

December 12, 2011

Gary Brown
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**Re: 2011 Spring Drinking Water Quality Report
Gander**

Dear Mr. Brown,

Please find attached the 2011 Spring Drinking Water Quality Report for your community's public drinking water supply. You may find attached up to six appendices as listed below, depending upon the type of monitoring undertaken for your water supply:

- Appendix A - Source Water
- Appendix B - Tap Water
- Appendix C - Trihalomethanes (THMs)
- Appendix D - Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)
- Appendix E - Langelier Index (LI) Report
- Appendix F - Water Quality Index (WQI) Report

The following are highlights of the report format that have been implemented in order to make the report more efficient:

- Regular and exceedance water quality information are combined in the same table where aesthetic exceedances are indicated with a partial box around the parameter value and contaminant exceedances are indicated with a full box around the parameter value.
- Less than detect values are stored as zero's and indicated with the text LTD. Less than detect values were previously reported as being equal to half the detection limit.
- For groundwater source samples, a remarks field is shown. The text in this field is used to identify a particular wellhead when multiple source samples are taken in a well field.
- A Water Quality Index Report and a Langelier Index Report may be included for your water supply if all of the required parameters for calculation were available. Information regarding these reports is included below.

A brief description of each appendix and the rationale for the tested parameters follows.

Appendix A - Source Water

Source water samples are collected directly from the source such as a groundwater well, lake, pond, or stream prior to disinfection or other treatment.

The source water quality is analyzed to determine the quality of water that flows into your water treatment and distribution system. The quality of this water is a direct indicator of the health of the ecosystem that makes up the wellhead recharge area or watershed area. Monitoring of source water quality is the most important tool to assess the impact of land use changes on source water quality and to ensure the integrity of a public water supply.

The exceedance report for source water provides a brief discussion and interpretation of those water quality parameters, if any, that exceed the acceptable limits as set out in the latest edition of the *Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality* (GCDWQ). This comparison is only for screening purposes since presently, there are no guidelines for untreated source water. The GCDWQ applies to water at consumers tap. However, in the absence of water treatment, these guidelines are applicable to source water quality.

Appendix B - Tap Water

Tap water samples are collected semi-annually or quarterly from drinking water faucets of one or more homes, public buildings, or businesses in your community, approximately three quarters of the way along the distribution system, in accordance with criteria established in the GCDWQ.

Tap or treated water quality is monitored to check its compliance with the GCDWQ. Tap water quality is also monitored so that water that is being consumed at the tap can be compared with the untreated source water quality. Any variations between source and tap water quality represents the effectiveness of the treatment and disinfection system, and the influences of the distribution system due to plumbing in local homes, public buildings, or businesses.

The exceedance report for tap water provides a brief discussion and interpretation of those water quality parameters, if any, that exceed the acceptable limits as set out in the GCDWQ.

Appendix C - Trihalomethanes (THMs)

THM samples are generally collected quarterly from drinking water faucets of one or more homes, public buildings, or businesses in your community, approximately three quarters of the way along the distribution system, in accordance with criteria established in the GCDWQ. The GCDWQ recommend a maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) of 100 micrograms per litre ($\mu\text{g/L}$) for THMs in drinking water, based on a locational running annual average of a minimum of quarterly samples taken in the distribution system. THMs are compounds which may form when source water containing natural organic matter, for example the decay products of living things such as plants, leaves, human and animal wastes, is treated with chlorine. THMs are chlorinated disinfection by-products.

Appendix D - Haloacetic Acids (HAAs)

HAA samples are generally collected quarterly from drinking water faucets of one or more homes, public buildings, or businesses in your community, at an appropriate location in the distribution system. The GCDWQ recommend a maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) of 80 micrograms per litre ($\mu\text{g/L}$) for HAAs in drinking water, based on a locational running annual average of a minimum of quarterly samples taken in the distribution system. HAAs are also compounds that may form in drinking water that has been disinfected with chlorine. HAAs are chlorinated disinfection by-products.

Appendix E - Water Quality Index (WQI) Report

A WQI is a means to summarize water quality data into simple terms (e.g. good) for reporting to the public in a consistent manner. Similar to the UV index or an air quality index, it tells us in simple terms, the condition of drinking water quality from a water supply. This index is based on the six most recent tap samples.

