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System Description

The Cana Well system was established in the early 1950's by a co-operative formed by homeowners living on Marian Crescent, Rochdale Crescent, and Cana Blvd. The system was operated privately by the co-operative, then by the Ministry of the Environment (MOE), until operation was assumed by the former Township of Pittsburgh. When the township amalgamated with the city of Kingston and Kingston Township in 1998, operation of the system passed into the care of Utilities Kingston.



Staff from the Utilities Kingston Treatment Group operate the treatment system. The distribution system is maintained by the Utilities' Underground Infrastructure Department.

The water is supplied from a 150mm steel cased drilled well. Sodium hypochlorite is injected into the system after the pressure tank for disinfection.

The water then passes through detention tanks that allow time for the chlorine to be in contact with the water and achieve disinfection before it enters the distribution system.

The distribution system was originally installed by the co-operative, and was constructed from a variety of materials which were available to the co-operative at the time of construction.

Treatment Plant staff attend the well on a daily basis to make system checks, take bacteriological samples, and to test chlorine residuals in both the treated water and in the distribution system. All Operators are certified by the MOE. ❖

Ontario's Drinking Water Regulations

This report has been prepared in response to Operation Clean Water, an initiative of Ontario's Ministry of the Environment to ensure high quality drinking water for the residents of Ontario. The new regulations put into law what was formerly the Ontario Drinking Water Objectives (ODWO), and sets requirements for public waterworks with regard to sampling and testing, levels of treatment, licensing of staff, and notification of authorities and the public about water quality.

Further information on the Drinking Water Regulations can be found on the Ministry of the Environment web site at www.ene.gov.on.ca

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Water Quality and Sampling

Sampling requirements for a waterworks are specified by the new Ontario Drinking Water Regulations (ODWR) as well as any Certificates of Approval (COA) issued for the specific waterworks. Since there are no sampling requirements outlined in the COA, sampling follows the schedule for groundwater supplies as listed in schedule 2 of the ODWR.

What is in your water?

Some parameters may be present in source water before it is treated. Here is a description of the various groups of parameters.

Microbiological parameters such as bacteria may come from wastewater treatment plants, livestock operations, septic systems and wildlife. Microbiological quality is the most important aspect of drinking water quality because of its association with dangerous water-borne diseases which can strike quickly.

Inorganic parameters such as salts and metals can be naturally occurring or as a result of urban storm runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, mining or agriculture. Some may be the result of the treatment and distribution of water (for example, lead from solder in plumbing and fixtures).

Organic parameters can be naturally occurring, but most organics of concern are synthetic. They originate from industrial discharges, urban storm runoff and other sources. Included in this group are pesticides that originate from both rural and urban areas. Some may originate from treatment of drinking water (for example, chlorination byproducts such as trihalomethanes). Volatile organics such as solvents and certain industrial chemicals are often the result of vehicle emissions or industrial discharges.

The water from the Cana well contains an elevated level of sodium (on average approximately 80 mg/l), which when above 20 mg/l requires notification of both residents and the local Medical Officer of Health. **This information is relevant only to those who may be on a sodium restricted diet.** Consumption of sodium in excess of 10 grams per day by normal adults does not result in any apparent adverse health effects, and intake from water accounts for only a small fraction of daily intake. Sodium occurs naturally in the earth's crust and is not considered to be toxic. The aesthetic objective for sodium is 200 mg/l.

DEFINITIONS & TERMS

- **C** - degrees Celsius
- **F** - degrees Fahrenheit
- kg** - kilogram
- l** - litre
- m** - meter
- m³** - cubic meter, 1 m³ = 1000 litres.
- TCU** - True Colour Units
- CaCO₃** - Calcium carbonate
- mg** - milligram
- psi** - pounds per square inch
- mg/l** - Milligrams per litre. This is a measure of the concentration of a parameter in water, also called parts per million. (PPM)
- ug/l** - Micrograms per litre. This is a measure of the concentration of a parameter in water, also called parts per billion.

ng/l - Nanograms per litre. This is a measure of the concentration of a parameter in water, also called parts per trillion.

