

Audit Report

S2 Surveillance Audit for

The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

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Start Date: Nov 15, 2022 End Date: Nov 15, 2022

Type of audit - Surveillance System Audit

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Revision Level: Final

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

SAI Global conducted an audit of The United Counties of Leeds and Grenville beginning on Nov 15, 2022 and ending on Nov 15, 2022 to DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT STANDARD VERSION 2 - 2017.

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Standard:	DRINKING WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT STANDARD VERSION 2 - 2017
Scope of Certification:	Drinking Water
Drinking Water System Owner:	United Counties of Leeds & Grenville
Operating Authority:	United Counties of Leeds & Grenville
Owner:	United Counties of Leeds & Grenville
Population Services:	32
Activities:	Distribution
Drinking Water Systems	

Miller Manor Apartments DWS Licence 300-102, Issue 4

The Manor DWS Licence 300-101, Issue 4

Total audit duration:	Person(s): 1	Day(s): 0.50
Audit Team Member(s):	Team Leader	Janet McKenzie

Other Participants: n/a

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Definitions and action required with respect to audit findings

Major Non-conformance:

Based on objective evidence, the absence of, or a significant failure to implement and/or maintain conformance to requirements of the applicable standard. Such issues may raise significant doubt as to the capability of the management system to achieve its intended outputs (i.e. the absence of or failure to implement a complete Management System clause of the standard); or

A situation which would on the basis of available objective evidence, raise significant doubt as to the capability of the Management System to achieve the stated policy and objectives of the customer.

NOTE: The "applicable Standard" is the Standard which SAI Global are issuing certification against, and may be a Product Standard, a management system Standard, a food safety Standard or another set of documented criteria.

Action required: This category of findings requires SAI Global to issue a formal NCR; to receive and approve client's proposed correction and corrective action plans; and formally verify the effective implementation of planned activities. Correction and corrective action plan should be submitted to SAI Global prior to commencement of follow-up activities as required. Follow-up action by SAI Global must 'close out' the NCR or reduce it to a lesser category **within 90 days for initial certification and within 60 days for surveillance or re-certification audits, from the last day of the audit.**

If significant risk issues (e.g. safety, environmental, food safety, product legality/quality, etc.) are detected during an audit these shall be reported immediately to the Client and more immediate or instant correction shall be requested. If this is not agreed and cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of SAI Global, immediate suspension shall be recommended.

In the case of initial certification, failure to close out NCR within the time limits means that the Certification Audit may be repeated.

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In the case of an already certified client, failure to close out NCR within the time limits means that suspension proceedings may be instituted by SAI Global.

Follow-up activities incur additional charges.

Minor Non-conformance:

Represents either a management system weakness or minor issue that could lead to a major nonconformance if not addressed. Each minor NC should be considered for potential improvement and to further investigate any system weaknesses for possible inclusion in the corrective action program

Action required: This category of findings requires SAI Global to issue a formal NCR; to receive and approve client's proposed correction and corrective action plans; and formally verify the effective implementation of planned activities at the next scheduled audit.

Opportunity for Improvement:

A documented statement, which may identify areas for improvement however shall not make specific recommendation(s).

Action required: Client may develop and implement solutions in order to add value to operations and management systems. SAI Global is not required to follow-up on this category of audit finding.

Audit Type and Purpose

Surveillance Audit:

A systems desktop audit in accordance with the systems audit procedure as it applies to Full Scope accreditation. The audit also included consideration of the results of the most recent audit undertaken in accordance with this Accreditation Protocol and any of the following that have occurred subsequent to that audit including but limited to;

- (a) the results of any audits undertaken in accordance with element 19 of the DWQMS V2;
- (b) historical responses taken to address corrective action requests made by an Accreditation Body;
- (c) the results of any management reviews undertaken in accordance with element 20 of the DWQMS V2; and,
- (d) any changes to the documentation and implementation of the QMS.

Audit Objectives

The objective of the audit was to determine whether the drinking water Quality Management System (QMS) of the subject system conforms to the requirements of the Ontario Ministry of the Environment & Climate Change (MOECC) Drinking Water Quality Management Standard (DWQMS V2).

The audit was also intended to gather the information necessary for SAI Global to assess whether accreditation can continue or be offered or to the operating authority.

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Audit Scope

The facilities and processes associated with the operating authority's QMS were objectively evaluated to obtain audit evidence and to determine a) whether the quality management activities and related results conform with DWQMS V2 requirements, and b) if they have been effectively implemented and/or maintained.

Audit Criteria:

- The Drinking Water Quality Management Standard Version 2
- Current QMS manuals, procedures and records implemented by the Operating Authority
- SAI Global Accreditation Program Handbook

Confidentiality and Documentation Requirements

The SAI Global stores their records and reports to ensure their preservation and confidentiality. Unless required by law, the SAI Global will not disclose audit records to a third party without prior written consent of the applicant. The only exception will be that the SAI Global will provide audit and corrective action reports to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. For more information, please refer to the SAI Global Accreditation Program Handbook.

As part of the SAI Global Terms, it is necessary for you to notify SAI Global of any changes to your Quality Management System that you believe are significant enough to risk non-conformity with DWQMS V2: For more information, please refer to the SAI Global Accreditation Program Handbook.

Review of any changes

Changes to the Operating Authority since last audit include: see Company Information Sheet

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

Based on the results of this surveillance system audit the management system remains effectively implemented and meets the requirements of the standard relative to the scope of certification; therefore, a recommendation for continued certification will be submitted.

