

#59. TOWN OF LUNENBURG POLICY

WATER TESTING PROCEDURE

I. PURPOSE

The object of this policy is to establish a testing procedure for the Town of Lunenburg ("Town") Water Utility thereby outlining action to be taken in sampling and obtaining test results for the Town's drinking water supply.

II. PROCEDURAL STATEMENT

1. Treated water samples shall be taken every weekday at the PW Armouries building by a designated Public Works employee. These samples shall be tested by this designated employee for PH level and chlorine residual and the TE and/or PW Superintendent notified of these results. Raw water samples will be taken monthly and sent to the South Shore Regional Hospital for testing unless coliform bacteria is detected, at which time, samples shall be taken daily until all traces of bacteria are absent.
2. Treated water samples are to be taken once a week by a designated Public Works employee and sent to the South Shore Regional Hospital for total and fecal coliform bacteria testing. Treated water samples are to be taken from the Fishermen's Memorial Hospital and Highliner's Foods Incorporated.
3. Employees taking samples are to be trained in the proper procedure in obtaining samples to ensure that they are not contaminated and meet all Provincial testing standards.
4. The Canadian Drinking Water Quality Guidelines are to be followed in determining the maximum acceptable concentrations of coliform bacteria in the Town's drinking water.
5. In the event that water test results indicate bacteria is present in the Town's drinking water then the Nova Scotia Department of the Environment will be contacted for assistance until the coliform bacteria is absent from the Town's water distribution system.