Appendix F - Langelier Index (LI) Report

The Langelier Index is one of several tools used by a water operator for stabilizing water to control both internal corrosion of the piping system and the deposition of scale. The LI is an approximate measure of the degree of saturation of calcium carbonate in water. It is calculated using the pH, alkalinity, hardness, total dissolved solids, and water temperature of a water sample collected at the tap.

We suggest that this data be posted for public information in a public place, such as a bulletin board in your council office, post office, or otherwise be made available to your community's residents. Please be advised that the Minister of Environment and Conservation may release this data to any third party upon their request, and may also publicly disseminate the information details.

If there are any questions concerning the drinking water quality monitoring program or the attached reports, please contact the Department of Environment and Conservation's representative listed below:

➤ Ben Hammond (709) 729-1157

Sincerely,



Ben Hammond
Environmental Scientist

cc: Mr. Haseen Khan, P.Eng., Director, Water Resources Management Division, Department of Environment and Conservation
Dr. Ann Roberts Medical Officer of Health

Attachments

Appendix A-1 Source Water Quality for Public Water Supplies Physical Parameters and Major Ions

Region: C

Serviced Area(s)	Source Name	Sample Date	Alkalinity	Colour	Conductivity	Hardness	pH	TDS	TSS	Turbidity	Boron	Bromide	Calcium	Chloride	Fluoride	Potassium	Sodium	Sulphate		
			Units	mg/L	TCU	µS/cm	mg/L		mg/L	mg/L	NTU	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	
			Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality																	
			Aesthetic (A) Parameter or Contaminant (C)																	

Gander

Gander	Gander Lake	Jun 21, 2011	LTD	46	27.0	5.00	6.4	18		0.40	LTD	LTD	2.00	4	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD
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Source water samples are collected directly from the source such as a groundwater well, lake, pond, or stream prior to disinfection or other treatment. The source water quality is analyzed to determine the quality of water that flows into your water treatment and distribution system. The quality of this water is a direct indicator of the health of the ecosystem that makes up the natural drainage basin, well head recharge area or watershed area. Monitoring of source water quality is the most important tool to assess the impact of land use changes on source water quality, the presence of disinfection by-product (DBP) pre-cursors and to ensure the integrity of a public water supply. The values for each parameter are as reported by the lab and verified by the department.

Quality Assurance / Quality Control (QA/QC) - The department is striving to improve the quality of the data using standard QA/QC protocols. This is an evolving process which may result in minor changes to the reported data.

LTD - Less Than Detection Limit - The detection limit is the lowest concentration of a substance that can be determined using a particular test method and instrument. Detection limits vary from parameter to parameter and change from time to time due to improvements in analytical procedures and equipment.

The exceedance report for source water provides a brief discussion and interpretation of health related water quality parameters, if any, that exceed the acceptable limits as set out in the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality, Sixth Edition (GCDWQ). This comparison is only for screening purposes since at present there are no guidelines for untreated source water. The GCDWQ applies to water at the consumers tap. However in the absence of water treatment these guidelines could be applicable to source water quality.

Aesthetic (A) Parameters - Aesthetic parameters reflect substances or characteristics of drinking water that can affect its acceptance by consumers but which usually do not pose any health effects.

Contaminants (C) - Contaminants are substances that are known or suspected to cause adverse effects on the health of some people when present in concentrations greater than the established Maximum Acceptable Concentrations (MACs) or the Interim Maximum Acceptable Concentrations (IMACs) of the GCDWQ. Each MAC has been derived to safeguard health assuming lifelong consumption of drinking water containing the substance at that concentration. IMACs are reviewed periodically as new information becomes available. Please consult your Medical Officer of Health for additional information on the health aspects on contaminants.

A review of the source water quality data indicates that the following parameter(s) has (have) exceeded the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality, Sixth Edition.

