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Firdown Supply Zone

Parameter (Units)	Ann. Sampling Frequency		Comment	PCV	Samples Contravening PCV		Concentration or Value (all samples)		
	Required	Taken			No.	%	Min	Mean	Max
Colony Count 72h at 22C(No/ml)	12	14		N/A	0	0.00	0	0.2	1
Colony Count 48h at 37C(No/ml)	0	13		N/A	0	0.00	0	0	0
Coliform Bacteria (Indicator)(No/100ml)	24	30		0	0	0.00	0	0	0
E-Coli (Faecal Coliforms - Confirmed)(No/100ml)	24	30		0	0	0.00	0	0	0
Clostridium Perfringens (Confirmed)(No/100ml)	6	6	R	0	0	0.00	0	0	0
Enterococci (Confirmed)(No/100ml)	8	8		0	0	0.00	0	0	0
Residual Disinfectant - Total(mg/l)	24	30		N/A	0	0.00	0.14	0.3	0.43
Residual Disinfectant - Free(mg/l)	24	30		N/A	0	0.00	0.04	0.23	0.38
Nitrate(mg/l NO3)	8	8		50	0	0.00	27.5	32.2	35.9
Ammonium (Total)(mg/l NH4)	12	12		0.5	0	0.00	<0.016	<0.016	<0.016
Bromate(ug/l BrO3)	8	9		10	0	0.00	<0.4	0.4	0.4
Chloride(mg/l Cl)	8	8		250	0	0.00	19.5	20.1	21.2
Colour(mg/l Pt/Co)	12	12		20	0	0.00	<1	<1	<1
Cyanide - Total(ug/l CN)	8	8		50	0	0.00	<2	2	2.2
Hardness, Total(mg/l Ca)	0	9		N/A	0	0.00	113.5	117.3	122.8
Alkalinity (CaCO3)(mg/l)	0	9		N/A	0	0.00	286.5	297.7	314.2
Conductivity(uS/cm @20C)	12	12		2500	0	0.00	522	530.6	545
Fluoride (Total)(mg/l F)	8	8		1.5	0	0.00	0.099	0.11	0.137
Hydrogen Ion (pH) - Indicator(pH Value)	12	12		6.5 - 9.5	0	0.00	7.2	7.33	7.52
Nitrite (Consumers Taps)(mg/l NO2)	8	8		0.5	0	0.00	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002
Nitrate/Nitrite Formula(mg/l)	8	8		1	0	0.00	0.55	0.643	0.718
Sulphate(mg/l SO4)	8	8		250	0	0.00	15.7	17.1	20.1
Odour (Quantitative)(Dil Num)	12	12		0	0	0.00	0	0	0
Taste (Quantitative)(Dil Num)	12	12		0	0	0.00	0	0	0
Turbidity(NTU)	12	12		4	0	0.00	0.08	0.13	0.35
Total Organic Carbon(mg/l C)	8	8		N/A	0	0.00	<0.5	0.7	0.9
Aluminium (Total)(ug/l Al)	12	12		200	0	0.00	<0.5	2.4	14.6
Antimony(ug/l Sb)	8	8		5	0	0.00	0.05	0.09	<0.1

