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Kathleen Steele, Secretary-Treasurer
Whitehead Elton Regional Water Cooperative Inc.
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Sent via email to: kathy.steele@elton.ca

2018 Annual Compliance Audit

Dear Ms. Steele;

Please find enclosed the 2018 Annual Compliance Audit for the Whitehead Elton Regional public water system (PWS). The report compares water system compliance to *The Drinking Water Safety Act* and its supporting regulations, and the terms and conditions of the water system's current operating licence (PWS-11-487-01 A).

Where non-compliance items are identified, the issues do not necessarily translate into increased public health risk. The Office of Drinking Water uses processes, including boil water advisories, to notify water users of a public health risk.

Please review the following terms and conditions of your operating licence to ensure ongoing compliance:

- Water quality sampling frequencies identified in *Table 2*.
- Water System Re-assessment (due date: March 1, 2026)
- 2018 Public Water System Annual Report (due date: March 31, 2019)
- Advisory Notification Plan (due date: May 1, 2019)

Operational Guidelines

Water suppliers that own and operate a portion of their water supply on a seasonal basis, such as a campground or park, are reminded they are required to follow Seasonal Water System Start-up/Shutdown procedures. Your operating licence may be amended in the future to reflect this requirement; however, in the interim, the protocol must be followed.

Water suppliers are reminded to immediately notify the Office of Drinking Water of any condition(s) that may affect the ability of the water system to produce or deliver safe drinking water. These conditions include:

- treatment upsets, bypass conditions, operation outside of licence conditions
- contamination of source or treated water

- a disinfection, filtration, or distribution system failure

Operational Guidelines to assist operators in meeting regulatory obligations for monitoring and reporting under The Drinking Water Safety Act, including Seasonal System and Emergency Reporting requirements, can be found on our website at: www.gov.mb.ca/drinkingwater.

Additional Information

Beginning in 2019, the requirement to submit a compliance plan will be removed from operating licences as they are renewed or amended. Section 8 of the Drinking Water Quality Standard Regulation states that the director may require water systems to submit a plan if they are not in compliance with a drinking water standard that details when and how the water supply will come into compliance with the standard. Water systems will be notified in writing if a plan is requested.

Health Canada has completed their review on National Guidelines, including algae (total microcystin toxins) manganese and lead. The new guidelines are expected to be finalized and posted with minor changes following the public consultation stage. Owners and operators are encouraged to review Health Canada's guidelines and related chemistry results to determine what impact they may have on your water supply. You will receive notification of any changes to Health Canada's Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality and Manitoba Standards should they affect your water supply.

Beginning April 1, 2019, the Office of Drinking Water will begin posting PWS Operating Licences and a copy of the most recent chemistry analysis on our public website.

The 2018 Annual Compliance Audit is based on information submitted to this office. If you have questions regarding non-compliance items identified in this audit, please review your records prior to contacting this office. If your records conflict with the audit information, please call me at (204) 761-6085.

Sincerely,



Danica Wotton
Regional Drinking Water Officer

Enclosures
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2018 Annual Compliance Audit

Water System: WHITEHEAD ELTON REGIONAL - PWS

Code: 248.70

Water System Owner: Whitehead Elton Regional Water Cooperative Inc.

Water System Operating Licence: PWS-11-487-01 A Expiry Date: November 30, 2021

- 1) This report documents the Whitehead Elton Regional Public Water System compliance for the period from January 1 to December 31, 2018.
- 2) Addendum A to this report provides specific information on the non-compliance incidents identified in the summary below.
- 3) Other than the information provided in attached Addendum A, the water supplier has complied with *The Drinking Water Safety Act*, its supporting regulations, and the terms and conditions of the water system's current operating licence
- 4) This report is based on information submitted by the water supplier, agents of the water supplier, and / or the Province of Manitoba.

Summary of Non-Compliance Incidents:

None reported

Addendum A: Record of Non-Compliance

Water System: WHITEHEAD ELTON REGIONAL - PWS

Report period: January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

Enforcement Action Taken

Date	Incident	Outcome
	None reported	

Disinfection Requirements

Date	Incident	Outcome
	None reported	

Bacteriological Requirements

Date	Incident	Outcome
	None reported	

Microbial Requirements

Date	Incident	Outcome
	None reported	

Turbidity Requirements

Date	Incident	Outcome
	None reported	

Chemical Requirements

Date	Incident	Outcome
	None reported	

Operational Requirements

Date	Incident	Outcome
	None reported	