Contaminants

Aesthetic Parameters

Colour - An aesthetic objective of 15 true colour units (TCU) has been established for colour in drinking water. Colour in drinking water may be due to the presence of coloured organic substances or metals such as iron, manganese and copper. Highly coloured industrial wastes also contribute to colour. The presence of colour is not directly linked to health but it can be aesthetically displeasing.

pH - The acceptable range for drinking water pH is 6.5 - 8.5. The control of pH is primarily based on minimizing corrosion and encrustation in the distribution system. Tap water with low pH may accelerate the corrosion process in the distribution system, and contribute to increased levels of copper, lead and possibly other metals. Incrustation and scaling problems may become more frequent above pH 8.5

<input type="checkbox"/> Contaminant Exceedance	<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic Exceedance	<input type="checkbox"/> LTD = Less Than Detect	
mg/L = milligrams per litre or parts per million DOC = dissolved organic carbon	µS/cm = micro Siemens per centimeter Nitrate(ite) = Nitrate + Nitrite	NTU = nephelometric turbidity units WS # = water supply number	TDS = total dissolved solids SA# = serviced area number
		TSS = total suspended solids GCDWQ = Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality	TCU = true colour units
Notes : Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality have not been developed for all the parameters listed in this report. pH has no units			

Appendix A-2 Source Water Quality for Public Water Supplies Nutrients and Metals

Serviced Area(s)	Source Name	Sample Date	Ammonia	DOC	Nitrate(ite)	Kjeldahl Nitrogen	Total Phosphorus	Aluminum	Antimony	Arsenic	Barium	Cadmium	Chromium	Copper	Iron	Lead	Magnesium	Manganese	Mercury	Nickel	Selenium	Uranium	Zinc
			Units	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L
Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality					10				0.005	0.01	1.0	0.005	0.05	1.0	0.3	0.01		0.05	0.001		0.01	0.02	5.0
Aesthetic (A) Parameter or Contaminant (C)					C				C	C	C	C	C	A	A	C		A	C		C	C	A

Gander

Gander	Gander Lake	Jun 21, 2011	0.150	6.8	0.120	0.140	LTD	0.090	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD	0.060	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD	0.020
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Contaminants

Aesthetic Parameters

		LTD = Less Than Detect	
mg/L = milligrams per litre or parts per million	µS/cm = micro Siemens per centimeter	NTU = nephelometric turbidity units	TDS = total dissolved solids
DOC = dissolved organic carbon	Nitrate(ite) = Nitrate + Nitrite	WS # = water supply number	SA# = serviced area number
		TSS = total suspended solids	TCU = true colour units
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Appendix B-1 Tap Water Quality for Public Water Supplies Physical Parameters and Major Ions

Region: C

Serviced Area(s)	Source Name	Sample Date	Alkalinity	Colour	Conductivity	Hardness	pH	TDS	TSS	Turbidity	Boron	Bromide	Calcium	Chloride	Fluoride	Potassium	Sodium	Sulphate
		Units	mg/L	TCU	µS/cm	mg/L		mg/L	mg/L	NTU	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L	mg/L
Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality				15			6.5 - 8.5	500		1.0	5.0			250	1.5		200	500
Aesthetic (A) Parameter or Contaminant (C)				A			A	A		C	C			A	C		A	A

Gander

Gander	Gander Lake	Jun 21, 2011	22.00	11	68.0	2.00	6.9	44		0.30	LTD	LTD	1.00	7	LTD	LTD	10	LTD
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Tap water samples are collected semi annually or quarterly from drinking water faucets of one or more homes, public buildings, or businesses in your community. Tap or treated water quality is monitored to check its compliance with the GCDWQ. Tap water quality is also monitored so that water that is being consumed at the tap can be compared with the untreated source water quality. Any variations between source and tap water quality represents the effectiveness of the treatment and disinfection system, and the influences of the distribution system due to plumbing in local homes, public buildings, or businesses. The values for each parameter are as reported by the lab and verified by the department.