NTU - Nephelometric Turbidity Units - A measure of the amount of particles in water.

MAC - Maximum Acceptable Concentration. This is a health-related drinking water standard established for contaminants having known or suspected adverse health effects when above a certain concentration. The length of time the MAC can be exceeded without injury to health will depend on the nature and concentration of the parameter.

IMAC - Interim Maximum Acceptable Concentration. This is a health related drinking water standard established for contaminants when there are insufficient toxicological data to establish a MAC with reasonable certainty, or when it is not practical to establish a MAC at the desired level.

Parameter - A substance that we sample and analyze for in the water.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. What are the basics of the requirements of the regulation?

A. Owners/operators must:

- sample and test their drinking water;
- disinfect all drinking water;
- make available to the public information on drinking water quality for their waterworks;

- prepare and submit quarterly consumer reports to the Ministry of the Environment, and make them available to consumers;
- post public notices for untested or unsafe water;
- ensure that only licensed staff or accredited labs perform tests on drinking water; and
- immediately notify the Medical Officer of Health and the Ministry of the Environment when test results exceed standards or

indicate adverse water quality, followed by corrective action.

Q. How do I interpret my water test results?

A. If your water provider produces quarterly reports, a summary of the test results likely accompanies the report. If you are on a private well, the lab conducting the tests for you can help advise you on the test results and will notify you of any adverse results.

Water quality results for this quarter are listed in the table below.

Symbols used below may include: (N/A) - Not Applicable; (N/D, <) - Not Detected or, less than the value shown - this typically means the parameter was below detectable levels; (AO) – Aesthetic Objective; (OG) – Operational Guideline

Microbiological Parameters	MAC or IMAC	AO or OG	Number of Samples	Number of Positive Results	Sampling Dates			Range	Exceedance?	Typical Source of Contaminant
Total Coliform (counts/100ml)	*		37	0	1/2/02	-	3/28/02	N/A	No	Indicates possible presence of fecal matter.
Escherichia coliform (counts/100ml)	*		37	0	1/2/02	-	3/28/02	N/A	No	Definite indicator of fecal contamination.
Background (counts/100ml)	>200		19	0	1/2/02	-	3/28/02	N/A	No	Indicator of Deteriorating water quality.
Heterotrophic plate count (counts/100ml)	>500		7	0	1/2/02	-	3/28/02	N/A	No	Indicator of Deteriorating water quality.

* Indicator of adverse water quality if detected

Parameters Related to Microbiological Quality	MAC or IMAC	AO or OG	Number of Samples	Number of Detectable Results	Sampling Dates			Range	Exceedance?	Typical Source of Contaminant
Turbidity (NTU)	1		Continuous	Continuous	1/1/02	-	3/31/02	0.39 - 0.77	No	Turbidity is a measure of particles in water.
Free chlorine - Plant effluent (mg/l)	-		Continuous	Continuous	1/1/02	-	3/31/02	0.92 - 2.20	N/A	See below
Free chlorine - Distribution system (mg/l)	-		37	37	1/2/02	-	3/28/02	0.43 - 1.95	N/A	Recommended level of at least 0.20 mg/l in distribution system to maintain microbiological quality. Min. level of 0.05 mg/l

Table B - Volatile Organics (ug/l)	MAC or IMAC	AO or OG	Number of Samples	Number of Detectable Results	Sampling Dates			Max. Result	Exceedance?	Typical Source of Contaminant
Benzene (ug/l)	5		1	0	1/8/02			<0.5	No	Discharge from plastics manufacturing, leaking fuel tanks
Carbon tetrachloride (ug/l)	5		1	0	1/8/02			<0.2	No	Discharge from chemical plants and other industrial activities
1,2-dichlorobenzene (ug/l)	200		1	0	1/8/02			<0.1	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,4-dichlorobenzene (ug/l)	5		1	0	1/8/02			<0.2	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,2-dichloroethane (ug/l)	5		1	1	1/8/02			1.10	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
1,1-dichloroethene (ug/l)	14		1	0	1/8/02			<0.1	No	Discharge from industrial chemical factories
Dichloromethane (ug/l)	50		1	0	1/8/02			<3.0	No	Discharge from pharmaceutical and chemical factories; insecticide
Ethylbenzene (ug/l)	24		1	0	1/8/02			<0.5	No	Discharge from petroleum refineries; industrial chemical factories

