

Water Treatment Plant Year-end Report for 2019

Water demand

The total influent volume of water drawn from the Assiniboine River for treatment was approximately 2.73 % lower in 2018 than in 2019. 2018 had an influent volume of 6,953,623 m³, as compared to 7,143,496 m³ in 2019.

Total treated water volume increased by 2.52 % from 6,141,304 m³ in 2018 as compared to 6,295,959 m³ in 2019.

The volume of water used internally for the treatment process in 2019 was 225,809 m³.

This water is used in the process production for mixing chemicals, dilution of chemicals for pumping purposes, and flushing pipes after sludge removal from process systems.

Raw Water Quality

The raw water quality for the past year has had lower turbidity and hardness in 2019 than what has been seen in recent years. The average raw water hardness for the winter months; January, February, March, October, November and December 2019, was 436 ppm. The raw water hardness average for the other six months was 352 ppm. The treated water average hardness was 209 ppm and 177 ppm for the respective periods. The 2019 yearly average hardness for Raw Water was 394 and Treated Water was 193 ppm.

Turbidity peaks were coincident with the spring runoff, flooding and the draining of the Assiniboine River impoundment area in the fall. The Actiflo clarifier was able to reduce the high levels of turbidity to minimize the impact on the downstream treatment process. Removal of sand and silt from the north side of the river impoundment area was scheduled for early 2019.

Operator overtime and shift changes were required during the spring runoff to service equipment around the clock to ensure water production continued. The problems with the River impoundment area are being addressed by the Province and they are removing the silt and sand from the south side of the impoundment area. This will provide temporary reprieve from the excessive overtime requirements and pump damage as they plan to remove more sediment over the next few years.

Distribution System Water Quality

Distribution testing for 2019 was done on a weekly basis for Total Coliforms and Escherichia Coli. All Drinking Water Regulation treatment parameters were met.

On March 8, 2019 Health Canada has set new regulatory guideline for lead in potable water.

The new Canadian Drinking Water Quality Guideline maximum acceptable concentration (MAC) for total lead was lowered from 0.010 mg/l, set in 1992, to 0.005mg/l. This is based on a sample of water taken at the consumer's tap.

Metals sampling and testing was conducted on quarterly basis for the assessment of lead concentrations found in some household service lines. The samples were sent to an independent lab and all results were forwarded, by the lab, to the Manitoba Sustainable Development Office of Drinking Water Officer for our area. The practice of running cold water for 2 to 3 minutes, following extended periods of non-use, and before consuming, is recommended for all homes with lead services.

More information may be obtained from the City's web page.

Water Quality Monitoring and Analyses

The 2019 annual audit report from the Office of Manitoba Sustainable Development, as prepared by the Drinking Water Officer for the Portage la Prairie area, was submitted to the City on January 15, 2020. Manitoba Sustainable Development and the City of Portage la Prairie will continue implementing testing changes at the Water Treatment Plant to enhance the water quality and will continue to work jointly with the local Drinking Water Officer.

The attached graphs for the Hardness show the Raw Water was lower than the seasonal trend from April to June. Lower hardness levels were prevalent during the year and the effluent hardness rose accordingly. The low levels of hardness are shown during the spring runoff also.

The attached graph for the Turbidity shows the Raw Water peaks in the spring during run off and again in the fall during the river reservoir maintenance drain down for service work on the Dam. The effluent turbidity follows the yearly trend also. There were several peak turbidity events that followed rainfall entering the river flow.

The graph for the effluent pH shows some peaks above 8.5 due to over-feed of sodium hydroxide. The raw water pH tends to follow seasonal trends for highs and lows and the effluent pH is adjusted with Sodium Hydroxide to maintain positive Langlier Index to prevent metal corrosion and metals from leaching into the water from too low of a pH.

The graph for Fluoride shows a consistent feed throughout the year. The test results are from the morning sample and represent the reading in the effluent water at that time and not as a daily average. Cost of chemical testing negates the continuous sampling over a 24-hour timeline. The average level of Fluoride feed is 0.80 mg/L. A concentration of 0.70 mg/l has been deemed optimum by Health Canada.