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Contaminants

Aesthetic Parameters

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Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality					10				0.006	0.01	1.0	0.005	0.05	1.0	0.3	0.01		0.05	0.001		0.01	0.02	5.0
Aesthetic (A) Parameter or Contaminant (C)					C				C	C	C	C	C	A	A	C		A	C		C	C	A

Gander

Gander	Gander Lake	Jun 21, 2011	0.070	6.2	0.120	LTD	LTD	0.090	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD	0.00100	0.256	0.060	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD	LTD
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Contaminants

Aesthetic Parameters

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Appendix C-1
THMs Summary for
Public Water Supplies

Community Name: Gander
Serviced Area(s): Gander
Source Name: Gander Lake

Trihalomethanes (THMs) are compounds which may form when source water containing natural organic matter, for example the decay products of living things such as plants, leaves, human and animal wastes, is treated with chlorine. THMs are chlorinated disinfection by-products. THMs formation is highly variable, being dependent upon a variety of factors including: source water quality, chlorine dose, temperature, pH, chlorine demand, distribution system characteristics, and contact time.

THMs samples are collected from drinking water faucets of one or more homes, public buildings, or business in your community. At each site, the chlorine residual (free and/or total) and water temperature are also measured.

The Department of Environment and Conservation has staff permanently assigned to work with communities where THMs levels are routinely higher than the recommended limit.

Please note that running annual averages of quarterly samples or simple averages are posted on the Department of Environment and Conservation's web site, and are updated periodically. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the nearest regional office of the Department of Environment and Conservation. If you have access to the Internet, more information is available at:

<http://www.gov.nf.ca/env/Env/waterres/Surfacewater/THM/THM.asp>

The Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality, Sixth Edition recommend an interim maximum acceptable concentration of 100 micrograms per litre ($\mu\text{g/L}$) for THMs in drinking water, based on a running annual average of quarterly samples, collected at a point with the highest potential THM levels.

The running annual average THM concentrations for your community was 60.5 $\mu\text{g/L}$.

This value meets the recommended guideline of 100 $\mu\text{g/L}$.

Appendix C-2 THMs Summary for Public Water Supplies

COMMUNITY NAME	SERVICED AREA	SOURCE NAME	SAMPLE DATE	THM TOTAL
Gander	Gander	Gander Lake	June 21, 2011	68.00

µg/l - All THM values are reported in micrograms per litre (µg/l) which is the same as parts per billion.

Community Name: Gander
Serviced Area(s): Gander
Source Name: Gander Lake

Haloacetic acids (HAAs) are compounds which may form when source water containing natural organic matter (for example decaying leaves and vegetation) is treated with chlorine. HAAs are a chlorinated disinfection by-product. HAA formation is highly variable both within and between drinking water systems. Factors affecting HAA formation include: source water quality (natural organic material, bromide, pH season, temperature) and treatment conditions (chlorine dose, chlorine demand, distribution system characteristics, and contact time).

HAA samples are collected from drinking water faucets of one or more homes, public buildings, or business in your community. At each site, the chlorine residual (free and/or total) and water temperature are also measured. The Department of Environment and Conservation has staff permanently assigned to work with communities where HAA levels are routinely higher than the recommended limit.

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<http://www.gov.nf.ca/env/Env/waterres/Surfacewater/HAA/HAA.asp>

The Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality recommend a maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) of 80 micrograms per litre (µg/L) for HAAs in drinking water, based on a locational running annual average of a minimum of quarterly samples taken in the distribution system. As per guideline, total HAAs refers to the total of monochloroacetic acid (MCA), dichloroacetic acid (DCA), trichloroacetic acid (TCA), monobromoacetic acid (MBA) and dibromoacetic acid (DBA).

The collect point for HAAs should be where historical data show the highest HAA concentrations. A minimum of four samples per year, one in each season, are required to determine if a particular water supply meets or exceeds the recommended limit.

Running Annual Average is computed when data is available for all of the past 4 quarterly sampling periods. Running Annual averages are directly comparable with the national guideline of 80 µg/l.

Simple Average is computed when data is not available for all of the past 4 quarterly sampling periods. This data cannot be compared to the recommended guideline.

The running annual average HAA concentrations for your community was 62.5 µg/L

This value meets the recommended guideline of 80 µg/L.

