
Deseronto Drinking Water System

Annual Water Report

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This report has been prepared to satisfy the annual reporting requirements of the Provincial Regulations and Guidelines established by the Ministry of the Environment in the Province of Ontario including the section 11 and Schedule 22 reports identified in O.Reg 170/03, Drinking Water Systems Regulation and the Permit to Take Water Reports identified in O.Reg 387/04, Water Taking and Transfer Regulation.

Executive Summary

Major upgrading of the Town of Deseronto Water Treatment Plant continued into 2019. A full replacement of the treatment process was completed by the end of April 2019. In 2020 the new treatment plant ran through its one-year warranty period without any major issues. Refurbishment of the building interior/exterior continued and in early 2020. The new treatment process utilizes coagulation / flocculation and dissolved air flotation, followed by conventional sand / GAC filtration, and chlorine disinfection. The upgrades eliminate historic capacity limitations, making the process capable of processing the permitted 2,946 m³/d of raw water.

During 2023, the average treated water pumped to the community of 1439 m³/day, which is slightly higher when compared to 2022. The 2023 maximum day flow of 1809 m³/d occurred on June 4th. The 2023 maximum day flow represents approximately 61 percent of the design capacity while the average day flow represented approximately 49 percent of design capacity.

Water samples collected throughout the process at varying frequencies are tested for approximately 70 different parameters to evaluate treatment efficiency and to ensure finished water quality. All samples met the requirements of the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards.

Introduction

The 2023 Annual Report for the Deseronto Water Treatment Plant (WTP) summarizes treated water quality and process operating data with reference to the requirements of Ontario Regulation 170/03 (O. Reg. 170/03), Ontario Regulation 169/03 (O. Reg. 169/03), Municipal Drinking Water Licence 154- 101, Drinking Water Works Permit 154-201, and Permit to Take Water 6262-98DPFG. This report consolidates the reporting requirements specified as “Annual Report” in O.Reg.170/03, Sec. 11, and “Summary Reports for Municipalities” in O.Reg.170/03, Schedule 22.

- Section 1 of the report provides a description of the water treatment process.
- Section 2 summarizes reports to the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) under Subsection 18(1) of the Safe Drinking Water Act (notices of adverse water quality) or Schedule 16, Section 16-4 of O. Reg.170/03 (notice of inadequate disinfection).
- Section 3 summarizes process data including: accredited laboratory and “in-house” water quality laboratory testing, process flow measurement, and treatment process chemicals.
- Maintenance and upgrading projects carried out during 2019 are discussed in Section 4.

Copies of the Annual Drinking Water Report are available to the public free of charge from Deseronto Town Hall at 331 Main Street in Deseronto. Reports are also available on-line at <https://www.deseronto.ca/residents/waterwaste-water/>.

Additional information on drinking water standards in Ontario is available from the MECP at: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/drinking-water>.

The Deseronto WTP was operated by both The Town of Deseronto and the Ontario Clean Water Agency in 2023. Both The Town of Deseronto and the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA) were accredited operating authorities during 2023, conforming to the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Management Standard.

1 - Description of the Deseronto Water Treatment Process

1.1 *Origins and Types of Raw Water Contaminants*

As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. The types of contaminants that may be present in raw water include:

- Microbiological contaminants, such as pathogens, may come from septic systems, livestock, sewage treatment plants, and wildlife. Microbiological quality is the most important component of drinking water quality because of its ability to cause acute illness in consumers.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Organic contaminants can be naturally occurring, but most organic compounds of concern are man-made. Pesticides and herbicides are included in this group and may originate from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

To ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, Parks and Conservation (MECP) prescribes treatment, monitoring, and reporting standards that apply to all drinking water systems in the province.

The following describes the Deseronto treatment process and the monitoring that takes place to ensure the safety of our drinking water.

1.2 *Raw Water Supply*

Water is drawn from the Bay of Quinte through a 400 mm diameter intake pipe, extending 490 m offshore, submerged to a depth of approximately 6 m. Coarse screens at the intake crib and at the inlet to the low lift pumping station prevent large debris from passing into the treatment process. Following the screens, raw water flows by gravity into a tank at the low lift pumping station from where it is pumped to the treatment process.

1.3 *Coagulation / Flocculation / Dissolved Air Floatation*

Raw water pumped to the treatment plant first enters the dissolved air floatation (DAF) treatment

units (2). DAF equipment includes two saturation tanks, duplex air compressor and tank, recirculation pumps (3), two-stage flocculation tanks (2), floatation tanks (2), float skimmer mechanisms (2), and float discharge hopper (2). The DAF units are operated in a parallel configuration.

Coagulants are injected into the raw water immediately upstream from the two-stage flocculation tanks. Coagulants are chemicals that cause the gathering of small colloidal and suspended material present in the raw water (measured as turbidity) to form more stable and distinct particles. Rapid mixing of the primary coagulant with the raw water occurs as the raw water passes through a static mixer. The raw water then enters the flocculation tanks where polymer is added, and gentle mixing takes place to promote the formation of sticky flock particles (flocculation). At the downstream end of the flocculation tanks, flow passes under a baffle to the DAF reaction zone and floatation tank. In the reaction zone a steady flow of air saturated water is distributed through a nozzle header, recycled from the effluent end of the floatation tank. Microscopic bubbles are released from the air saturated stream which adhere to the particles formed in the flocculation tanks and floats them to the surface of the floatation tank. The accumulated material on the surface of the floatation tank is referred to as float. The float is skimmed from the surface of the floatation tank and directed to a waste holding tank. The clear water below the float passes under a baffle, over a weir and on to the filtration process.

1.4 Filtration

The Deseronto WTP has three parallel gravity dual media filters, utilizing sand and granular activated carbon (GAC) media. Residual particulate matter carried over from the floatation process is trapped primarily in the sand portion of the filter. The GAC is effective in removing organic compounds, many of which are responsible for unpleasant taste and odour sometimes experienced during the warmer months. Filtered water passes through under-drain nozzles, located at the bottom of the filter media. The under-drain nozzles are designed to allow the passage of water while retaining the filter media.

Turbidity, a measure of the cloudiness of water, is measured continuously in the effluent from each

filter to monitor the effectiveness of the filtration process. If the turbidity rises above a set-point value, the plant automatically shuts off and an alarm warns staff that corrective actions are needed.

Accumulated debris on the filter media must be periodically removed by backwashing. During backwashing, a filter is isolated from the treatment process while water is forced in a reverse direction through the media. Compressed air is also introduced to agitate the media surface, loosening accumulated debris. The backwash flow flushes the accumulated debris to a waste holding tank.

1.5 Chlorination / Disinfection

Chlorine is typically added to the process in two locations; the raw water to control the accumulation of zebra mussels and other biological growth; and to the treated water for disinfection.

The addition of chlorine to the raw water is considered a pre-treatment measure and is referred to as pre-chlorination. Pre-chlorination can be applied at the intake crib (normal point of application) or into the low lift pump discharge header.

The intake crib was last inspected and cleaned in May of 2022. The inspection report confirmed successful operation of the zebra-mussel control system.

The second point of chlorine addition occurs at the treatment plant, immediately downstream from the dual media filters and GAC contactors and is referred to as post-chlorination. Post-chlorination disinfects the treated water, ensuring that any remaining, potentially pathogenic organisms are inactivated prior to entering the distribution system.

Sufficient chlorine is added at the treatment plant to maintain a residual concentration throughout the distribution system. Maintaining chlorine residual throughout the distribution system is referred to as secondary disinfection. Secondary disinfection is a regulated requirement which is necessary to prevent the growth of micro-organisms in the distribution system.

