

# 2023 Annual Drinking Water System Quality Report for Schomberg DWS

Prepared by The Regional Municipality of York pursuant to Section 11 of O. Reg. 170/03.

**Drinking Water System Number:** 220004901

**Drinking Water System Name:** Schomberg DWS

**Drinking Water System Owner:** The Regional Municipality of York

**Drinking Water System Category:** Large Municipal Residential

**Drinking Water System Classification:** Water Distribution and Supply II, Water Treatment II

**Reporting period:** Jan 1, 2023 - Dec 31, 2023

**The Schomberg DWS serves approximately 2,530 people.**

(Population is the most recent available estimate based on Statistics Canada census data and building permits)

**List all Drinking Water Systems which receive their drinking water from the Schomberg DWS:**

Schomberg Distribution System (260005151)

This annual report is available to the public at no charge on York Region's website ([york.ca/drinkingwater](http://york.ca/drinkingwater)) and upon request. Accessible formats or communication supports are also available upon request. Please contact [AccessYork@york.ca](mailto:AccessYork@york.ca) or call 1-877-464-9675.

**A copy of York Region's annual report was provided to all Drinking Water System owners that are connected to and receive drinking water from York Region.**

**System users were notified that York Region's annual report is available free of charge by public access and notice through:**

- Media (internet, social media)
- Public requests at any time

**Summary report required under O. Reg. 170/03 Schedule 22 will be available for inspection at:**

The Regional Municipality of York  
Administrative Centre  
Public Works Department  
17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket ON L3Y 6Z1

## Description of the Schomberg DWS

### **Introduction:**

Schomberg is located within the Township of King around the intersections of Highway 27 and Highway 9, just south of the border with Simcoe County. Local groundwater is naturally high in minerals. Tests confirm ground water quality. York Region operates the water supply, while King Township maintains water quality and distributes it to users. The Province governs York Region's operations with Acts and Regulations, a Permit to Take Water, a Municipal Drinking Water License and an operating Permit.

### **Raw water source:**

Groundwater

### **Profile of water in distribution system:**

Groundwater

### **Water treatment description:**

Schomberg DWS includes one Water treatment Plant, three wells and one storage/rechloramination facility. Naturally occurring methane is removed through pre-oxidation with chlorine followed by air stripping. Potassium permanganate is added for iron and manganese removal using media filtration. Water is disinfected with UV light, followed by chlorine which combines with naturally occurring ammonia to form chloramines to provide a secondary residual. Operators test the water and inspect the process. Online analyzers continuously monitor the facilities. When analyzers detect a significant process or water quality issue, the system automatically pauses operation until an operator takes action.

### **List of water treatment chemicals used in this system:**

Potassium Permanganate; Chlorine gas (forms chloramine when it combines with naturally occurring ammonia)

### **Brief description and breakdown of monetary expenses incurred:**

\$778,197 for well rehabilitation, pump maintenance, general maintenance and repairs.

**Notices submitted under Section 18(1) of the *Safe Drinking Water Act* or Section 16-4 of Schedule 16 of O. Reg. 170/03 and reported to MECP Spills Action Centre**

<b>Incident Description</b>	<b>Incident Date</b>	<b>Adverse Test Result</b>	<b>Corrective Action</b>	<b>Corrective Action Date</b>
Combined Chlorine Residual > 4.0 mg/L (Regulatory Relief Sites)	Jan 12, 2023	4.06 mg/L	Operator attended site, facility restored to normal operation. Compliant grab sample taken.	Jan 12, 2023
	Feb 1, 2023	4.03 mg/L	Operator attended site, facility restored to normal operation. Compliant grab sample taken.	Feb 1, 2023
	Mar 31, 2023	4.17 mg/L	Operator attended site, facility restored to normal operation. Compliant grab sample taken.	Mar 31, 2023
	Apr 20, 2023	4.01 mg/L	Operator attended site, facility restored to normal operation. Compliant grab sample taken.	Apr 20, 2023

**Microbiological testing completed under  
Schedule 10 of O. Reg. 170/03**

For additional distribution samples collected under Schedule 10, refer to the local municipality.

**Raw Samples**

<b>Test Parameter</b>	<b>Count of Samples</b>	<b>Count of Presence</b>
E. Coli	156	0
Total Coliforms	156	7

**Treated Samples**

<b>Test Parameter</b>	<b>Count of Samples</b>	<b>Count of Presence</b>
E. Coli	52	0
Heterotrophic Plate Count	52	6
Total Coliforms	52	0

**Operational testing completed under Schedule 7  
of O. Reg. 170/03 during this reporting period**

<b>Test Parameter</b>	<b>Test Unit</b>	<b>No. of Samples <sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>
Combined Chlorine	mg/L	8,760	3.27	0.00	4.17
Turbidity (Treated)	NTU	8,760	0.25	0.13	3.38

<sup>1</sup> 8,760 is used as the number of samples for continuous analyzers.

## Summary of testing pursuant to Schedule 13 of O. Reg. 170/03 and sampling carried out in accordance with the requirement of an approval, order or other legal instrument

Values with a less than sign (" $<$ ") indicate that the test result is below the method detection limit from the accredited laboratory (i.e. non-detect). Average results include values which were returned as non-detect (i.e. the " $<$ " is omitted) and are rounded to three decimals. For a complete set of results, see the open dataset available at [york.ca/drinkingwater](http://york.ca/drinkingwater).