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Arsenic (Total)(ug/l As)	8	8		10	0	0.00	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Boron (Total)(ug/l B)	8	8		1	0	0.00	<0.01	0.01	0.02
Cadmium (Total)(ug/l Cd)	8	8		5	0	0.00	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Chromium (Total)(ug/l Cr)	8	8		50	0	0.00	<0.1	0.1	0.1
Copper (Total)(mg/l Cu)	8	8		2	0	0.00	0.018	0.117	0.278
Iron (Total)(ug/l Fe)	12	12		200	0	0.00	<1.9	2.4	5.8
Lead (10 ug/l)(ug/l Pb)	8	8		10	0	0.00	<0.1	0.2	0.4
Manganese (Total)(ug/l Mn)	12	12		50	0	0.00	<0.1	<0.2	<0.9
Mercury(ug/l Hg)	8	8		1	0	0.00	<0.02	<0.02	<0.02
Nickel(ug/l Ni)	8	8		20	0	0.00	0.6	0.7	0.8
Selenium(ug/l Se)	8	8		10	0	0.00	0.6	0.921	1.869
Sodium (Total)(mg/l Na)	8	8		200	0	0.00	8.7	9.2	10.3
Benzo[a]Pyrene(ug/l)	8	8		0.01	0	0.00	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002
Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (4)(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	0	0	0
1,2 Dichloroethane(ug/l)	8	8		3	0	0.00	<0.04	<0.04	<0.04
Tetrachloromethane(ug/l)	8	9		3	0	0.00	<0.04	<0.04	<0.04
Tetra+Trich(ug/l)	8	9		10	0	0.00	0	0	0
Trihalomethanes(ug/l)	8	8		100	0	0.00	9.3	16.5	40.3
2,4 - D(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Atrazine(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Bentazone(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Benzene(ug/l)	8	9		1	0	0.00	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Boscalid(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Chlortoluron(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Cyproconazole(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Dicamba(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Dieldrin(ug/l)	8	8		0.03	0	0.00	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006
Diuron(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	0.005	0.007

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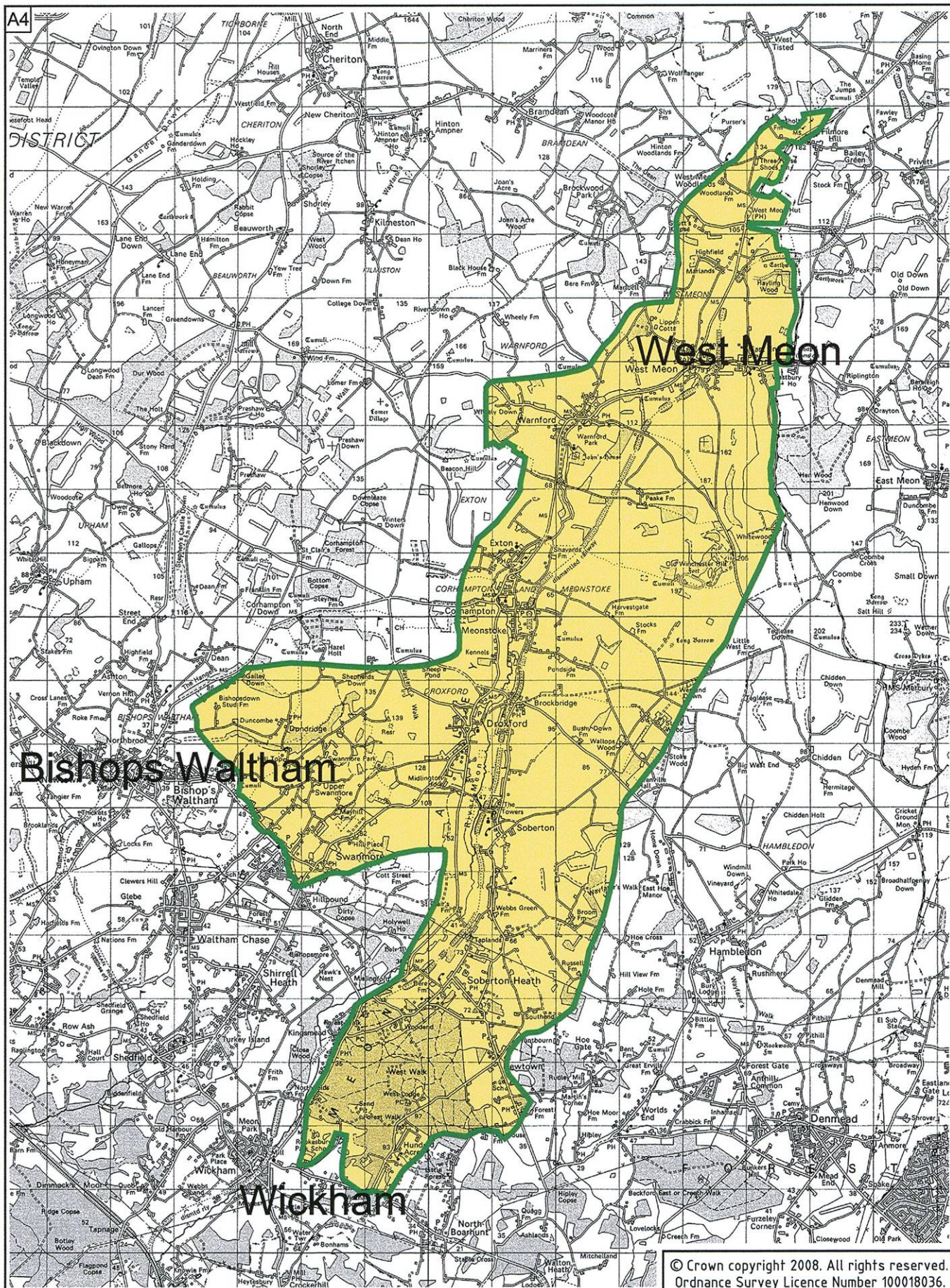
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Epoxyconazole(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Fenpropimorph(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.008	<0.008	<0.008
Fluroxypyr(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Glyphosate(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.003	<0.003	<0.003
Metazachlor(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Pendimethalin(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Quinmerac(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Trietazine(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
MCPA(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
MCPB(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Mecoprop (MCP)(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Mesosulfuron-methyl(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Metaldehyde(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.006	<0.006	<0.006
Prometryne(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005
Propazamide(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.009	<0.009	<0.009
Simazine(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.005	0.006	0.01
Triclopyr(ug/l)	8	8		0.1	0	0.00	<0.007	<0.007	<0.007
Total Pesticides(ug/l)	8	8		0.5	0	0.00	0	0.003	0.012