1.6 Elevated Storage Tank

Treated water is pumped from the clearwells into the distribution system. The treated water storage standpipe is connected to the distribution system grid. The 1135 m³ standpipe provides relatively

constant system pressure and a reserve volume of water for community fire protection.

1.7 Process Waste Residual Treatment:

Waste residuals generated through the treatment process, including filter backwash, settled flock removed from the reactor clarifier, and float skimmed from the DAF are directed to the waste holding tank. Wastewater from the holding tank is either pumped to the waste clarifier for treatment, or directly to the municipal wastewater treatment plant. The waste clarifier separates the waste stream solids by gravity sedimentation. The settled solids are pumped to the municipal wastewater treatment plant, and the treated overflow from the top of the clarifier is discharged to the Bay of Quinte.

1.8 Multiple Barriers to Microbiological Pathogens:

Potentially pathogenic organisms are removed from the raw water source by the following processes:

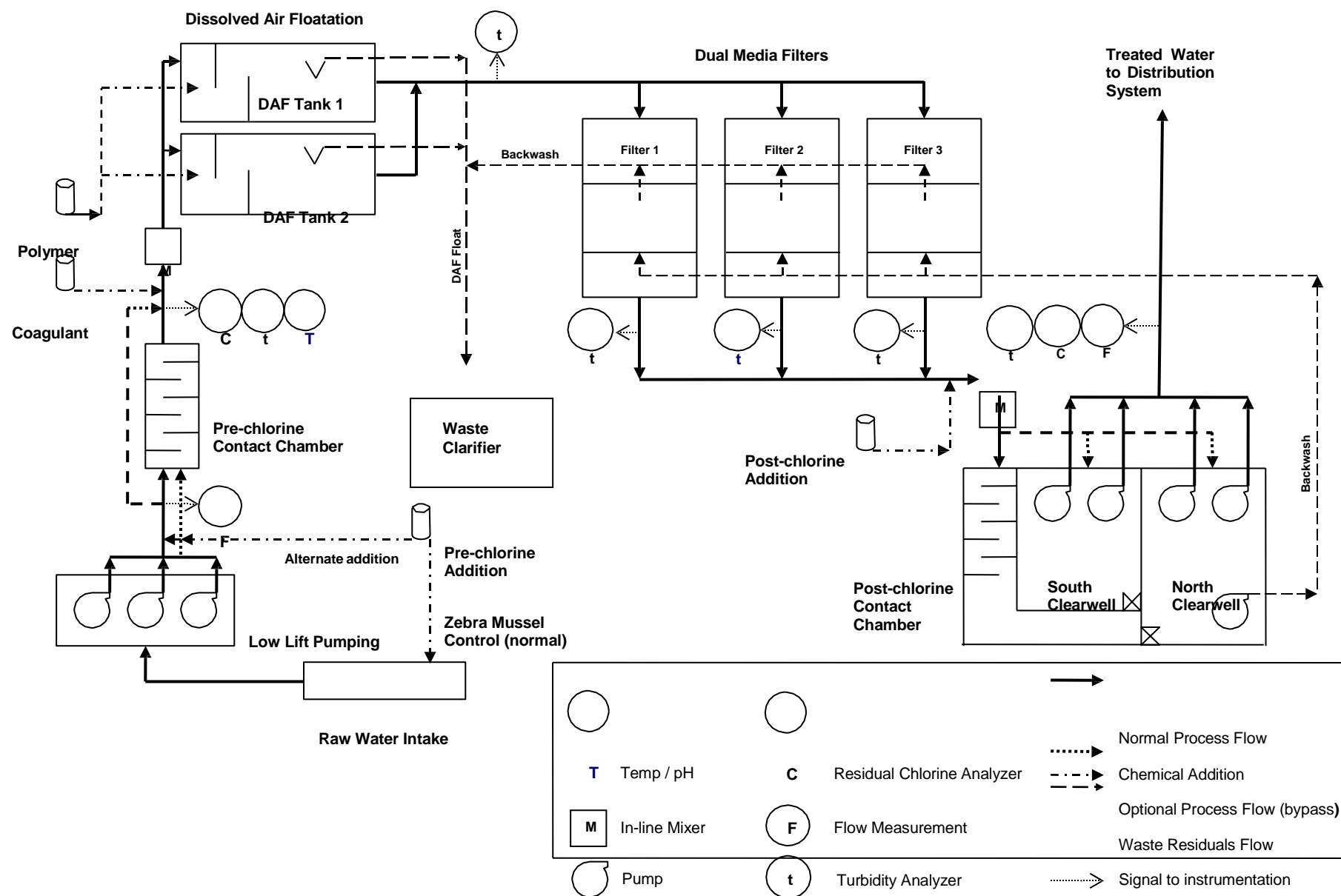
- pre-chlorination
- flocculation / dissolved air flotation
- filtration
- post-chlorination
- distribution system chlorine residual (secondary disinfection)

1.9 Laboratory Testing:

Ontario Regulation 170/03 dictates the sampling and monitoring requirements for the Deseronto facilities. Water quality is tested routinely throughout the treatment process and at the extremities of the distribution system. Analytical testing is conducted by an accredited laboratory.

1.10 Alarms and Staffing:

The Deseronto Water Treatment Plant is staffed during daytime hours on weekdays and is visited on weekends and holidays for routine system checks. During off-hours, process irregularities or building security breaches are detected by the plant alarm system and relayed to an on-call operator 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.



2 – Reports of Adverse Water and Other Deficiencies

Based on monitoring and sample results recorded in 2023, there was one indication of adverse water quality or other deficiencies observed.

On June 27, 2023 a distribution sample returned a Total Coliform result of 1CFU/100ml indicating adverse water quality. The Adverse Water Quality Incident was reported and the location, along with upstream and downstream locations, were resampled with no indication of adverse water quality.

3 – Flow Measurement and Analytical Testing

3.1 Raw and Treated Water Flow

Raw water is pumped to the treatment facility from the Bay of Quinte in accordance with the terms and conditions of Permit to Take Water 6262-98DPFG. During 2023, the permitted maximum day flow of 2946 m³/d and maximum instantaneous flow of 2050 L/min were not exceeded. Raw water flow to the treatment process averaged 1450 m³/d, with a maximum day flow of 1812 m³/day recorded on September 5th.

Raw and treated water flow data for 2023 are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1 – Raw and Treated Water Flow