In 2019, the Tri-halomethane (THM) regulation requirements were met. The taste and odor are removed by the granular activated carbon but shows higher levels of other total organic carbon (TOC) that could react with chlorine to form THM'S. The graphs tend to show a

problem that might be in the chemistry of the raw water that could affect the Granular Activated Carbon (GAC) by shortening the effective life of the product. The effective removal of THM-forming compounds is limited. The expected life rating of the GAC media life is well below the original anticipated three years, but the replacement of the GAC media annually, or more frequently, would be cost prohibitive. Monitoring of the raw and treated water will continue to detect problems within the raw water that would cause this. Further studies with chemical treatment alternatives have continue in 2019 to help find a solution for the elevated THM's.

The Water Treatment Functional Design Upgrades is being coordinated by AECOM Engineering, Manitoba Water Service Board and the City of Portage la Prairie Water Treatment Plant Staff.

The City of Portage la Prairie and Manitoba Water Services Board entered into an agreement for the Phase Two (A) Water Treatment Upgrades on November 5, 2018.

Phase Two (A) of the Water Treatment Functional Design Upgrade planning was in progress, with the first meeting being held at the Water Treatment Plant on September 7, 2017. Final tender documents for the upgrades was completed March 30, 2018 and construction tender was issued in May 2018.

Award of Phase Two A was awarded to Trotter and Morton Industrial Contracting Inc. on November 5, 2018, with a completion date of August 31, 2019. Completion deadline date was extended to November 30, 2019 due to equipment delivery.

With Phase Two (A) upgrades complete in November 2019, except for the Lime Batching Alteration which is schedule to be completed in 2020.

Phase Two (A) upgrades include the following: Raw Water Flow Control, Pre-treatment Screening System, Lime Batching Alteration, Ozone Contactor Upgrades, Makeup water System for Chemical Batch Tanks, City Distribution Pumps, PLC Upgrades, WTP & McKay Reservoir SCDA System Upgrade, Flow-paced Sodium Hydroxide Addition, Compound Loop Control for Chlorination, Dissolved ozone Probe with Transmitter, Online UV 254 Analyzer and GAC Flow Control.

The graph for the chlorine feed shows higher free chlorine concentration in June and July due to component failure. The feed unit was put on manual while the feed controller was sent out to be repaired. The effluent chlorine levels are higher as it enters the distribution system. Weekly sampling of the distribution areas for chlorine residual was done and samples sent to an independent lab for analyses and reporting to the Drinking Water Officer and Water Plant Management. All samples were shown to be free of Total Coliform and Escherichia Coli.

Major Maintenance

Change out of PLC (Programable Logical Controls) System at the Water Treatment Plant, McKay and Water Plant Reservoir and Actiflo.

Ozone generator #4003 has been taken out of service for rebuilt.

Replace three pump and motors at raw water pumping station.

New Poplar Bluff and City Distribution Pump and VFD installed.

Replace liner and Impeller on recirculation pump in Actiflo

McKay Reservoir air compressor.

McKay Reservoir roof repair.

Replace heat pumps.

Replace coagulant pump in Actiflo.

Replace coil on the chiller system for the WTP.

Replace clarifier # 2 influent valve.

