

2019 Annual Water and Wastewater Quality Management Systems Update

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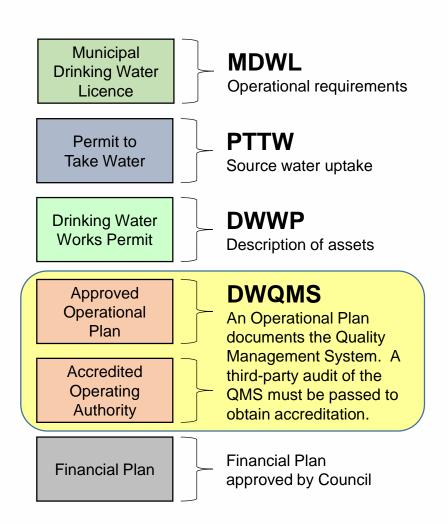


Water Quality Management System (Water QMS)

Water QMS Activities

 Approved Operational Plan and accreditation are required under the Safe Drinking Water Act

Milestones required to maintain accreditation status



Water QMS Internal Audit

- Completed March 2019
- Findings:
 - 12 non-conformances
 - 7 opportunities for continual improvement
 - 22 best practices for evaluation
- Corrective action plans identified by management and staff; implementation ongoing





Water QMS External Audit

- Off-site audit completed May 2018
- No findings identified
- **Upgraded accreditation:** *Drinking Water Quality Management Standard,* version 2.0



Water Systems Risk Assessment

- Risk assessment reviews completed for all water systems
- New high-scoring risk identified: mitigation plan in progress
- Critical control points remain unchanged
- Review in 2020, re-assess in 2021



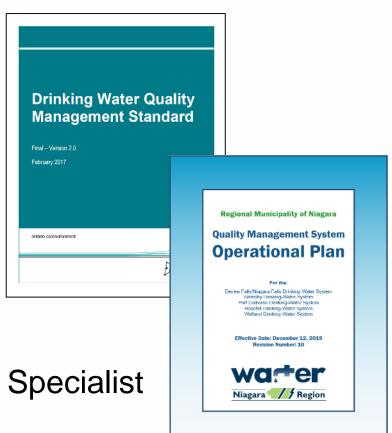
Water QMS Management Review

- Part 1 completed in May
- Part 2 anticipated in December
- 9 action items issued since previous update
- Action item resolutions in progress



Changes Impacting Water QMS/ Operational Plan

- Changes impacting QMS:
 - Accreditation upgraded (version 2.0)
- Changes impacting Operational Plan:
 - New position:
 Associate Director, Asset Management
 (member of QMS Top Management)
 - New position: second W-WW Quality Management System Specialist (new Backup QMS Representative)
- Requesting Council re-endorsement of Operational Plan





Wastewater Quality Management System (Wastewater QMS)

Wastewater QMS Internal Audit

- Completed October 2019
- Findings:
 - 23 non-conformances
 - 29 opportunities for continual improvement
- Corrective action plans identified by management and staff; implementation ongoing



Wastewater Systems Risk Assessment

- Re-assessment of wastewater systems completed in 2018
- 102 high-risk items identified:
 - Significant number of wastewater assets
 - Significant infrastructure needs
- 70 high-scoring risks to be mitigated through capital improvements
- Next full re-assessment in 2021



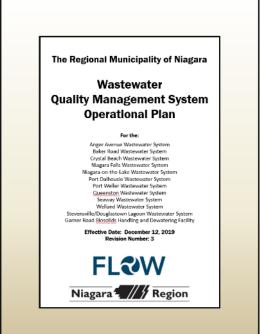
Wastewater QMS Management Review

- Part 1 completed in March
- Four action items identified:
 - Wastewater compliance
 - Staff suggestions/ customer complaints
 - Emergency management
 - Continual improvement
- Action item resolutions in progress



Changes Impacting Wastewater QMS/ Operational Plan

- Changes impacting QMS:
 - New standard in development voluntary adoption
- Changes impacting Operational Plan:
 - New position:
 Associate Director, Asset Management
 (member of QMS Top Management)
 - New position: second W-WW Quality Management System Specialist (new Wastewater QMS Representative)
- Requesting Council re-endorsement of Operational Plan



Questions

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