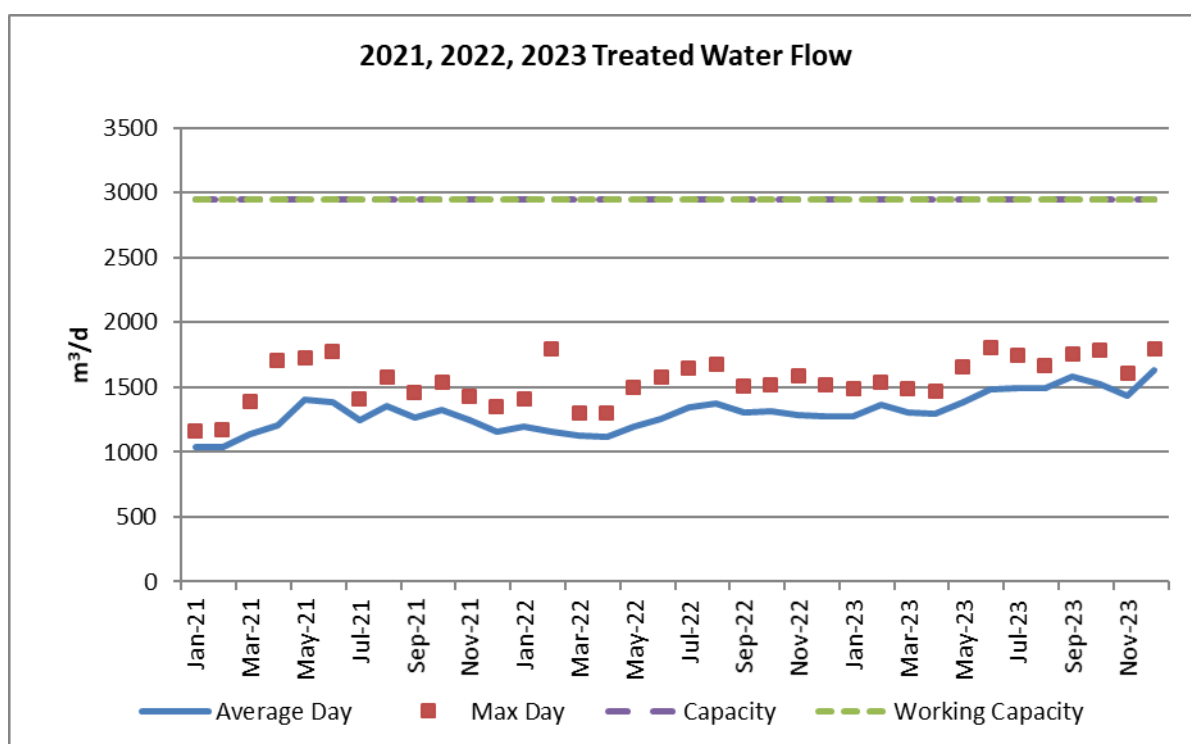
| Month | Raw Water | | | | | Treated Water | | | | |
|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | Minimum Daily Flow (m ³ /d) | Maximum Daily Flow (m ³ /d) | Maximum Instantaneous Flow (L/s) | Average Daily Flow (m ³ /d) | Total Monthly Flow (m ³) | Minimum Daily Flow (m ³ /d) | Maximum Daily Flow (m ³ /d) | Maximum Instantaneous Flow (L/s) | Average Daily Flow (m ³ /d) | Total Monthly Flow (m ³) |
| January | 1068 | 1485 | 37.2 | 1272 | 39454 | 1074 | 1492 | 34.5 | 1278 | 39648 |
| February | 1174 | 1541 | 35.1 | 1364 | 38196 | 1176 | 1535 | 35.2 | 1366 | 38273 |
| March | 1127 | 1540 | 37.2 | 1302 | 40380 | 1132 | 1484 | 35.1 | 1308 | 40574 |
| April | 1060 | 1534 | 37.2 | 1300 | 39004 | 1027 | 1468 | 34.6 | 1296 | 38909 |
| May | 1092 | 1748 | 36.5 | 1391 | 43146 | 1131 | 1652 | 34.4 | 1387 | 43005 |
| June | 1192 | 1765 | 37.1 | 1489 | 44683 | 1238 | 1809 | 34.5 | 1480 | 44412 |
| July | 1308 | 1717 | 37.1 | 1521 | 47152 | 1273 | 1747 | 34.8 | 1494 | 46321 |
| August | 1313 | 1719 | 37.1 | 1526 | 47329 | 1237 | 1667 | 38.5 | 1495 | 46369 |
| September | 1439 | 1812 | 37.2 | 1605 | 48170 | 1344 | 1755 | 34.2 | 1581 | 47447 |
| October | 1260 | 1781 | 35.8 | 1545 | 47913 | 1237 | 1780 | 34.1 | 1520 | 47143 |
| November | 1250 | 1692 | 36.1 | 1446 | 43390 | 1261 | 1606 | 34.5 | 1433 | 42991 |
| December | 1471 | 1781 | 36.0 | 1636 | 50733 | 1437 | 1792 | 34.2 | 1629 | 50505 |
| Yearly Avg. | | | | 1450 | | | | | 1439 | |
| Yearly Total | | | | | 529550 | | | | | 525597 |
| Yearly Max./Min. | 1060 | 1812 | | | | 1027 | 1809 | 39 | | |
| DWWL Plant Capacity | | | | | | | 2946 | | | |
| Permit to Take Water | | 2946 | 34.2 | | | | | | | |

The above table shows there were instantaneous spikes in the maximum flow rates (L/s). These spikes occurred during pump start-up. These spikes, trends, are reviewed within 72hrs by operations and the average day flow is confirmed.

Treated water production averaged 1439 m³/d, which is slightly greater compared to the 2022 average day flow. The maximum day treated water flow recorded during 2023 was 1809 m³/d, representing 61 percent of the permitted plant capacity of 2946 m³/d.

Treated water average and maximum day flows for each month of 2021, 2022 and 2023 are shown in the chart below.

Limitations to treated water production were experienced on the original process at the reactor clarifier and at the filters, particularly during backwash cycles. Upgrades to the process which commenced in 2018 and completed in 2019 eliminated those bottlenecks and restored the process to the original design capacity of 2946 m³/d.



Maximum treated water demand was observed in June 2023. During 2023, there were four service leak repairs, no hydrant repairs and no watermain break repairs.

Locations of service leaks and main breaks can go undetected for extended periods of time as they often start slow and become worse over time. System leaks are typically located when water is

observed on the surface of the ground or when customers report low pressure or noise from their service lines. Leaking water doesn't easily surface due to the drainage provided by the fractured limestone geology underlying the Town. Undetected service breaks impose a significant burden on plant capacity. Single service leaks can waste as much as 20 percent of an average day of production.

The raw and treated water flow meters are calibrated annually by a qualified technician.

3.2 Temperature, Colour, Alkalinity, pH, and Hardness

Temperature, colour, alkalinity, and pH are measured in raw and treated water typically twice each week and are summarized for 2023 in Table 2. All are related to the operation of the coagulation and flocculation processes. Temperature and pH are also related to the effectiveness of the disinfection process. Hardness is a measure of dissolved minerals in water and is also included in Table 2. At elevated levels, hardness can create scaling on pipes, plumbing fixtures, and appliances.

Table 2 – Temperature, pH, Alkalinity, Hardness, and Colour

| Month | Raw Water | | | | Treated Water | | | | |
|----------------|---------------------|------|---|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| | Temperature (°C) | pH | Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO ₃) | Colour (ACU) | Temperature (°C) | pH | Alkalinity (mg/L CaCO ₃) | Hardness (mg/L CaCO ₃) | Colour (ACU) |
| January | 3.4 | 7.75 | 110 | 34 | 3.6 | 7.11 | 96.6 | 102.0 | 0.0 |
| February | 3.6 | 7.70 | 99 | 30 | 4.0 | 7.25 | 94.7 | 93.7 | 1.7 |
| March | 4.6 | 7.78 | 118 | 46 | 4.4 | 7.22 | 102.2 | 98.8 | 1.6 |
| April | 10.2 | 7.91 | 100 | 34 | 10.4 | 7.04 | 87.0 | 96.3 | 0.5 |
| May | 16.0 | 7.74 | 92 | 43 | 16.4 | 6.92 | 90.6 | 99.0 | 0.8 |
| June | 19.9 | 7.41 | 99 | 41 | 20.1 | 6.85 | 82.2 | 88.4 | 5.4 |
| July | 24.6 | 7.99 | 109 | 49 | 24.3 | 7.07 | 92.1 | 99.8 | 0.8 |
| August | 23.4 | 7.87 | 109 | 49 | 23.4 | 7.03 | 92.3 | 98.7 | 0.7 |
| September | 21.9 | 8.09 | 109 | 50 | 22.2 | 7.03 | 92.1 | 98.0 | 0.3 |
| October | 16.3 | 7.92 | 107 | 40 | 23.1 | 7.10 | 90.0 | 100.8 | 0.0 |
| November | 9.0 | 7.82 | 109 | 34 | 9.5 | 7.13 | 88.0 | 101.3 | 1.8 |
| December | 5.3 | 7.89 | 110 | 45 | 5.2 | 7.19 | 97.8 | 104.2 | 5.6 |
| Annual Avg. | 13.2 | 7.82 | 106 | 41 | 13.9 | 7.08 | 92 | 98 | 1.6 |
| Aesthetic Obj. | | | | | <15 | 6.5 - 8.5 | 30 - 500 | 80 - 100 | 5 |

Notes:

- Aesthetic Obj. - refers to non-health related objectives from the ODWQS
- Expressed as monthly arithmetic mean values calculated from daily pH and temp (all others 2 samples/wk.)