Recommendation

Based on the results of this audit it has been determined that the management system is effectively implemented and maintained and meets the requirements of the standard relative to the scope of certification identified in this report; therefore, a recommendation for (continued) certification will be submitted to SAI Global review team.

Opportunities for Improvement:

The following opportunities for improvement have been identified.

- Ensure all references to the timing of full risk re-assessments relate to 36 months.
- Potential hazardous events considered in the most recent risk assessment tables do not include cybersecurity as noted in the Ministry's April 2022 publication.
- The portion of the internal audit conducted by an Operator does not include specific audit evidence (documents or records reviewed, equipment part numbers/names, etc.)

It is suggested that the opportunities for improvement be considered by management to further enhance the Operating Authority's Quality Management System and performance.

Management System Documentation

The management systems operational plan(s) was reviewed and found to be in conformance with the requirements of the standard.

Management Review

Records of the most recent management review meetings were verified and found to meet the requirements of the standard. All inputs were reflected in the records, and appear suitably managed as reflected by resulting actions and decisions.

Internal Audits

Internal audits are being conducted at planned intervals to ensure conformance to planned arrangements, the requirements of the standard and the established management system.

Corrective, Preventive Action & Continual Improvement Processes

The Operating Authority is implementing an effective process for the continual improvement of the management system through the use of the quality policy, quality objectives, audit results, data analysis, the appropriate management of corrective and preventive actions and management review.

Summary of Findings

1. Quality Management System	Conforms
2. Quality Management System Policy	NANC
3. Commitment and Endorsement	Conforms
4. Quality Management System Representative	Conforms
5. Document and Records Control	NANC
6. Drinking-Water System	NANC
7. Risk Assessment	2 OFI
8. Risk Assessment Outcomes	Conforms
9. Organizational Structure, Roles, Responsibilities and Authorities	NANC
10. Competencies	NANC
11. Personnel Coverage	NANC
12. Communications	NANC
13. Essential Supplies and Services	NANC
14. Review and Provision of Infrastructure	NANC
15. Infrastructure Maintenance, Rehabilitation & Renewal	NANC
16. Sampling, Testing and Monitoring	NANC
17. Measurement & Recording Equipment Calibration and Maintenance	NANC
18. Emergency Management	NANC
19. Internal Audits	OFI
20. Management Review	Conforms
21. Continual Improvement	Conforms
Major NCR #	Major non-conformity. The auditor has determined one of the following: (a) a required element of the DWQMS has not been incorporated into a QMS; (b) a systemic problem with a QMS is evidenced by two or more minor non-conformities; or (c) a minor non-conformity identified with a corrective action request has not been remedied.
Minor NCR #	Minor non-conformity. In the opinion of the auditor, part of a required element of the DWQMS has not been incorporated satisfactorily into a QMS.
OFI	Opportunity for improvement. Conforms to requirement, but there is an opportunity for improvement.
Conforms	Conforms to requirement.
NANC	Not applicable/Not Covered during this audit.
****	Additional comment added by auditor in the body of the report.

PART D. Audit Observations, Findings and Comments

DWQMS Reference:	1 Quality Management System
Client Reference:	DWQMS Miller Manor Apartments DWS, Operational Plan 300-402, rev 12, Aug 20/21 DWQMS The Maples DWS, Operational Plan 300-401, rev 12, Aug 20/21
Details: Conforms.	

DWQMS Reference:	3 Commitment and Endorsement
Client Reference:	Operational Plan – Element 3 Commitment and Endorsement Appendix A – Joint Services minutes: UCLG Resolution No. CC-139-2020, Dec 17/20
Details: Conforms. Note that council endorsement may need to be updated due to outcome of October 2022 municipal elections. To be verified during next audit.	

DWQMS Reference:	4 Quality Management System Representative
Client Reference:	Operational Plan, Element 4 – QMS Representative
Details: Conforms. The QMS Representative is the Maintenance Supervisor, Housing Dept.	

DWQMS Reference	7 Risk Assessment
Client Reference:	Risk Assessment, DWQMS 2, ver11, August 2021
Details: 2 Opportunities for Improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure all references to the timing of full risk re-assessments relate to 36 months. • Potential hazardous events considered in the most recent risk assessment tables do not include cybersecurity as noted in the Ministry’s April 2022 publication. 	

DWQMS Reference:	8 Risk Assessment Outcomes
Client Reference:	Operational Plan Element 8 – Risk Assessment Outcomes Appendix C1 (Miller) and C2 (Maples) RA outcomes table for each DWS, Jan 25, 2022
Details: Conforms. CCPs include failure of primary disinfection equipment and distribution power outage.	

DWQMS Reference:	19 Internal Audits
Client Reference:	Internal Audits and Corrective Action Procedure- DWQMS 11, ver 10, Aug2021 Internal Audit report, Housing Dept, August 2022 (combined report for July 1/21 – July 31/22)
Details: Opportunity for Improvement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The portion of the internal audit conducted by an Operator does not include specific audit 	

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evidence (documents or records reviewed, equipment part numbers/names, etc.)

DWQMS Reference:	20 Management Review
Client Reference:	DWQMS 12 Management Review Procedure, ver 10, August 2021 DWQMS Annual Meeting Minutes, January 25/22
Details: Conforms.	

DWQMS Reference:	21 Continual Improvement
Client Reference:	Internal Audits and Corrective Action Procedure- DWQMS 11, ver 10, Aug2021
Details: Conforms.	

Details regarding the personnel interviewed and objective evidence reviewed are maintained on file at SAI Global.

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