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Monochlorobenzene (ug/l)	80		1	0	1/8/02			<0.2	No	Discharge from industrial and agricultural chemical factories and dry cleaning facilities
Tetrachloroethylene (ug/l)	30		1	0	1/8/02			<0.2	No	Leaching from PVC pipes; discharge from factories, dry cleaners and auto shops (metal degreaser)
Toluene (ug/l)	24		1	0	1/8/02			<0.5	No	Discharge from petroleum and chemical factories, leaking fuel tanks
Trihalomethanes: Plant Effluent Annual average (ug/l)	100		1	1	3/1/01	-	1/30/02	4.20	No	By-product of chlorination
Trihalomethanes: Distribution System Annual Average (ug/l)	100		1	1	3/1/01	-	1/30/02	28.30	No	By-product of chlorination
Trichloroethylene (ug/l)	50		1	1	1/8/02			0.20	No	Discharge from metal degreasing sites and other factories
Chloroethene (Vinyl chloride) (ug/l)	2		1	0	1/8/02			<0.3	No	Leaching from PVC pipes; discharge from plastics factories
Xylenes (ug/l)	300		1	0	1/8/02			<2.0	No	Discharge from petroleum and chemical factories; fuel solvent

* The MAC for THMs is based on a running annual average. The numbers listed are average results for data from the last 4 quarters.

Table C - Inorganic Parameters	MAC or IMAC	AO or OG	Number of Samples	Number of Detectable Results	Sampling Dates			Max. Result	Exceedance?	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic (ug/l)	25		1	0	1/8/02			<1	No	Naturally occurring in surface waters / mine drainage
Barium (ug/l)	1000		1	1	1/8/02			21.00	No	Erosion of natural deposits. Discharge from metal refineries, oil drilling wastes.
Boron (ug/l)	5000		1	1	1/8/02			11.00	No	Erosion of natural deposits, industrial waste effluents.
Cadmium (ug/l)	5		1	0	1/8/02			<5	No	Industrial discharge
Chromium (ug/l)	50		1	0	1/8/02			<10	No	Industrial residues
Copper (ug/l)	1000		1	0	1/8/02			<10	No	Domestic plumbing (Aesthetic objective)
Iron (ug/l)		300	6	5	1/8/02	-	3/18/02	270	No	Leaching from natural deposits and plumbing materials, industrial wastes. (Aesthetic objective)
Lead (ug/l) Treated Water	10		1	0	1/8/02			<1	No	Leaching from domestic plumbing materials
Lead (ug/l) Distribution system	10		1	0	1/8/02			<1	No	Internal corrosion of household plumbing, erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese (ug/l)		50	6	5	1/8/02	-	3/18/02	62	AO Exceedance	Erosion of natural deposits.
Mercury (ug/l)	0.1		1	0	1/8/02			<0.1	No	Erosion of natural deposits, industrial discharges.
Nitrogen, Nitrite (mg/l)	1		2	0	1/8/02	-	2/4/02	<0.05	No	Runoff -fertilizer use, erosion - natural deposits

Table C - Inorganic Parameters	MAC or IMAC	AO or OG	Number of Samples	Number of Detectable Results	Sampling Dates			Max. Result	Exceedance?	Typical Source of Contaminant
Nitrate (mg/l)	10		2	0	1/8/02	-	2/4/02	<0.05	No	A natural component of water at this level.
Selenium (ug/l)	10		1	0	1/8/02			<5	No	Discharge from refineries, mines, chemical manufacture
Uranium (ug/l)	100		1	1	1/8/02			2.00	No	Erosion of natural deposits.