Temperature: The data show that the raw water supply varies significantly in temperature over the course of the year. Raw and treated water temperatures measured daily ranged from approximately 3.4 C to 24.6 C. Temperature extremes can present challenges to the treatment process as some chemical coagulants react less quickly in cold water. At the other extreme, warm water promotes the growth of plants and algae in the raw water source, requiring higher chemical dosages and the potential for increased frequency of filter backwashing for effective treatment.

Colour: Colour develops in raw water sources most often from the decay of naturally occurring organic matter. The resulting colloidal and dissolved organic compounds react with coagulant chemicals and tend to increase dosage requirements. At the treatment plant, colour is removed by chemical oxidation during pre-chlorination, in the coagulation / flotation process, and through the granular activated carbon contactors.

Monthly average raw water colour measurements ranged from 30 ACU to 50 ACU. Effective removal of colour was achieved through the treatment process as there were only a couple instances where colour in the treated water exceeded the aesthetic objective of 5 ACU.

pH: pH has an impact on the performance of coagulants and on the effectiveness of the disinfection process. Both raw and treated water pH values remained relatively stable and within an acceptable range, averaging 7.82 and 7.08 respectively.

Alkalinity: Closely related to pH, alkalinity is a measurement of the acid buffering capacity of water. (The higher the alkalinity, the more acid that can be added before a change in pH occurs.) Several substances naturally present in raw water are measured as alkalinity, the majority of which are carbonate compounds. Coagulants, when added to water, combine with the alkalinity to produce insoluble metal hydroxides (floc particles) that play an important role in the flotation process. The primary coagulant used in the process is acidic and therefore decreases alkalinity. If too much natural alkalinity is consumed by the coagulant, there may be insufficient alkalinity remaining for optimal floc formation. Therefore, if a noticeable drop in pH (and alkalinity) is occurring, it may be necessary to lower the coagulant dosage to conserve alkalinity or alter the process by adding alkalinity to the incoming raw water.

Raw and treated water alkalinities were relatively consistent through 2023 averaging 106 mg/L and 92 mg/L, respectively. All treated water alkalinity measurements were within the ODWQS recommended operational range.

Hardness: Hard water can cause scaling in pipes and fixtures while water that is low in hardness tends to be corrosive. According to the ODWQS, the ideal range is between 80 and 100 mg/L. Testing of treated water from the Deseronto process indicated moderate hardness (marginal potential for scaling), averaging 98 mg/L. Hardness in water is not a health concern, but rather an aesthetic characteristic.

3.3 Turbidity

Turbidity refers to a physical characteristic of water that causes a cloudy appearance. Turbidity is caused by the presence of suspended matter. It is of concern in treated water as it may include disease causing organisms, or material that can shield pathogens from disinfection. Adequate removal of turbidity through the treatment process is therefore necessary to ensure the effectiveness of the disinfection process. Table 3 is a summary of turbidity measured in raw water as it enters the plant, effluent discharged from each filter, and in treated water prior to entering the distribution system.

Table 3 – Raw, Filtered, and Treated Water Turbidity

| Month | Raw Water Turbidity | | | Dual Media Filter #1 | | | Dual Media Filter #2 | | | Dual Media Filter #3 | | | Treated Water Turbidity | | |
|-----------|---------------------|-------|------|----------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------|-------|-------|
| | Min | Max | Avg | Min | Max | Avg | Min | Max | Avg | Min | Max | Avg | Min | Max | Avg |
| January | 0.44 | 6.05 | 1.14 | 0.041 | 0.111 | 0.047 | 0.040 | 0.121 | 0.055 | 0.026 | 0.138 | 0.035 | 0.030 | 0.081 | 0.037 |
| February | 0.38 | 5.41 | 0.80 | 0.043 | 0.109 | 0.052 | 0.046 | 0.113 | 0.055 | 0.028 | 0.104 | 0.040 | 0.030 | 0.111 | 0.046 |
| March | 0.29 | 6.43 | 0.90 | 0.049 | 0.128 | 0.052 | 0.039 | 0.098 | 0.046 | 0.036 | 0.091 | 0.040 | 0.028 | 0.929 | 0.051 |
| April | 0.42 | 25.51 | 2.05 | 0.025 | 0.228 | 0.044 | 0.031 | 0.071 | 0.037 | 0.029 | 0.085 | 0.038 | 0.029 | 0.998 | 0.045 |
| May | 0.03 | 25.51 | 1.39 | 0.022 | 0.173 | 0.031 | 0.033 | 0.189 | 0.040 | 0.029 | 0.229 | 0.036 | 0.029 | 0.998 | 0.063 |
| June | 0.61 | 25.51 | 1.60 | 0.035 | 0.138 | 0.045 | 0.046 | 0.161 | 0.062 | 0.040 | 0.120 | 0.052 | 0.039 | 0.998 | 0.068 |
| July | 0.72 | 24.09 | 3.80 | 0.031 | 0.206 | 0.054 | 0.033 | 0.210 | 0.060 | 0.035 | 0.204 | 0.060 | 0.047 | 0.998 | 0.087 |
| August | 0.76 | 6.86 | 3.14 | 0.006 | 0.125 | 0.059 | 0.046 | 0.134 | 0.059 | 0.045 | 0.131 | 0.055 | 0.032 | 0.173 | 0.052 |
| September | 0.26 | 10.54 | 2.94 | 0.030 | 0.181 | 0.045 | 0.036 | 0.175 | 0.051 | 0.040 | 0.181 | 0.053 | 0.034 | 0.199 | 0.054 |
| October | 0.24 | 8.24 | 2.29 | 0.034 | 0.110 | 0.044 | 0.034 | 0.120 | 0.045 | 0.026 | 0.133 | 0.054 | 0.031 | 0.172 | 0.038 |
| November | 0.58 | 4.05 | 0.88 | 0.030 | 0.084 | 0.033 | 0.031 | 0.098 | 0.036 | 0.023 | 0.080 | 0.026 | 0.028 | 0.424 | 0.043 |
| December | 0.95 | 4.46 | 1.51 | 0.031 | 0.088 | 0.034 | 0.033 | 0.086 | 0.037 | 0.024 | 0.079 | 0.027 | 0.023 | 0.117 | 0.038 |
| Avg. | | | 1.87 | | | 0.045 | | | 0.048 | | | 0.043 | | | 0.052 |
| Max./Min. | 0.03 | 25.51 | | 0.006 | 0.228 | | 0.031 | 0.210 | | 0.023 | 0.229 | | 0.023 | 0.998 | |
| ODWS MAC | | | | | 1.0 | | | 1.0 | | | 1.0 | | | | |

Notes: Raw water, dual media filters and treated turbidity values are continuous measurements

Raw (untreated) water turbidity, based on monthly averages of during 2023, indicated a source water of moderately variable clarity, averaging 1.87 NTU and ranging from 0.03 NTU to 25.51 NTU. Filtered water turbidity measured continuously in the effluent from filters 1, 2 and 3 averaged 0.045 NTU, 0.048 NTU and 0.043 NTU respectively. Maximum values were 0.228 NTU for filter 1 and 0.210 NTU for filter 2 and 0.229 NTU for filter 3. Filter turbidity measurements consistently met the requirements of the Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards.