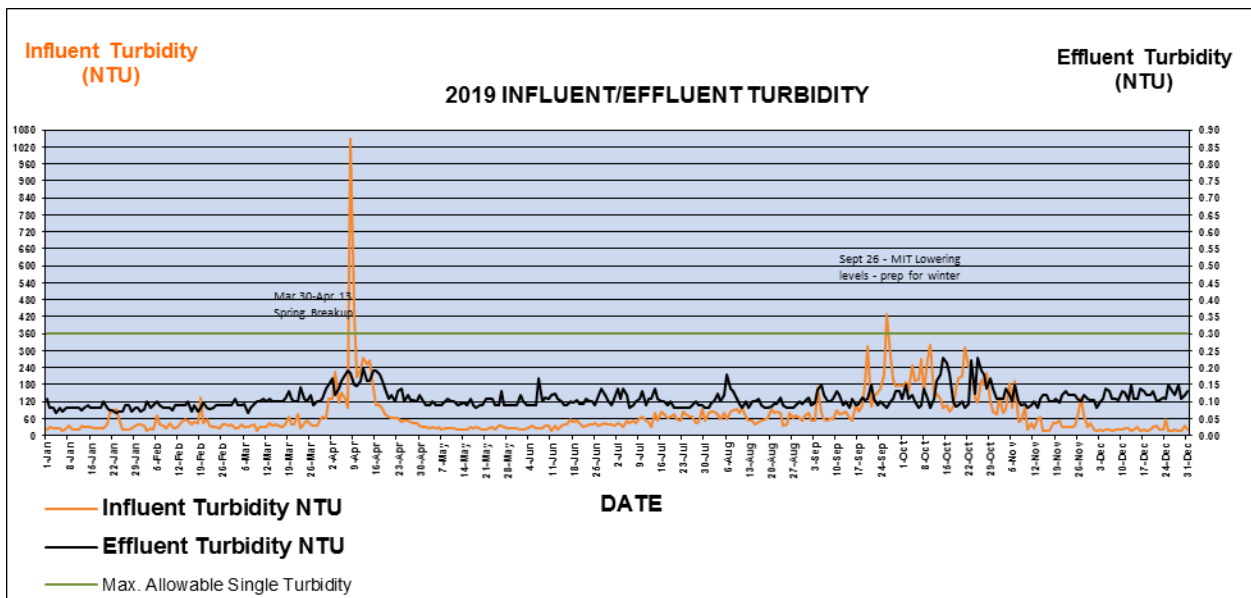
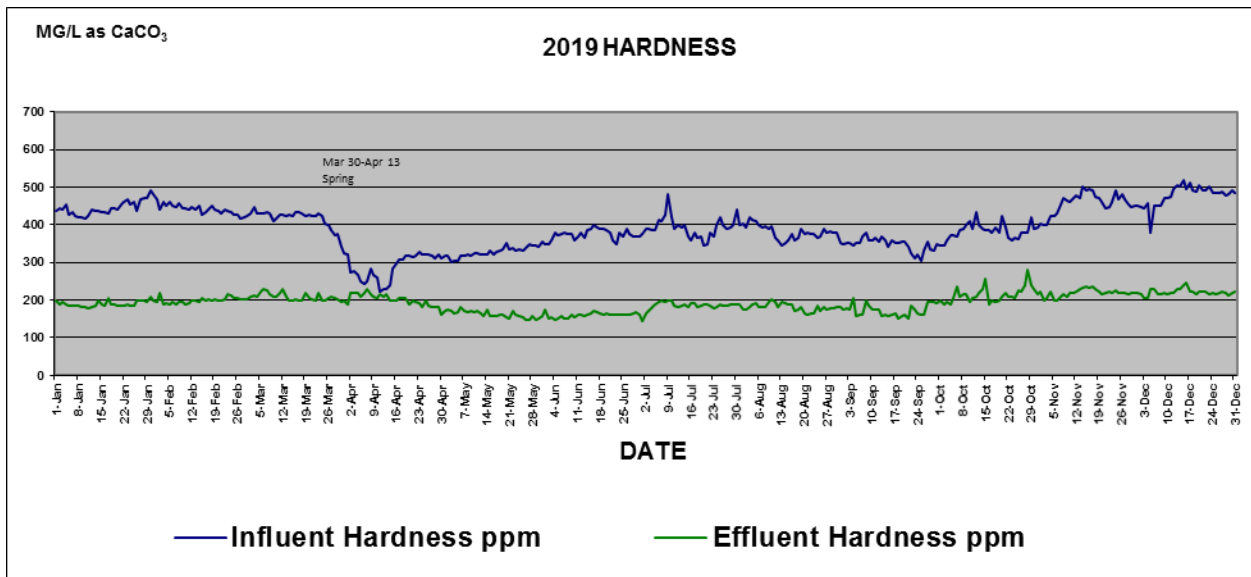
New flooring installed in water plant.

