



**Ontario Clean Water Agency**  
**Agence Ontarienne Des Eaux**

**Quarterly Report for the Thornton (Camilla)  
Water Distribution System**  
Waterworks # 220003902

Operated by the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA)  
under contract to the Township of Essa  
for the period ending March 31, 2003

## **Introduction:**

This report summarizes the water quality for the Thornton Water System (Camilla) during the first quarter of 2003, published in accordance with Ontario Regulation 506/01 (formerly O.Reg. 459/00) titled “**Drinking Water Protection - Larger Water Works**”. It includes important information regarding the source of your water, analytical test results, and how it compares to standards set by the Province. If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact our Client Services Representative listed in Section 3 below.

During this quarter, more than 250 tests for water quality parameters specified in Schedule 2 of Ontario Regulation 506/01 were conducted at SGS/Lakefield Research, an accredited laboratory under contract with OCWA. Of the tests conducted on treated water during this quarter, there were no exceedances reported. Refer to the analytical discussion section below for details.

In respect to Operational Parameters, chlorine and turbidity levels in the treated water leaving the pumphouse are analyzed continuously with online equipment and an alarm is signaled when the levels fall below or exceed the standard. There were seven (7) turbidity exceedances reported during this quarter.

## **Compliance With Provincial Regulations:**

OCWA operates your water facility in accordance with provincial regulations. Here is how we do it:

- **Use of Accredited Labs:** Analytical tests to monitor your water quality are conducted by a laboratory audited by the Canadian Association for Environmental Analytical Laboratories (CAEAL) and accredited by the Standards Council of Canada (SCC). Accreditation ensures that the laboratory has acceptable laboratory protocols and test methods in place. It also requires the laboratory to provide evidence and assurances of the proficiency of the analysts performing the test methods.
- **Operation by Licensed Operators:** Your water treatment plant and distribution system is operated and maintained by OCWA’s competent and licensed staff. The mandatory licensing program for operators of drinking water facilities in Ontario is regulated under the Ontario Water Resources Act (OWRA) Regulation 435/93. Licensing means that an individual meets the education and experience requirements and has successfully passed the certificate exam.
- **Sampling and Analytical Requirements:** OCWA collects samples from the plant and distribution system to meet the requirements listed in Schedule 2 of Ontario Regulation 506/01 and any additional parameters required by the facility C of A. More information on sampling and analysis including results are available in this report and from OCWA and your municipal office.
- **Adherence to Ministry Guidelines and Procedures:** To ensure the protection of the public health and operational excellence, OCWA adheres to the guidelines and procedures developed by the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Health.

**System Information:**

<b>Facility Name:</b>	Camilla Water System	<b>Client Services:</b>	Catherine Barr
<b>Total Design Capacity:</b>	655 m <sup>3</sup> /day	<b>Phone Number:</b>	(705)745-5814
<b>Raw Water Source:</b>	Groundwater (Three wells)	<b>E-mail Address:</b>	sbarr@OCWA.com
<b>Disinfection Method:</b>	Sodium hypochlorite	<b>Operations Manager:</b>	Matt Tracey
<b>Municipal Location:</b>	Township of Essa	<b>Phone Number:</b>	(705)429-2525
<b>Service Area:</b>	Village of Thornton (E)	<b>E-mail Address:</b>	mtracey@ocwa.com
<b>Service Population:</b>	342	<b>Office Address:</b>	Wasaga Beach, ON

**Operational Description:**

The Camilla Water System provides potable water to approximately 112 connections in the eastern portion of Thornton. This plant was originally part of Innisfil Township and was taken over by Essa Township during the 1994 amalgamation. Three drilled wells equipped with submersible pumps will supply up to 655 m<sup>3</sup> per day. The control building houses twelve 450 litre pressure tanks as well as a hypochlorination system that ensures adequate disinfection to the water supply. On-line analyzers continuously measure the chlorine and turbidity and an alarm is signaled if the levels fall below or exceed the pre-set values. The daily flow is measured with a 3 " Rockwell Turbo Meter and a stand-by generator is available as a back-up power source in the event of a power failure.