The rules for disinfecting drinking water require that at least 95 percent of filtered water turbidity measurements in a given month are less than 0.3 NTU. Calculations confirmed that the rule was satisfied during each month of 2023. Treated water turbidity was typically less than 0.1 NTU, averaging 0.052 NTU.

Process alarms are installed at various stages of treatment to alert staff to abnormally high turbidity well in advance of significant process failure or the compliance limit. In the event that turbidity exceeds an alarm set point, the low lift pumps automatically shut off, halting the treatment process until the abnormal operating condition is corrected.

Accuracy of the raw, process, and treated water continuous monitoring instruments is verified at least twice weekly using portable bench top instrumentation. Both continuous and bench top measurement instruments are routinely maintained and calibrated in accordance with manufacturer recommendations.

3.4 Disinfection and Bacteriological Testing

Disinfection of the water supply protects public health by ensuring the inactivation of potentially harmful micro-organisms that may have passed through the treatment process or entered the distribution system by other means. A minimum free residual of 0.2 mg/L, maintained throughout the distribution system, is recommended in the *Procedure for Disinfecting Drinking Water in Ontario*. Less than 0.05 mg/L free residual is considered an adverse condition and may pose a potential threat to public health. Additionally, the *Guideline* requires that treated water must be mixed with the disinfectant and held for a minimum period of time before distributing to customers.

This is referred to as CT which is calculated as the product of the disinfectant concentration and the amount of time the water is exposed to the disinfectant. CT is directly related to the rate of pathogen inactivation.

Chlorine residuals are monitored continuously in raw water (upstream from the treatment process) and in treated water. The treated water analyzer is equipped with alarms that alert the operators to process abnormalities and will shut down the process to prevent improperly disinfected water from entering the distribution system.

Disinfectant residuals and bacteriological results are summarized in Tables 4a, 4b, and 4c. Chlorine residual measurement instruments are routinely calibrated and maintained by operations staff according to manufacturer specifications.

Table 4a – Treated Water Disinfection and Bacteriological Analytical Data

| Month | Treated Water | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|
| | Free Cl ₂ Residual | | | Total Cl ₂ Residual | | | Total | E. Coli | Heterotrophic |
| | Min (mg/L) | Max (mg/L) | Avg (mg/L) | Min (mg/L) | Max (mg/L) | Avg (mg/L) | Coliforms (org./100mL) | (org./100mL) | Plate Count (org./1mL) |
| January | 1.16 | 1.78 | 1.44 | 1.51 | 2.05 | 1.72 | 0 | 0 | <10 - 30 |
| February | 1.15 | 1.78 | 1.49 | 1.33 | 1.87 | 1.68 | 0 | 0 | <10 |
| March | 1.10 | 2.06 | 0.02 | 1.48 | 1.86 | 1.69 | 0 | 0 | <10 |
| April | 1.06 | 1.62 | 0.03 | 1.50 | 1.80 | 1.61 | 0 | 0 | <10 |
| May | 0.97 | 1.61 | 0.06 | 1.52 | 1.85 | 1.72 | 0 | 0 | <10 |
| June | 0.91 | 1.96 | 0.03 | 1.26 | 2.03 | 1.79 | 0 | 0 | <10 - 170 |
| July | 0.84 | 2.44 | 0.00 | 1.60 | 2.20 | 1.94 | 0 | 0 | <10 - 60 |
| August | 1.09 | 2.26 | 0.00 | 1.65 | 2.20 | 1.93 | 0 | 0 | <10 - 10 |
| September | 0.98 | 2.06 | 0.01 | 1.70 | 2.10 | 1.91 | 0 | 0 | <10 - 10 |
| October | 1.26 | 2.06 | 0.05 | 1.82 | 2.19 | 2.02 | 0 | 0 | <10 - 10 |
| November | 1.21 | 1.98 | 0.05 | 1.65 | 2.16 | 1.93 | 0 | 0 | NA |
| December | 1.19 | 1.85 | 0.07 | 1.41 | 2.01 | 1.82 | 0 | 0 | NA |
| # of samples | continuous | | | 365 | 365 | 365 | 52 | 52 | 52 |
| Annual Min/Max/Avg | 0.84 | 2.44 | 0.27 | 1.26 | 2.20 | 1.81 | | | |
| Range | | | | | | | | | |

Notes:

- total chlorine residual values are derived from bench-top analysis of grab samples collected daily
- free chlorine residual values represent on-line continuous measurements recorded every 5 minutes.

Free chlorine residual measured in treated water at the plant averaged 1.81 mg/L, which is a little above than the average of 1.38 mg/l observed in 2022. It is important to note that chlorine residual typically declines in proportion to the distance from the point of application. Relatively high chlorine residuals are required leaving the plant to ensure that the guideline minimum residual of

0.2 mg/L is maintained throughout the distribution system. Testing of approximately 150 grab samples collected from sample stations located at the distant extremes of the distribution system as well as continuous monitoring from one remote location indicate that the minimum free chlorine residual measured in the distribution system during 2023 was 0.21 mg/L. Verification of the disinfection process is demonstrated by testing treated water samples for indicators of bacteriological contamination. Throughout 2023 over 200 water samples were collected at the water treatment plant and from various locations in the distribution system.

Table 4b – Distribution Water Disinfection and Bacteriological Data

| Month | Distribution Water | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| | Distribution Free Cl ₂ | | | Total | E. Coli | HPC |
| | Min | Max | Avg | Coliforms | | |
| | (mg/L) | (mg/L) | (mg/L) | (org./100mL) | (org./100mL) | (org./1mL) |
| January | 1.07 | 1.77 | 1.44 | 0 | 0 | <10 - 10 |
| February | 1.13 | 1.73 | 1.43 | 0 | 0 | <10 |
| March | 1.11 | 1.79 | 1.41 | 0 | 0 | <10 |
| April | 0.99 | 1.54 | 1.29 | 0 | 0 | <10 |
| May | 0.89 | 1.78 | 1.27 | 0 | 0 | <10 - 30 |
| June | 0.72 | 1.57 | 1.25 | 0 - 1 | 0 | <10 |
| July | 0.73 | 1.85 | 1.32 | 0 | 0 | <10 - 10 |
| August | 0.85 | 1.79 | 1.40 | 0 | 0 | <10 |
| September | 0.21 | 2.05 | 1.53 | 0 | 0 | <10 - 10 |
| October | 0.85 | 3.15 | 1.50 | 0 | 0 | <10 |
| November | 1.10 | 2.39 | 1.58 | 0 | 0 | 0 - 2 |
| December | 0.42 | 5.00 | 1.41 | 0 | 0 | 0.00 |
| # of samples | continuous | | | 156 | 156 | 156 |
| Annual Min/Max/Avg | 0.21 | 5.00 | 1.40 | | | |

Notes:

- Reported average and maximum free chlorine residual values represent continuous measurements recorded every 5 minutes
- Reported minimum free chlorine residual values represent continuous measurements and analysis of grab samples collected from 3 locations each week
- Samples for bacteriological testing are collected typically from 3 of 4 dedicated sample hydrants once each week

Verification of the disinfection process is demonstrated by testing treated water samples for indicators of bacteriological contamination. Throughout 2023 over 200 water samples were collected at the water treatment plant and from various locations in the distribution system. On June 27, 2023 a distribution sample returned a Total Coliform result of 1CFU/100ml indicating adverse water quality. The Adverse Water Quality Incident was reported and the location was resampled with no indication of adverse water quality. No further action was required.