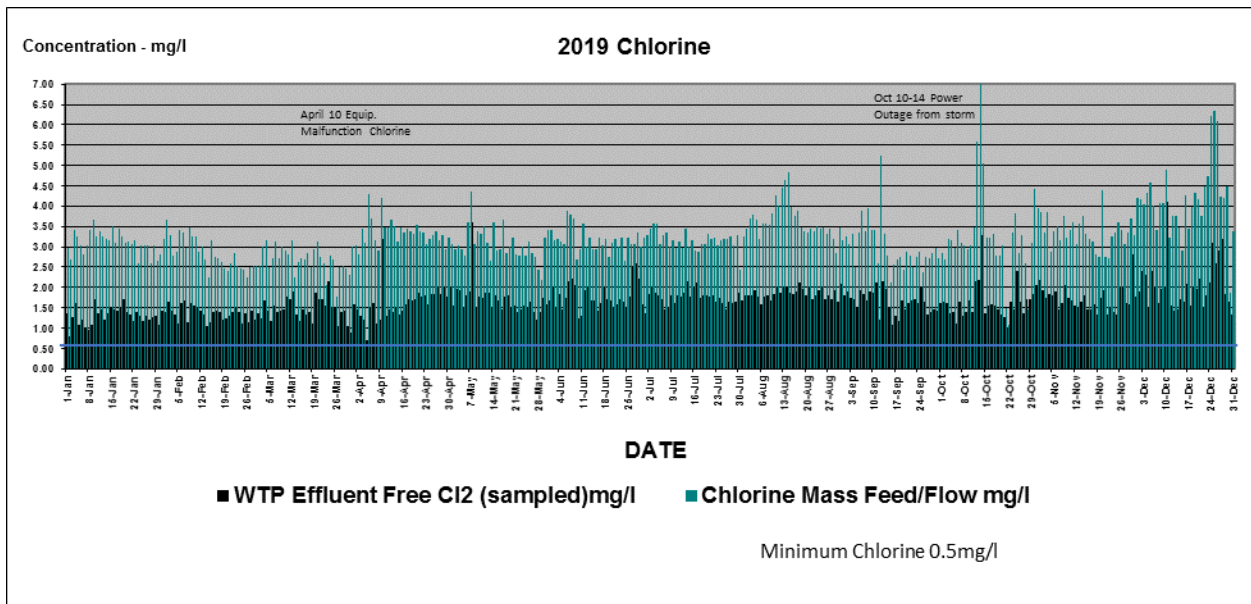
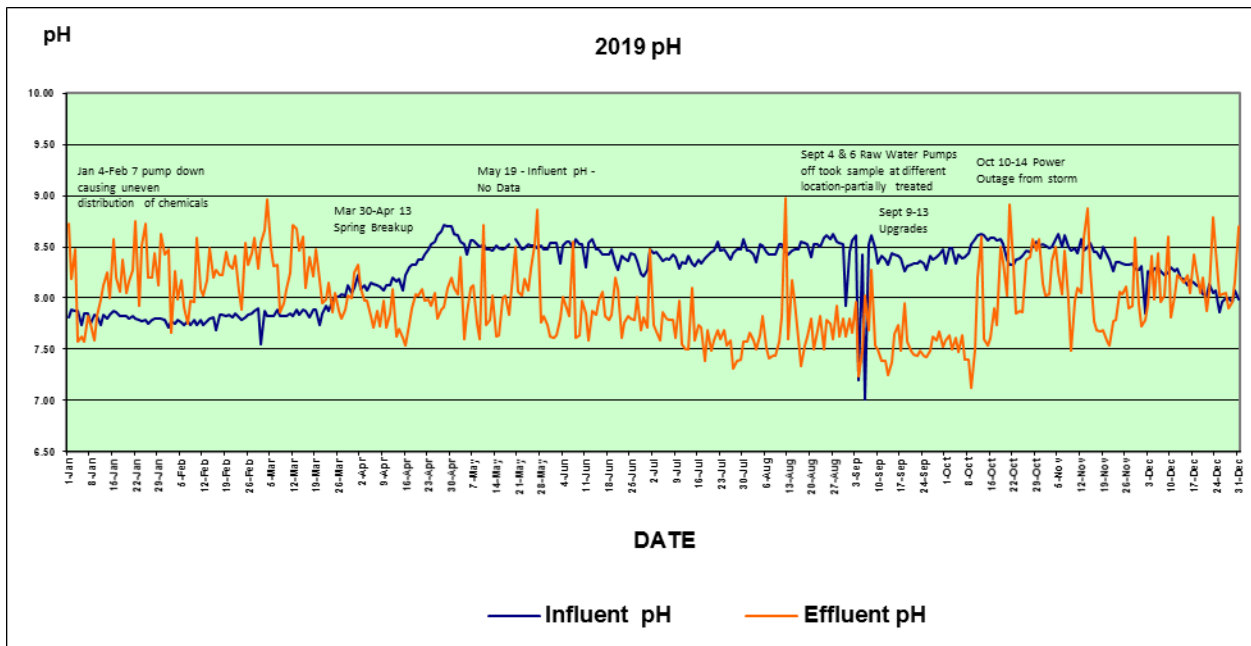
Ongoing Water Quality Studies will result in optimizing the treatment process to treat the raw water to continue to have a safe, reliable product for our consumers.