Test Parameter <sup>2 3</sup>	Test Unit	No. of Samples <sup>1</sup>	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Fluoride	mg/L	8	0.166	0.16	0.17
Haloacetic Acids (Distribution)	ug/L	4	8.725	<8	9.30
Nitrate (Treated)	mg/L	4	0.500	<0.5	<0.5
Nitrate (Distribution)	mg/L	4	0.515	<0.5	0.56
Nitrite (Treated)	mg/L	4	0.130	0.12	0.14
Nitrite (Distribution)	mg/L	4	0.338	0.28	0.39
N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) (Treated)	ug/L	1	0.001	<0.001	<0.001
N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) (Distribution)	ug/L	4	0.001	<0.0009	0.0012
Sodium	mg/L	2	20.900	20.3	21.5
Trihalomethanes (Treated)	ug/L	1	6.100	6.10	6.10
Trihalomethanes (Distribution)	ug/L	4	5.075	3.50	5.90

\*Lead testing under Schedule 15.1 is conducted by the local municipality - refer to local municipality reports for results. York Region occasionally collects samples tested for lead for non-regulatory research purposes.

<sup>1</sup> 8,760 is used as the number of samples for continuous analyzers.

<sup>2</sup> The Average for Haloacetic Acids and Trihalomethanes is calculated as the running annual average of quarterly results in accordance with O. Reg 170/03. The Minimum and Maximum values reflect individual test results.

<sup>3</sup> Where sampling for 'N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA)' is required, locations were selected to represent the farthest points in the distribution system. For York DWS and sub-systems, representative sample locations were selected from across the interconnected sub-systems and include at least one facility from every subsystem.

**Organic and inorganic parameter(s), from Schedule 23 and 24, that exceeded half the standard prescribed in Schedule 2 of O. Reg. 169/03 Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards**

**Not Applicable**  
**Intentionally blank. There were no applicable test results.**

**Summary of inorganic parameters tested pursuant to Schedule 23 of O. Reg. 170/03**

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<b>Test Parameter</b>	<b>Test Unit</b>	<b>No. of Samples</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>Minimum</b>	<b>Maximum</b>	<b>ODWS Limit</b>
Antimony	mg/L	2	0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.0060
Arsenic	mg/L	2	0.0007	0.0007	0.0007	0.01
Barium	mg/L	2	0.1235	0.12	0.127	1
Boron	mg/L	2	0.0756	0.0716	0.0796	5
Cadmium	mg/L	2	0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.0050
Chromium	mg/L	2	0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.05
Mercury	ug/L	2	0.0500	<0.05	<0.05	1
Selenium	mg/L	2	0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.05
Uranium	mg/L	2	0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.02

## Summary of organic parameters tested pursuant to Schedule 24 of O. Reg. 170/03

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Test Parameter	Test Unit	No. of Samples	Average	Minimum	Maximum	ODWS Limit
1,1-dichloroethylene (vinylidene chloride)	ug/L	1	0.300	<0.3	<0.3	14
1,2-(o-dcb) Dichlorobenzene	ug/L	1	0.100	<0.1	<0.1	200
1,2-Dichloroethane	ug/L	1	0.100	<0.1	<0.1	5
1,4-(p-dcb) Dichlorobenzene	ug/L	1	0.100	<0.1	<0.1	5
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol	ug/L	1	0.500	<0.5	<0.5	100
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	ug/L	1	0.500	<0.5	<0.5	5
2,4-Dichlorophenol	ug/L	1	0.700	<0.7	<0.7	900
2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D)	ug/L	1	0.800	<0.8	<0.8	100
2-methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid	ug/L	1	5.000	<5	<5	100
Alachlor	ug/L	1	0.400	<0.4	<0.4	5
Atrazine + N-dealkylated metabolites	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	5
Azinphos-methyl	ug/L	1	0.300	<0.3	<0.3	20
Benzene	ug/L	1	0.100	<0.1	<0.1	1
Benzo(a)pyrene	ug/L	1	0.010	<0.01	<0.01	0.01
Bromoxynil	ug/L	1	0.400	<0.4	<0.4	5
Carbaryl	ug/L	1	3.000	<3	<3	90
Carbofuran	ug/L	1	3.000	<3	<3	90
Carbon Tetrachloride	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	2
Chlorpyrifos	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	90
Diazinon	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	20
Dicamba	ug/L	1	0.400	<0.4	<0.4	120
Dichloromethane	ug/L	1	4.000	<4	<4	50
Diclofop-methyl	ug/L	1	0.400	<0.4	<0.4	9
Dimethoate	ug/L	1	0.300	<0.3	<0.3	20
Diquat	ug/L	1	1.000	<1	<1	70
Diuron	ug/L	1	3.000	<3	<3	150
Glyphosate	ug/L	1	25.000	<25	<25	280
Malathion	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	190
Metolachlor	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	50
Metribuzin	ug/L	1	0.300	<0.3	<0.3	80
Monochlorobenzene	ug/L	1	0.100	<0.1	<0.1	80
Paraquat	ug/L	1	1.000	<1	<1	10
Pentachlorophenol	ug/L	1	0.400	<0.4	<0.4	60
Phorate	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	2
Picloram	ug/L	1	0.700	<0.7	<0.7	190
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	ug/L	1	0.100	<0.1	<0.1	3
Prometryne	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	1
Simazine	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	10
Terbufos	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	1
Tetrachloroethylene (perchloroethylene)	ug/L	1	0.300	<0.3	<0.3	10
Triallate	ug/L	1	4.000	<4	<4	230
Trichloroethylene	ug/L	1	0.100	<0.1	<0.1	5
Trifluralin	ug/L	1	0.006	<0.006	<0.006	45
Vinyl Chloride	ug/L	1	0.200	<0.2	<0.2	1