Raw water-untreated source water from the Bay of Quinte is chlorinated at the intake crib to control the growth of zebra mussels and to prevent other growth in the intake pipe prior to entering the treatment process. Chlorine residual in raw water is continuously measured immediately upstream from the treatment process to verify dosage. Grab samples of raw water are also collected daily and tested for free and total chlorine residual.

An underwater inspection and cleaning of the intake crib conducted on May 11, 2022 indicated successful operation of the pre-chlorination / zebra mussel control system. The intake crib is inspected and cleaned at a frequency of every three to five years.

The bacteriological quality of raw water is routinely tested to detect changes in source water quality. Bacteriological quality tends to deteriorate when water temperature is warm due to increased rate of growth, and during heavy rainfall events when surface contaminants are washed into the source water. Raw water bacteriological results and chlorine residuals were relatively consistent with those observed in 2022.

Table 4c – Raw Water Pre-chlorination and Bacteriological Data

| Month | Raw Water | | | Prechlorinated Raw Water | | | | | |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| | Total | E. Coli | HPC | Free Cl ₂ Residual | | | Total Cl ₂ Residual | | |
| | Coliforms | | | Min | Max | Avg | Min | Max | Avg |
| | (org./100mL) | (org./100mL) | (org./1mL) | (mg/L) | (mg/L) | (mg/L) | (mg/L) | (mg/L) | (mg/L) |
| January | 3 - 28 | 0 | 40 | 0.01 | 0.09 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.22 | 0.04 |
| February | 0 - 200 | 0 - 2 | 20 - 360 | 0.02 | 0.13 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.23 | 0.03 |
| March | 0 - 15 | 0 | 150 | 0.00 | 0.18 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 0.21 | 0.02 |
| April | 0 - 49 | 0 - 1 | 40 - 120 | 0.03 | 0.12 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 0.18 | 0.03 |
| May | 0 - 31 | 0 | 40 - 540 | 0.00 | 0.09 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 1.41 | 0.06 |
| June | 0 - 78 | 0 | 40 - 1970 | 0.00 | 0.11 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 0.03 |
| July | 1 - 45 | 0 - 1 | 330 - 940 | 0.03 | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 0.00 |
| August | 2 - OG | 0 - OG | 140 - 500 | 0.05 | 0.14 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 0.00 |
| September | 1 - 10 | 0 | 230 - 1530 | 0.03 | 0.14 | 0.07 | 0.00 | 0.39 | 0.01 |
| October | 0 - OG | 0 - OG | 30 - 560 | 0.01 | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.28 | 0.05 |
| November | 0 | 0 | NA | 0.02 | 0.09 | 0.04 | 0.00 | 0.30 | 0.05 |
| December | 0 - 10 | 0 | NA | 0.00 | 0.18 | 0.05 | 0.00 | 0.34 | 0.07 |
| # of samples | 52 | 52 | 52 | continuous | | | continuous | | |
| Min/Max/Avg | | | | 0.00 | 0.18 | 0.06 | 0.00 | 2.00 | 0.03 |

Notes:

-Table 4c values for free chlorine residuals are grab samples typically collected daily

3.5 Process Chemical Addition:

Three chemicals are used in the treatment process including a poly-aluminum chloride blend, anionic polymer, and chlorine. Table 5 summarizes the use of those chemicals during 2023.

Table 5 – Treatment Process Chemical Use and Aluminum Residual

| Month | Coagulant | | | Polymer | | Pre Chlorine Gas | | Post Chlorine Gas | |
|------------|-----------|---------|---------------|---------|---------|------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | Monthly | Average | Treated Water | Monthly | Average | Monthly | Average | Monthly | Average |
| | Usage | Dosage | Al residual | Usage | Dosage | Usage | Dosage | Usage | Dosage |
| | (L) | (mg/L) | (ug/L) | (L) | (mg/L) | (kg) | (mg/L) | (kg) | (mg/L) |
| January | 2804.09 | 27.65 | 0.011 | 4220.23 | 0.11 | 16.69 | 0.43 | 155.00 | 3.86 |
| February | 2614.25 | 26.07 | 0.013 | 4171.10 | 0.11 | 13.78 | 0.36 | 102.80 | 2.70 |
| March | 3189.40 | 30.50 | 0.008 | 4502.13 | 0.11 | 17.37 | 0.43 | 4.30 | 3.27 |
| April | 4185.22 | 41.06 | 0.010 | 4090.31 | 0.10 | 18.77 | 0.49 | 102.10 | 2.62 |
| May | 4694.22 | 42.09 | 0.009 | 4871.98 | 0.11 | 24.39 | 0.56 | 110.09 | 2.57 |
| June | 4891.39 | 42.34 | 0.017 | 4724.04 | 0.11 | 24.28 | 0.54 | 127.49 | 2.88 |
| July | 4682.51 | 38.28 | 0.041 | 4380.29 | 0.09 | 22.13 | 0.46 | 151.95 | 3.30 |
| August | 4755.46 | 39.06 | 0.047 | 4849.37 | 0.10 | 22.57 | 0.48 | 173.00 | 3.72 |
| September | 4979.00 | 39.95 | 0.048 | 5046.06 | 0.10 | 21.98 | 0.45 | 170.81 | 3.59 |
| October | 4950.32 | 39.93 | 0.025 | 5137.67 | 0.11 | 22.12 | 0.46 | 171.00 | 3.59 |
| November | 4144.48 | 37.10 | 0.013 | 4617.71 | 0.11 | 20.96 | 0.48 | 150.40 | 3.48 |
| December | 4701.67 | 35.65 | 0.012 | 5420.16 | 0.11 | 28.39 | 0.56 | 173.60 | 3.39 |
| Average | 4216 | 36.6 | 0.021 | 4669 | 0.11 | 21.1 | 0.48 | 132.7 | 3.25 |
| Year Total | 50592 | | | 56031 | | 253.4 | | 1592.5 | |

The average dosage of coagulant during 2023 was 36.6 mg/L (expressed as mg active ingredient/L), is consistent when compared to that observed in 2022 (36.4 mg/L).

Polymer dosage in 2023 averaged 0.11 mg/L which was consistent with that observed in 2022 (0.11 mg/l). Dissolved aluminum is measured in the treated water due to the necessary addition of aluminum- based coagulant in the treatment process. Optimized process control is recommended to reduce residual aluminum to under the operational guideline of 0.100 mg/L. High residual aluminum can cause scaling of the pipes in the distribution system, interference with certain industrial processes, and re-flocculation in the distribution system. Aluminum residuals measured in treated water

samples collected during 2023 averaged 0.021 mg/L showing an increase in the average observed

the previous year (0.014 mg/L). Aluminum residual measurements did not exceed the ODWQS operational guideline. Monthly average treated water aluminum residuals are summarized in Table 5.

The total mass of chlorine used in the treatment process increased by approximately 1.3% when compared to 2022. Dosage of treated water distributed to customers remained the same from 2022.

3.6 *Other Organic and Inorganic Testing:*

Analyses of approximately 70 additional organic and inorganic parameters in the treated water are required at various frequencies. The majority of those substances, listed as Schedules 23 and 24 in O.Reg.170/03, must be tested at least annually. Testing for nitrite, nitrate, THMs, and HAAs is required quarterly, while sodium and fluoride must be tested once every five years. The results of those analyses are summarized in Tables 6 and 7.

Concentrations of most tested substances were either below the analytical method detection limits (either not present or in trace levels too low to quantify) or well below the maximum acceptable concentrations listed in the ODWQS.

The 4-quarter average concentrations of THMs and HAAs (by-products of the disinfection process) in 2023 remained below the ODWQS maximum acceptable concentrations.