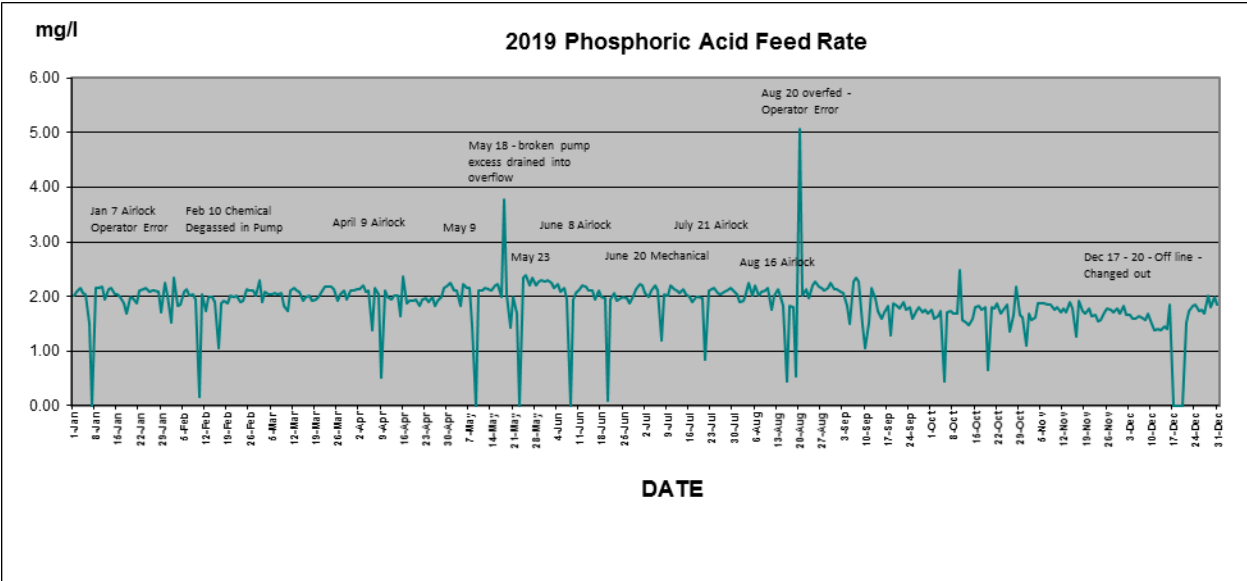
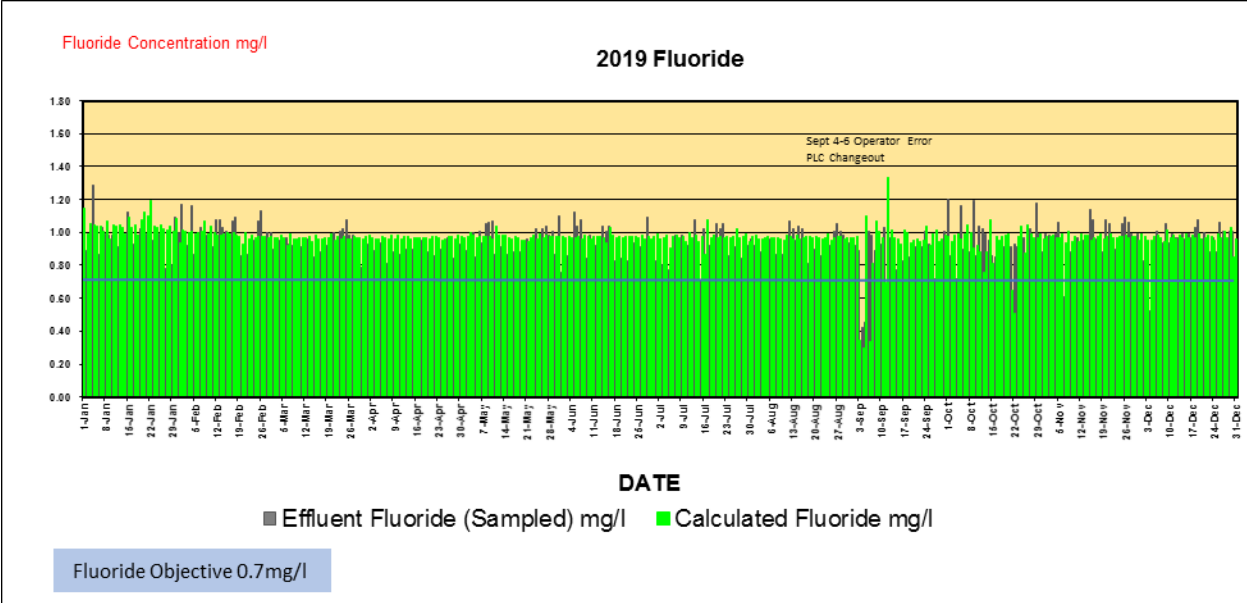
The plant was kept in operation during maintenance work and plant shutdowns were done in a manner to keep the consumers supplied with water.