**Analytical Test Results:**

Micro biological Parameters	January	February	March	Quarter Summary	MAC / IMAC
<b>Total Coliform counts/100mls</b>					
Number of Samples	27	20	25	72	
Number of Detectable Results	0	0	0	0	
Min / Max	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0
<b>Exceedences</b>	0	0	0	0	
<b>E. Coli counts/100mls</b>					
Number of Samples	27	20	25	72	
Number of Detectable Results	0	0	0	0	
Min / Max	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0
<b>Exceedences</b>	0	0	0	0	
<b>Background</b>					
Number of Samples	10	8	10	28	
Number of Detectable Results	0	0	0	0	
Min / Max	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	200
<b>Exceedences</b>	0	0	0	0	

*Typical sources of microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, may come from septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, wildlife, and wastewater treatment plants.*

**Comments: THERE WERE NO EXCEEDENCES IN THE MICROBIOLOGICAL PARAMETERS TESTED DURING THIS QUARTER.**

Operational Parameters	January	February	March	Quarter Summary	MAC / IMAC
<b>Chlorine Residual (Plant)</b>					
Number of Samples	31	28	31	90	
Number of Detectable Results	31	28	31	90	
Min / Max	.75/1.44	.65/1.95	.72/1.34	.65/1.95	.05/4.0
<b>Exceedances</b>	0	0	0	0	
<b>Chlorine Residual (System)</b>					
Number of Samples	10	8	10	28	
Number of Detectable Results	10	8	10	28	
Min/Max	.58/1.33	.56/1.08	.76/1.01	.56/1.33	.05/4.0
<b>Exceedances</b>	0	0	0	0	
<b>Turbidity</b>					
Number of Samples	31	28	31	90	
Number of Detectable Results	31	28	31	90	
Min / Max	.04/1.2	.012/>1.0	.02/.13	.012/1.2	1.0
<b>Exceedances</b>	4	3	0	7	
<b>COMMENTS: THERE WERE SEVEN (7) EXCEEDANCES REPORTED DURING THIS QUARTER.</b>					

Volatile Organic Parameters	January	February	March	Quarter Summary	MAC / IMAC
<i>Typical sources of organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.</i>					
<b>Comments: VOLATILE ORGANIC PARAMETERS WERE TESTED IN JANUARY AND THERE WERE NO EXCEEDANCES REPORTED.</b>					

Inorganic Parameters	January	February	March	Quarter Summary	MAC / IMAC
<i>Typical sources of inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil &amp; gas production, mining.</i>					
<b>Comments: INORGANIC PARAMETERS WERE NOT TESTED DURING THIS QUARTER.</b>					

Pesticides and PCB Parameters	January	February	March	Quarter Summary	MAC / IMAC
<i>Typical sources of contamination from pesticides and herbicides, may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.</i>					
<b>Comments: PESTICIDES AND PCB's WERE TESTED IN JANUARY AND THERE WERE NO EXCEEDANCES REPORTED.</b>					

Radiological Parameters	January	February	March	Quarter Summary	MAC / IMAC
Typical sources of Contamination can be from man made or natural elements emitting radiation in the form of alpha, beta or gamma particles.					
Comments: <b>RADIOLOGICAL PARAMETERS WERE NOT TESTED IN THIS QUARTER.</b>					

### **Discussion of Analytical Results:**

During this quarter, there were no exceedances reported for the microbiological parameters. In respect to Operational Parameters, there were seven (7) turbidity exceedances reported as per Regulation 506/01. This parameter is monitored continuously by online equipment. Occasional instantaneous turbidity spikes that occur are believed to be caused from the starting and stopping of pumps, equipment maintenance/calibration and/or air and a buildup of iron sediment in the sample lines. In the event of any spikes, adequate disinfection is applied to the system; therefore, reducing any risks that may be associated with the high turbidity. The turbidity analyzers are alarmed to notify Operations Staff of exceedances. The chlorine levels monitored in the treated and distribution water are monitored following MOE Procedure B13-3.

All other volatile, organic, inorganic and pesticide parameters tested during this quarter were within the limits specified in Schedule 4 and 5 of ON Reg.506/01.

### **Availability of Analytical Test Results:**

The certificate of approval from the Ministry of the Environment, and Regulation 506/01 set out monitoring requirements for your water. The tables above summarize all the results required for inclusion in quarterly reports. Your water is extensively tested for the presence of dozens of compounds. Some compounds, not listed above, may be present in low concentrations and their presence does not necessarily mean that the water poses a health risk. Results of all analytical tests are available through your municipal office and OCWA.

### **Definitions and Abbreviations:**

- **MAC** - Maximum Acceptable Concentration.
- **IMAC** - Interim Maximum Acceptable Concentration.
- **Coliform Bacteria** - a group of commonly occurring rod shaped bacteria. Their presence in a water sample is indicative of inadequate filtration and/or disinfection.
- **Fecal Coliform Bacteria** - refers to a subgroup of coliform bacteria present in the digestive system of warm blooded animals and humans.
- **Heterotrophic Plate Count** - a method of measuring bacterial content in water samples. Also known as Standard Plate Count.
- **Organic Parameter** - a group of chemical compounds containing carbon.
- **Inorganic Parameter** - a group of chemical compounds not containing carbon.
- **Raw Water** - Surface or ground water available as a source of drinking water that has not received any treatment.