted
Trihalomethanes	100	57	UG/L	4 (1 every 3 months)	4
Haloacetic Acid	80	29.25	UG/L	4 (1 every 3 months)	4

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

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