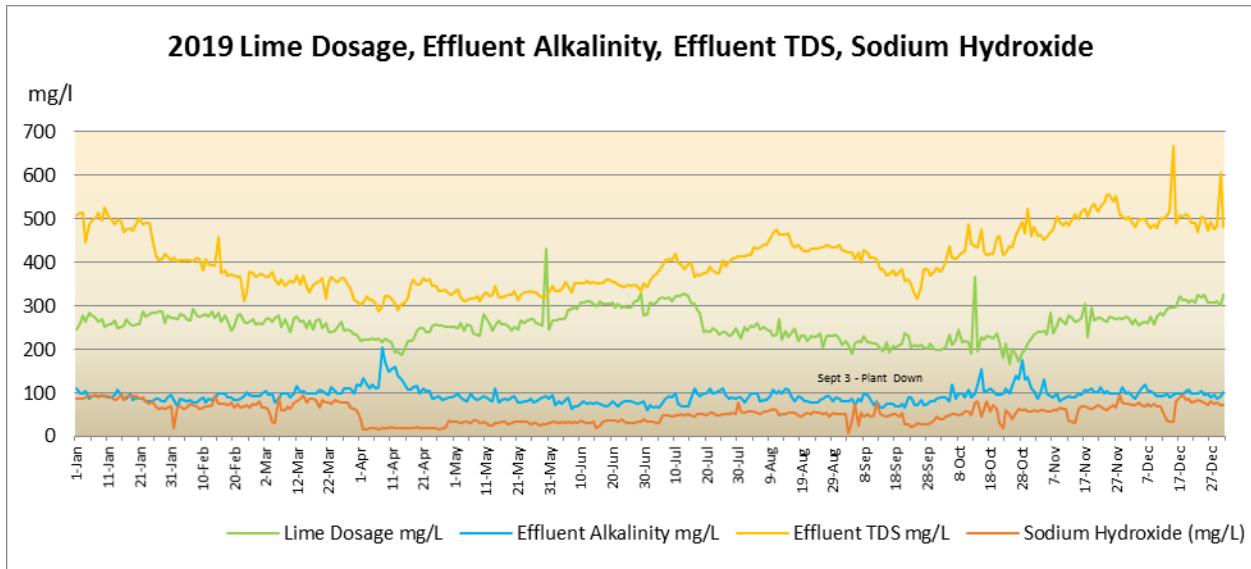
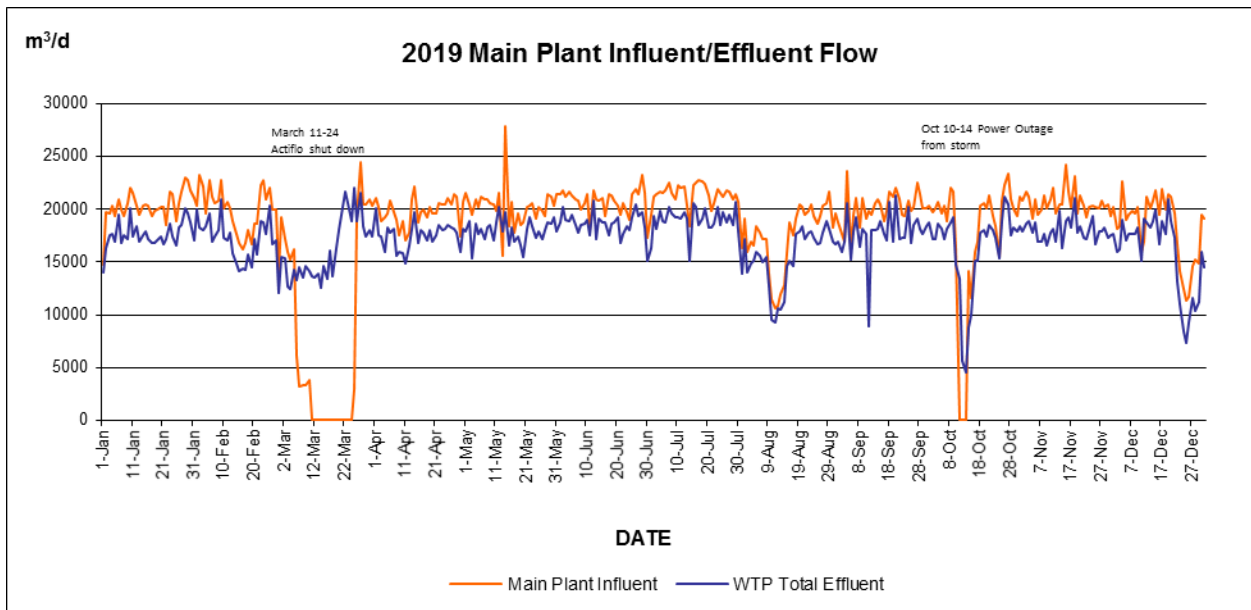
Operating staff will continue to abide by all Government operational requirements and work with the local Drinking Water Officer to ensure the best quality of water for all persons.