Table 6 – Schedule 23, Fluoride, Sodium, Nitrite, and Nitrate

| Parameter | Limit mg/L | Limit Type | Date Sampled | # of samples | Treated Maximum Conc. mg/L | Limit Exceeded? |
|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------|
| Antimony | 0.006 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.0001 | no |
| Arsenic | 0.025 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | 0.0002 | no |
| Barium | 1 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | 0.034 | no |
| Boron | 5 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.005 | no |
| Cadmium | 0.005 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.000010 | no |
| Chromium | 0.05 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.002 | no |
| Fluoride | 1.5 | MAC | 2025 | 1 | NR | no |
| Mercury | 0.001 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.00002 | no |
| Selenium | 0.01 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.001 | no |
| Sodium | 200/20 | AO | 2025 | 1 | NR | no |
| Uranium | 0.02 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.00005 | no |
| Nitrate | 10.0 | MAC | 2023 | 4 | | no |
| Nitrite | 1.0 | MAC | 2023 | 4 | | no |

Notes:

- Nitrate and nitrite values are maximum concentrations measured in quarterly samples.
- MAC – ODWS maximum acceptable concentration
- IMAC – ODWS interim maximum acceptable concentration
- AO – ODWS aesthetic objective
- Fluoride / Sodium – Every 5 years Due 2025

Quarterly Nitrate / Nitrite Results (mg/L)

| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Maximum | MAC |
|---------|----------|---------|----------|---------|---------|------|
| Date | Jan 17th | Apr 4th | Jul 12th | Oct 3rd | | |
| Nitrate | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.14 | 0.05 | 0.5 | 10.0 |
| Nitrite | 0.10 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.05 | 0.1 | 1.0 |

Table 7 – Schedule 24 Parameter Concentration Data

| Parameter | Units | ODWQS | | Date Sampled | # of samples | Treated Max. Conc. | Limit Exceeded |
|-----------------------------------|-------|---------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | | Limit | Type | | | | |
| Alachlor | µg/L | 5 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.3 | no |
| Atrazine + Metabolites | µg/L | 5 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.5 | no |
| Azinphos-methyl | µg/L | 20 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <1 | no |
| Benzene | µg/L | 1 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.5 | no |
| Benzo(a)pyrene | µg/L | 0.01 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.006 | no |
| Bromoxynil | µg/L | 5 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.5 | no |
| Carbaryl | µg/L | 90 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <3 | no |
| Carbofuran | µg/L | 90 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <1 | no |
| Carbon tetrachloride | µg/L | 2 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.2 | no |
| Chlorpyrifos | µg/L | 90 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.5 | no |
| Diazinon | µg/L | 20 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <1 | no |
| Dicamba | µg/L | 120 | MAC | 23-Feb-14 | 1 | <1 | no |
| 1,2-dichlorobenzene | µg/L | 200/3 | MAC/AO | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.5 | no |
| 1,4-dichlorobenzene | µg/L | 5/1 | MAC/AO | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.5 | no |
| 1,2-dichloroethane | µg/L | 5 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.5 | no |
| 1,1-dichloroethene | µg/L | 14 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.5 | no |
| Dichloromethane | µg/L | 50 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <5 | no |
| 2,4-dichlorophenol | µg/L | 900/0.3 | MAC/AO | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.2 | no |
| 2,4-dichlorophenoxy acetic acid | µg/L | 100 | IMAC | 23-Feb-14 | 1 | <1 | no |
| Diclofop-methyl | µg/L | 9 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.9 | no |
| Dimethoate | µg/L | 20 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <1 | no |
| Diquat | µg/L | 70 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <5 | no |
| Diuron | µg/L | 150 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <5 | no |
| Glyphosate | µg/L | 280 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <25 | no |
| Malathion | µg/L | 190 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <5 | no |
| MCPA | µg/L | 100 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <10 | no |
| Metolachlor | µg/L | 50 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <3 | no |
| Metribuzin | µg/L | 80 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <3 | no |
| Monochlorobenzene | µg/L | 80/30 | MAC/AO | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.5 | no |
| Paraquat | µg/L | 10 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <1 | no |
| Pentachlorophenol | µg/L | 60, 30 | MAC, AO | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.2 | no |
| Phorate | µg/L | 2 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.3 | no |
| Picloram | µg/L | 190 | IMAC | 23-Feb-14 | 1 | <5 | no |
| Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB's) | µg/L | 3 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.05 | no |
| Prometryne | µg/L | 1 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.1 | no |
| Simazine | µg/L | 10 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.5 | no |
| Terbufos | µg/L | 1 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.5 | no |
| Tetrachloroethylene | µg/L | 30 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.5 | no |
| 2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol | µg/L | 100/1 | MAC, AO | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.2 | no |

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| Parameter | Units | ODWQS | | Date Sampled | # of samples | Treated Max. Conc. | Limit Exceeded |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|---------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------|
| | | Limit | Type | | | | |
| Triallate | µg/L | 230 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <10 | no |
| Trichloroethylene | µg/L | 5 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.5 | no |
| 2,4,6-Trichlorophenol | µg/L | 5, 2 | MAC, AO | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.2 | no |
| Trifluralin | µg/L | 45 | IMAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.5 | no |
| Vinyl Chloride | µg/L | 2 | MAC | 10-Jan-23 | 1 | <0.2 | no |

NOTES:

-Samples for THM & HAA analysis collected from distribution sample hydrant THM and HAA MAC is based on 4-quarter running average

Quarterly THM Results (µg/L)

| | 10-Jan-23 | 04-Apr-23 | 12-Jul-23 | 03-Oct-23 | | |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Average | MAC |
| Bromodichloromethane | 4.0 | 4.0 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 6.0 | |
| Bromoform | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.0 | |
| Chloroform | 53.0 | 46.0 | 68.0 | 59.0 | 56.5 | |
| Dibromochloromethane | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | |
| Total THMs | 57 | 50 | 76 | 67 | 62.5 | 100.0 |

Quarterly HAA Results (µg/L)

| | 10-Jan-23 | 04-Apr-23 | 04-Jul-23 | 03-Oct-23 | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---------|------|
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | Average | MAC |
| Chloroacetic Acid | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | 4.7 | |
| Bromoacetic Acid | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | 2.9 | |
| Dichloroacetic Acid | 17.6 | 16.4 | 22.9 | 18.8 | 18.9 | |
| Dibromoacetic Acid | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | |
| Trichloroacetic Acid | 27.3 | 29.4 | 30.6 | 25.6 | 28.2 | |
| Haloacetic Acids | 44.9 | 45.8 | 53.5 | 44.4 | 47.2 | 80.0 |

3.7 *Distribution System Lead Testing*

Lead can be present in drinking water systems as the result of corrosion of lead solder, lead in brass fittings/fixtures, or lead pipes in plumbing or building service lines. Although most of those sources of lead have been eliminated from modern construction materials, elevated concentrations are periodically detected in water samples collected in older neighborhoods where lead service lines still exist. As a result, in 2007 the province imposed mandatory lead testing at all municipal drinking water systems. This precautionary testing was primarily focused on protecting the health of the vulnerable population which, in the case of lead contamination, is young children (<6 yrs.) and pregnant women. While drinking water is a minor contributor to blood lead levels, municipal lead testing helps identify potential sources of contamination and will provide opportunities to further improve the high quality of public water supplies.

From 2008 through 2010, a total of 120 samples were collected from residential and non-residential plumbing. Of those, only 6 exceeded the standard. Additional testing at the sites where the standard was exceeded clearly indicated that minimal lead remained in the water after flushing for as little as several seconds.

Residential lead testing was not required during 2011 and 2012 as past results from the Deseronto system demonstrated a very low health risk.

The lead sampling program resumed at a reduced rate in 2013, with results from all tested locations well below the ODWQS maximum acceptable concentration.

