

# 2025 Annual Drinking Water System Quality Report for Aurora DWS

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

**Drinking Water System Number:** 220002440

**Drinking Water System Name:** Aurora 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 III

**Reporting period:** Jan 1, 2025 - Dec 31, 2025

**The Aurora DWS serves approximately 64,630 people.**

*(Note: Population is based on service area of the DWS and may not align with municipal and political boundaries).*

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

Town of Aurora Distribution System (260003227); Newmarket Distribution System (260003188)

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**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 Aurora DWS**

### **Introduction:**

The Town of Aurora is located in the centre of York Region. Local groundwater is naturally high in minerals, and is blended with Lake Ontario water from the York DWS. York Region operates the water supply, while the Town of Aurora 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. Lake Ontario water is purchased with supply agreements.

### **Raw water source:**

Groundwater

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

Blended - Lake and Groundwater

### **Water treatment description:**

Aurora DWS includes six wells, six storage facilities and three pumping stations. Chlorine provides disinfection, and chloramine provides a secondary residual. Two facilities also re-chloramine to boost the residual. Sodium silicate sequesters naturally occurring iron and manganese. Storage facilities hold treated water and help maintain pressure. Operators test the water and inspect the process. Online analyzers continuously monitor the facilities and automatically pause operation if an issue is detected.

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

Gaseous Chlorine, Ammonia Solution (disinfection); Sodium Silicate (iron and manganese sequestering)

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

\$1,572,705 for treatment plant upgrades, well rehabilitation, pump maintenance, pumping station upgrades, emergency power upgrades, fuel oil appliance upgrades, chamber rehabilitation and upgrades, watermain repairs, new Regional remote operations centre construction, 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)	Jun 24, 2025	4.67 mg/L	Reported as due diligence. Operator attended site. Facility returned to normal operation. Compliant grab sample taken.	Jun 24, 2025
Combined Chlorine Residual > 4.0 mg/L (Regulatory Relief Sites)	Sep 21, 2025	4.47 mg/L	Reported as due diligence. Operator attended site. Facility returned to normal operation. Compliant grab sample taken.	Sep 21, 2025

**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	260	0
Total Coliforms	260	1

**Treated Samples**

<b>Test Parameter</b>	<b>Count of Samples</b>	<b>Count of Presence</b>
E. Coli	104	0
Heterotrophic Plate Count	104	18
Total Coliforms	104	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	2.53	0.00	4.99
Turbidity (Treated)	NTU	8,760	0.05	0.00	0.87

<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	85	0.585	0.130	0.750
Haloacetic Acids (Distribution)	ug/L	24	8.142	<8.000	10.000
Nitrate (Treated)	mg/L	8	0.500	<0.500	<0.500
Nitrate (Distribution)	mg/L	77	0.500	<0.500	<0.500
Nitrite (Treated)	mg/L	8	0.050	<0.050	<0.050
Nitrite (Distribution)	mg/L	77	0.050	<0.050	<0.050
N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) (Treated)	ug/L	2	0.0009	<0.0009	<0.0009
N-Nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA) (Distribution)	ug/L	5	0.0010	<0.0009	0.0011
Sodium	mg/L	8	20.025	12.200	29.200
Trihalomethanes (Treated)	ug/L	2	4.900	3.370	6.430
Trihalomethanes (Distribution)	ug/L	24	16.533	10.800	25.800

\*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	8	0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.006
Arsenic	mg/L	8	0.0006	<0.0005	0.0007	0.01
Barium	mg/L	8	0.0426	0.0221	0.1030	1
Boron	mg/L	8	0.0238	0.0219	0.0291	5
Cadmium	mg/L	8	0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.005
Chromium	mg/L	8	0.0006	<0.0005	0.0014	0.05
Mercury	ug/L	8	0.1000	<0.1000	<0.1000	1
Selenium	mg/L	8	0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.05
Uranium	mg/L	8	0.0005	<0.0005	<0.0005	0.02

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

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 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	Test Unit	No. of Samples	Average	Minimum	Maximum	ODWS Limit
1,1-dichloroethylene (vinylidene chloride)	ug/L	26	0.192	<0.100	<0.300	14
1,2-(o-dcb) Dichlorobenzene	ug/L	26	0.154	<0.100	<0.200	200
1,2-Dichloroethane	ug/L	26	0.154	<0.100	<0.200	5
1,4-(p-dcb) Dichlorobenzene	ug/L	26	0.154	<0.100	<0.200	5
2,3,4,6-Tetrachlorophenol	ug/L	2	0.500	<0.500	<0.500	100
2,4,6-Trichlorophenol	ug/L	2	0.500	<0.500	<0.500	5
2,4-Dichlorophenol	ug/L	2	0.700	<0.700	<0.700	900
2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid (2,4-D)	ug/L	2	0.800	<0.800	<0.800	100
2-methyl-4-chlorophenoxyacetic acid	ug/L	2	5.000	<5.000	<5.000	100
Alachlor	ug/L	2	0.400	<0.400	<0.400	5
Atrazine + N-dealkylated metabolites	ug/L	2	0.200	<0.200	<0.200	5
Azinphos-methyl	ug/L	2	0.300	<0.300	<0.300	20
Benzene	ug/L	26	0.100	<0.100	<0.100	1
Benzo(a)pyrene	ug/L	2	0.010	<0.010	<0.010	0.01
Bromoxynil	ug/L	2	0.400	<0.400	<0.400	5
Carbaryl	ug/L	2	3.000	<3.000	<3.000	90
Carbofuran	ug/L	2	3.000	<3.000	<3.000	90
Carbon Tetrachloride	ug/L	26	0.146	<0.100	<0.200	2
Chlorpyrifos	ug/L	2	0.200	<0.200	<0.200	90
Diazinon	ug/L	2	0.200	<0.200	<0.200	20
Dicamba	ug/L	2	0.400	<0.400	<0.400	120
Dichloromethane	ug/L	26	2.115	<0.500	<4.000	50
Diclofop-methyl	ug/L	2	0.400	<0.400	<0.400	9
Dimethoate	ug/L	2	0.300	<0.300	<0.300	20
Diquat	ug/L	2	1.000	<1.000	<1.000	70
Diuron	ug/L	2	3.000	<3.000	<3.000	150
Glyphosate	ug/L	2	25.000	<25.000	<25.000	280
Malathion	ug/L	2	0.200	<0.200	<0.200	190
Metolachlor	ug/L	2	0.200	<0.200	<0.200	50
Metribuzin	ug/L	2	0.300	<0.300	<0.300	80
Monochlorobenzene	ug/L	26	0.100	<0.100	<0.100	80
Paraquat	ug/L	2	1.000	<1.000	<1.000	10
Pentachlorophenol	ug/L	2	0.400	<0.400	<0.400	60
Phorate	ug/L	2	0.200	<0.200	<0.200	2
Picloram	ug/L	2	0.700	<0.700	<0.700	190
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)	ug/L	2	0.100	<0.100	<0.100	3
Prometryne	ug/L	2	0.200	<0.200	<0.200	1
Simazine	ug/L	2	0.200	<0.200	<0.200	10
Terbufos	ug/L	2	0.200	<0.200	<0.200	1
Tetrachloroethylene (perchloroethylene)	ug/L	26	0.192	<0.100	<0.300	10
Triallate	ug/L	2	4.000	<4.000	<4.000	230
Trichloroethylene	ug/L	26	0.100	<0.100	<0.100	5
Trifluralin	ug/L	2	0.006	<0.006	<0.006	45
Vinyl Chloride	ug/L	26	0.200	<0.200	<0.200	1