Table D - Pesticides & PCB (ug/l)	MAC or IMAC	AO or OG	Number of Samples	Number of Detectable Results	Sampling Dates			Max. Result	Exceedance?	Typical Source of Contaminant
Alachlor (Lasso) (ug/l)	5		1	0	1/8/02			<1	No	Agricultural herbicide
Aldicarb (ug/l)	9		1	0	1/8/02			<5	No	Agricultural insecticide
Aldrin+dielddrin (ug/l)	0.7		1	0	1/8/02			<0.1	No	Residue from banned insecticide
Atrazine (ug/l)	5		1	0	1/8/02			<0.43	No	Agricultural herbicide
Azinphos-methyl (Guthion) (ug/l)	20		1	0	1/8/02			<2	No	Insecticide
Bendiocarb (ug/l)	40		1	0	1/8/02			<5	No	Insecticide
Bromoxynil (ug/l)	5		1	0	1/8/02			<0.5	No	Agricultural herbicide
Carbaryl (ug/l)	90		1	0	1/8/02			<5	No	Agricultural/Forestry/ Household insecticide
Carbofuran (ug/l)	90		1	0	1/8/02			<10	No	Agricultural insecticide
Chlordane (Total) (ug/l)	7		1	0	1/8/02			<0.2	No	Residue from banned insecticide
Chlorpyrifos (Dursban) (ug/l)	90		1	0	1/8/02			<5	No	Agricultural/ Household insecticide
Cyanazine (Bladex) (ug/l)	10		1	0	1/8/02			<1	No	Agricultural/ Residential herbicide
Diazinon (ug/l)	20		1	0	1/8/02			<2	No	Agricultural/ Livestock Operation/ Residential insecticide
Dicamba (ug/l)	120		1	0	1/8/02			<10	No	Agricultural herbicide
2,4-dichlorophenol (ug/l)	900		1	0	1/8/02			<0.2	No	Industrial contamination/ reaction with chlorine
DDT (ug/l)	30		1	0	1/8/02			<0.46	No	Residue from banned insecticide
2,4-dichloro-phenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D) (ug/l)	100		1	0	1/8/02			<10	No	Agricultural/ Residential herbicide
Diclofop-methyl (ug/l)	9		1	0	1/8/02			<0.5	No	Agricultural herbicide
Dimethoate (ug/l)	20		1	0	1/8/02			<2	No	Agricultural/ Livestock Operation/ Forestry insecticide
Dinoseb (ug/l)	10		1	0	1/8/02			<1	No	Herbicide residue
Diquat (ug/l)	70		1	0	1/8/02			<5	No	Agricultural/ Aquatic herbicide
Diuron (ug/l)	150		1	0	1/8/02			<10	No	Agricultural/ Industrial/ herbicide
Glyphosate (ug/l)	280		1	0	1/8/02			<25	No	Agricultural/Forestry/ Household herbicide
Heptachlor+heptachlor epoxide (ug/l)	3		1	0	1/8/02			<0.2	No	Residue from banned insecticide
Lindane (Total) (g-BHC Hexachloro-cyclohexane) (ug/l)	4		1	0	1/8/02			<0.4	No	Agricultural/ Pharmaceutical insecticide
Malathion (ug/l)	190		1	0	1/8/02			<10	No	Fruit & Vegetable / pest control insecticide
Methoxychlor (ug/l)	900		1	0	1/8/02			<10	No	Agricultural/ Livestock Operation/ Residential insecticide