Appendix D-2 HAAs Summary for Public Water Supplies

COMMUNITY NAME	SERVICED AREA	SOURCE NAME	SITE #	SAMPLE DATE	MCA	MBA	DCA	TCA	DBA	HAA5	BCA	HAAs TOTAL
Gander	Gander	Gander Lake	03	June 21, 2011	3.70	0.00	31.30	31.30	0.00	66.30		66.30

Haloacetic acids (HAAs) are a chlorinated disinfection by-product. HAAs are compounds which may form when source water containing natural organic matter (for example decaying leaves and vegetation) is treated with chlorine. The Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality recommend a maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) of 80 micrograms per litre (µg/L) for HAAs in drinking water, based on a locational running annual average of a minimum of quarterly samples taken in the distribution system (see Appendix D-1 for your HAA Average).

As per the guideline, HAAs refers to the total of monochloroacetic acid (MCA), dichloroacetic acid (DCA), trichloroacetic acid (TCA), monobromoacetic acid (MBA) and dibromoacetic acid (DBA). These are the most commonly occurring HAAs and are referred to as HAA5. It is HAA5 that is used in calculating the running annual average which is compared to the guideline. These are the parameters in bold and outlined by the box above. The lab which analyzes your water quality also reports bromochloroacetic acid (BCA) and adds this to the sum of HAA5 to report HAA Total. These values are not used in the HAA Average calculation.

Discrepancies between the HAAs Total reported by the lab and the summing of the individual HAA components are related to the management and reporting of Less Than Detect (LTD) values.

µg/l - All HAAs values are reported in micrograms per litre (µg/l) which is the same as parts per billion.

What is the Langelier Index?

The Langelier index (LI) is an approximate measure of the degree of saturation of calcium carbonate in water. It is calculated using the pH, alkalinity, hardness, total dissolved solids, and water temperature of a water sample collected at the tap. If the;

- LI is negative: The water is under saturated with calcium carbonate and will tend to be corrosive in the distribution system
- LI is positive: The water is over saturated with calcium carbonate and will tend to deposit calcium carbonate forming scales in the distribution system
- If LI is close to zero: The water is just saturated with calcium carbonate and will neither be strongly corrosive or scale forming.

The LI is one of several tools used by the water operator for stabilizing water to control both internal corrosion and the deposition of scale.

What You Should Do?

Experience has shown that LI in the range of -1 to +1 has a relatively low corrosion impact on metallic components of the distribution system. LI values outside this range may result in laundry stains or leaks. If you are experiencing major leaks or laundry staining complaints please contact Herb Card, Water and Wastewater Specialist, at (709)292-4274 for additional information.

COMMUNITY NAME	SERVICED AREA	SOURCE NAME	SAMPLE DATE	LANGELIER INDEX
Gander	Gander	Gander Lake	June 21, 2011	-3.49

Community: Gander

Serviced Area: Gander

Source Name: Gander Lake

Serviced Area #: SA-0274

A Drinking Water Quality Index (DWQI) is a means to summarize water quality data into simple terms (e.g. good) for reporting to the public in a consistent manner. Similar to the UV index or an air quality index, it tells us, in simple terms, what the quality of drinking water is from your drinking water supply.

Essentially the DWQI is calculated by comparing the water quality data to the Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality. This calculation produces a score between 0 and 100. A higher score means a better quality of drinking water. The scores are then ranked into one of the six categories described below:

Excellent: (DWQI Value 95-100) - Water quality is protected with a virtual absence of impairment; conditions are very close to pristine levels; these index values can only be obtained if all measurements meet recommended guidelines virtually all of the time.

Very Good: (DWQI Value 89-94) - Water quality is protected with a slight presence of impairment; conditions are close to pristine levels.

Good: (DWQI Value 80-88) - Water quality is protected with only a minor degree of impairment; conditions rarely depart from desirable levels.

Fair: (DWQI Value 65-79) - Water quality is usually protected but occasionally impaired; conditions sometimes depart from desirable levels.

Marginal: (DWQI Value 45-64) - Water quality is frequently impaired; conditions often depart from desirable levels.

Poor: (DWQI Value 0-44) - Water quality is almost always impaired; conditions usually depart from desirable levels.

Based on the 6 most recent tap samples your drinking water quality is ranked as follows:

DWQI Score = **100**

DWQI Ranking = **excellent**