



MEMBER BULLETIN

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Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks: Updated Version of the Watermain Disinfection Procedure

On August 1, 2020 the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks released an **updated version of its Watermain Disinfection Procedure**. The procedure is referenced in Schedule B of Municipal Drinking Water Works Permits (typically condition 2.3) and must be followed where parts of the drinking water system are added, modified, replaced or extended, unless the Director has approved a different disinfection procedure that is specific to the system. The Ministry expects drinking water systems to begin using the new procedure based on timelines identified within their Permit.

What Has Been Updated?

- Defining the requirements for disinfection, commissioning, and documentation for new watermains in Ontario.
- The Preface and Section 1 of the procedure were almost entirely rewritten to reflect the additional requirements for new watermains.
- Minor changes were made to Section 2 of the procedure.
- Section 3.1 was added to define the requirements for documentation for new watermains.
- The Appendices were updated to reflect the changes to the procedure.

When Will These Changes Take Effect?

- The revised procedure will take effect through conditions in the Drinking Water Works Permit.
- If the Municipal Drinking Water Licence for your system was renewed in 2019 or 2020, your Permit likely includes a condition (typically condition 2.3) that requires using any updated version of the ministry's Watermain Disinfection Procedure within **six-months** from its date of publication. As the new procedure was released on August 1, 2020, its use is required by February 1, 2020.
- If your Permit does not already include a condition (typically condition 2.3) that requires using the updated version of the ministry's Watermain Disinfection Procedure, this condition will be added when the Municipal Drinking Water licence for your system is renewed and will require the drinking water system to use the updated version of the procedure six-months from the date the renewed licence is issued.

If you have any questions about the updated Watermain Disinfection Procedure, please contact Patrick McManus (905-629-0587 ext. 229 or patrick.mcmanus@oswca.org).