City of Portage la Prairie Water Treatment Plant - 2019 Annual Data Summary											
	Influent Hardness ppm	Effluent Hardness ppm	Influent Turbidity NTU	Effluent Turbidity NTU	Influent pH	Effluent pH	WTP Effluent Free Cl ₂ (sampled)mg/l	W.T.P. Effluent Fluoride (Sampled) mg/l	WTP Reservoir Influent Flow m3	Reservoir Effluent less process water m3	
TOTAL ANNUAL									6,865,960	6,295,959	
AVERAGE	394	193	71.62	0.11	8.25	7.95	1.66	0.92	18,811	17,249	
PEAK DAY	518	280	1047.00	0.23	8.71	8.97	4.10	1.29	58,760	22,097	
90th PERCENTILE	470	222	165.60	0.14	8.55	8.47	2.03	1.05			
MEDIAN	390	194	44.60	0.10	8.36	7.93	1.64	0.92			
WINTER AVG	436	209									
SUMMER AVG	352	177									

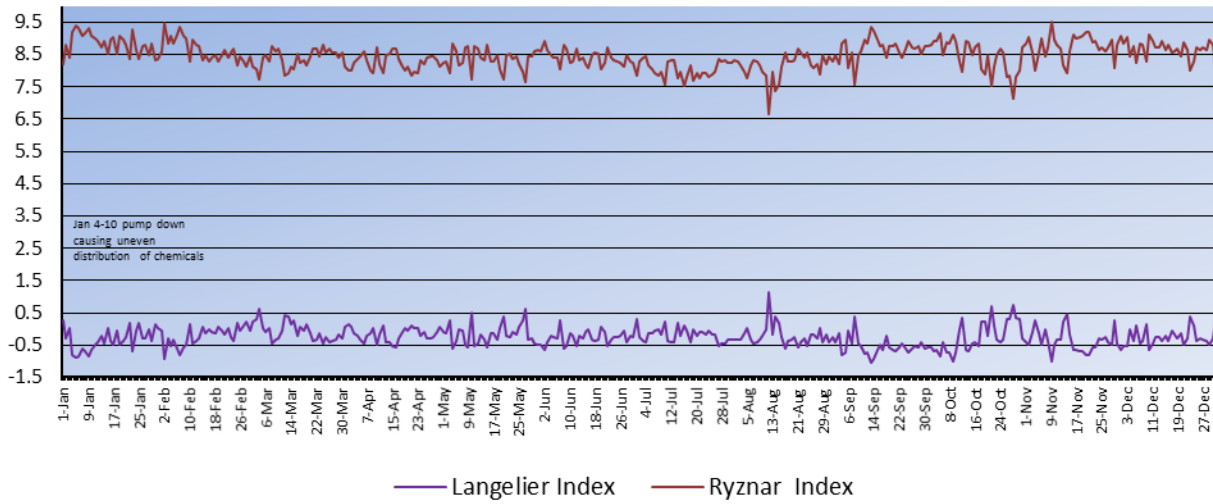








2019 Langelier Index & Ryznar Index



WTP Total Effluent 2018 and 2019