Based on the favorable past results, residential lead sampling is no longer required unless significant changes in other water characteristics are observed; specifically, pH and alkalinity. Testing of pH and alkalinity in the distribution system continues to be a semi-annual requirement while lead in the distribution system must be measured once every three years. Analytical data for distribution system lead, pH, and alkalinity from 2013 to 2023 are provided in Table 8.

Table 8 – Distribution Lead, pH, and Alkalinity

| | West Sample Hydrant | | | North Sample Hydrant | | | East Sample Hydrant | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Sample Date | Lead mg/l | pH | Alkalinity mg/l | Lead mg/l | pH | Alkalinity mg/l | Lead mg/l | pH | Alkalinity mg/l |
| 25-Feb-13 | 0.00031 | 7.0 | 92 | 0.00050 | 7.0 | 92 | | | |
| 25-Sep-13 | 0.00079 | 6.8 | 67 | 0.00092 | 6.8 | 67 | | | |
| 14-Jan-14 | | 6.9 | 86 | | | | | 6.9 | 86 |
| 12-Aug-14 | | 6.9 | 82 | | | | | 7.0 | 82 |
| 20-Jan-15 | | 7.0 | 94 | | | | | 7.0 | 96 |
| 07-Jul-15 | | 6.8 | 90 | | | | | 6.7 | 91 |
| 26-Jan-16 | 0.00044 | 7.1 | 97 | | | | 0.00032 | 7.1 | 97 |
| 26-Jul-16 | 0.00067 | 6.6 | 82 | | | | 0.00034 | 6.8 | 84 |
| 10-Jan-17 | | 7.4 | 89 | | | | | 7.3 | 89 |
| 11-Jul-17 | | 7.2 | 83 | | | | | 7.2 | 83 |
| 23-Jan-18 | | 7.3 | 91 | | | | | 7.3 | 91 |
| 17-Jul-18 | | 6.4 | 72 | | | | | 6.8 | 73 |
| 02-Apr-19 | 0.00013 | 7.2 | 81 | 0.00009 | 7.2 | 78 | | | |
| 23-Jul-19 | 0.00010 | 6.9 | 83 | 0.00016 | 6.9 | 106 | | | |
| 14-Jan-20 | 0.00008 | 7.2 | 81 | | | | 0.00009 | 7.2 | 84 |
| 21-Jul-20 | 0.00007 | 7.0 | 78 | | | | 0.00017 | 7.0 | 77 |
| 12-Jan-21 | | 7.0 | 75 | | | | | 7.0 | 74 |
| 06-Jul-21 | | 6.8 | 76 | | | | | 6.8 | 76 |
| 11-Jan-22 | | 7.3 | 95 | | | | | 7.3 | 96 |
| 12-Jul-22 | | 7.1 | 81 | | | | | 7.1 | 95 |
| 17-Jan-23 | 0.00005 | 7.12 | 88 | | | | 0.00029 | 7.2 | 88 |
| 12-Sept-23 | 0.00016 | 7.15 | 101 | | | | 0.00063 | 7.13 | 100 |
| Limit / Objective | 0.01 | 6.5 - 8.5 | 30 - 500 | 0.01 | 6.5 - 8.5 | 30 - 500 | 0.01 | 6.5 - 8.5 | 30 - 500 |

3.9 Microcystin Testing

Blooms of blue-green algae are common in the Bay of Quinte during warm summer and early fall months. When blue-green algae decays it releases toxic compounds called microcystins.

To monitor for microcystins in Deseronto drinking water, samples of both raw and treated water are sampled and tested weekly from June to October. Measurable concentrations of microcystins in the raw untreated Bay water are seasonally common but are typically below the drinking water standard

of 1.5 µg/L as microcystin-LR. During 2023 the maximum concentration of microcystin-DM measured in untreated water was 1.50 µg/L on July 18, 2023. That result is lower than the maximum observed in 2022 (1.72 µg/L). Microcystin standard is based on microcystin-LR which is a small portion of the reported value as microcystin-DM.

Microcystins are removed through the Deseronto treatment process by oxidation (chlorine) and by adsorption in the granular activated carbon filter media. The treatment process has been effective in removing microcystins from the raw water as it was not detected in any treated water sample collected in 2023.

3.10 Waste Clarifier Performance Monitoring

The waste clarifier treats the waste generated from the water treatment process including filter backwash, and sludge from the flotation process. Treated effluent from the waste clarifier is discharged to the Bay of Quinte.

Effluent from the waste clarifier, when in operation, is sampled at least once per month and tested for total suspended solids (TSS). The annual average concentration of TSS was 7.83 mg/L which is well below the maximum permitted average concentration of 25 mg/L. Flow to the waste clarifier during 2023 did not exceed the design capacity of 350 m³/d. Performance data for the waste clarifier is provided in Table 9.

Table 9 – Waste Clarifier Performance Data

| Month | Avg. Flow (m ³ /d) | Max. Flow (m ³ /d) | TSS (mg/L) |
|----------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| January | 84.55 | 113.95 | 4 |
| February | 71.78 | 111.86 | 10 |
| March | 66.91 | 152.70 | 17 |
| April | 76.97 | 128.59 | 3 |
| May | 65.45 | 118.14 | 10 |
| June | 64.96 | 93.05 | 17 |
| July | 71.00 | 111.56 | 6 |
| August | 90.35 | 129.88 | 3 |
| September | 78.76 | 135.11 | 4 |
| October | 70.95 | 111.87 | 14 |
| November | 63.09 | 125.46 | 3 |
| December | 60.31 | 104.55 | 3 |
| Maximum | | 152.7 | 17 |
| Average | 72.1 | | 7.83 |
| Limit | | 350 m3/day | 25 |

where:
 Avg. Flow - Average daily flow for each month.
 Max. Flow - Maximum day flow measured each month.
 TSS - total suspended solids
 DWWP TSS limit based on annual average of monthly samples

4 – System Maintenance and Improvements

Major upgrading of the water treatment plant commenced in May 2018 and was substantially completed in August 2019, with the warranty period ending in August 2020.

The upgrades included:

- new low lift pumps and controls,
- replacement of the reactor clarifier with twin dissolved air flotation processes,
- replacement of 2 dual media filters and 2 granular activated carbon contactors with 3 conventional sand filters incorporating a granular activated carbon media cap, complete with backwash pump, air scour blower and piping and pressure controls for back-up backwash from the distribution system,
- replacement of motors and controls on 2 of 4 high lift pumps,
- replacement of the stainless-steel pipe header from the high lift pumps to the distribution system, complete with a new in-plant isolation valve,
- new SCADA process control system,

- replacement of the low lift and treatment plant chlorine disinfection systems with associated monitoring instrumentation and controls,
- new lighting, and HVAC systems,
- refurbishment of the office, control room, lab, and lunch/meeting rooms,
- new MCC with automatic transfer switch to the emergency power generator,
- structural reinforcement, insulation, windows, doors, and cladding of the WTP building.

The upgrades addressed design deficiencies, removed existing capacity bottlenecks, and improved the overall efficiency and reliability of the treated water supply for the Town and neighbouring Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (MBQ).

This project was 2/3rds funded by the Federal and Provincial governments under the Small

Communities Fund. The remaining third was funded by the Town (65%) and the MBQ (35%), proportional to the capacity allocated to each community.

To date plant operation has performed very well. With new equipment and routine maintenance, the process should continue to perform well for many years to come.

A new pH and temperature meter was purchased and installed in 2023 on the raw water feed line. Also a new chlorine analyzer was purchased and installed on the distribution system. Both are performing well.

For 2024 we are looking at installing a new turbidity analyzer on the common DAF effluent. As well a new Cl₂ analyzer for raw monitoring.