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Metolachlor (ug/l)	50		1	0	1/8/02			<5	No	Agricultural herbicide
Metribuzin (Sencor) (ug/l)	80		1	0	1/8/02			<5	No	Agricultural herbicide
Paraquat (ug/l)	10		1	0	1/8/02			<1	No	Agricultural/ Aquatic herbicide
Parathion (ug/l)	50		1	0	1/8/02			<5	No	Agricultural insecticide
Pentachlorophenol (ug/l)	60		1	0	1/8/02			<0.2	No	Pesticide/ wood preservative residue
Phorate (Thimet) (ug/l)	2		1	0	1/8/02			<0.5	No	Agricultural insecticide
Picloram (ug/l)	190		1	0	1/8/02			<10	No	Industrial herbicide
PCB; total (ug/l)	3		1	0	1/8/02			<0.2	No	Residue from various industrial uses
Prometryne (ug/l)	1		1	0	1/8/02			<0.2	No	Agricultural herbicide
Simazine (ug/l)	10		1	0	1/8/02			<1	No	Agricultural herbicide or its residue
Temephos (ug/l)	280		1	0	1/8/02			<20	No	Insecticide for Mosquito/Blackfly control
Terbufos (ug/l)	1		1	0	1/8/02			<1	No	Agricultural insecticide
2,3,4,6-tetra-chlorophenol (ug/l)	100		1	0	1/8/02			<0.2	No	Wood preservative
Triallate (ug/l)	230		1	0	1/8/02			<20	No	Agricultural herbicide
2,4,6-trichlorophenol (ug/l)	5		1	0	1/8/02			<0.2	No	Pesticide manufacturing
Trifluralin (ug/l)	45		1	0	1/8/02			<2	No	Agricultural herbicide
2,4,5-trichloro-phenoxyacetic acid (2,4,5-T) (ug/l)	280		1	0	1/8/02			<20	No	Industrial herbicide residue

Chemical/ Physical Parameters Non Health Related	MAC or IMAC	AO or OG	Number of Samples	Number of Detectable Results	Sampling Dates			Max. Result	Exceedance?	Parameter Description
Alkalinity (mg/l as CaCO ₃)		500	1	1	1/8/02			384.0	No	A measure of the resistance of the water to the effects of acids. Expressed as calcium carbonate.
Aluminum (mg/l)		100	1	0	1/8/02	-	3/4/02	<50	No	May be naturally present or a residual from the coagulation process.
Ammonia N (mg/l)			1	0	1/8/02			<0.05	No	Occurs naturally from organic nitrogen containing compounds.
Calcium (mg/l)			1	1	1/8/02			99.6	N/A	Naturally occurring.
Chloride (mg/l)		250	1	1	1/8/02			216.0	No	A common naturally occurring non-toxic material that may produce a salty taste in water.
Colour (TCU)		5	3	3	1/8/02	-	3/4/02	21.00	AO Exceedance	Typically the result of organic or inorganic matter in ground waters.
Fluoride (mg/l)	1.5		1	1	1/8/02			0.60	No	Added to prevent tooth decay, but may be naturally occurring.
Hardness (mg/l)		100	3	3	1/8/02			506	AO Exceedance	Naturally occurring from dissolved calcium and magnesium.
pH		8.5	0	0				N/A	No	An indicator of the acidity of water.
Sodium (mg/l)		200	6	6	1/8/02	-	3/18/02	103.0	No	Occurs naturally in the earth's crust.

Chemical/ Physical Parameters Non Health Related	MAC or IMAC	AO or OG	Number of Samples	Number of Detectable Results	Sampling Dates			Max. Result	Exceedance?	Parameter Description
Sulphate (mg/l)		500	1	1	1/8/02			59.0	No	An inorganic constituent that may cause tastes at high levels.
Tritium (Bq/l)	7000		1	1	1/8/02			0.1	No	Decay of Natural & man made deposits.
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (mg/l)			1	1	1/8/02			0.10	N/A	Indicator of organic contamination or the potential for taste and odour problems.
Zinc (ug/l)	5000		1	1	1/8/02			40.00	No	An inorganic constituent that may cause tastes.

(Bq/l) – Becquerel per litre. This is a unit of radioactivity which expresses the rate of disintegration of a radionuclide.