74 **Total No.Tests** **735** **Failures = 0 = 0.000 %** **Pass Rate = 100.00 %**

Firdown Zone Population 2018 = 5,610

PORTSMOUTH WATER LTD

General Information	ZONE – FIR DOWN	2018
Comments on Water Quality: Based on all the samples taken in 2018, this water meets the chemical and microbiological requirements of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016.		
Action taken to comply with Section 19 undertakings Phosphate is dosed in the water to reduce pick-up of lead from lead pipework.		



Determinands Analysed

METALS		
SUBSTANCE TESTED	WHAT IT MEANS	REGULATORY STANDARD
Antimony	These metals can occur naturally in source water at low levels. Some may also come from plumbing systems and industrial processes. The standards provide wide safety margins on known levels of toxicity.	5.0 µg /l
Cadmium		5.0 µg/l
Chromium		50 µg /l
Nickel		20 µg/l
Mercury		1.0 µg /l
Selenium		10 µg /l
Aluminium	Aluminium occurs naturally and is also used during treatment to remove impurities. Concerns have been expressed about a link between aluminium and Alzheimer's disease, but there is no proven connection, although research on this is ongoing.	200 µg/l
Arsenic	This occurs naturally in water at low levels.	10 µg /l
Boron	Low levels of boron can be found in some waters due to its use in detergents.	1.0 mg/l
Copper	Traces of copper can sometimes be found in water, usually as a result of old, corroding plumbing or new plastic pipes. This can cause a metallic taste.	2.0 mg/l
Lead	Lead is rarely present in water sources but many properties built before the mid-1960's have a lead supply pipe or some lead plumbing. Portsmouth Water adds phosphate to most of the water supplied to reduce the amount of lead dissolved from pipes.	10 µg /l
Iron	Iron can naturally occur in some water sources and is removed during treatment. Iron in the water supplies may also be derived from old iron mains or domestic pipe work. This is not a health hazard, but can cause the water to become discoloured.	200 µg/l
Manganese	This can naturally occur in some water sources and is removed during treatment. Disruption to water mains can stir up sediment, containing manganese.	50 µg/l
Sodium	Sodium is a naturally occurring substance that can increase as an effect of softening the water. If you use a water softener you should retain an un-softened supply for drinking.	200 mg/l

NON-METALS		
SUBSTANCE TESTED	WHAT IT MEANS	REGULATORY STANDARD
Ammonium	Ammonia occurs naturally in many water sources. It is not harmful and is normally removed by treatment.	0.5 mg/l
Bromate	Bromate can potentially form when hypochlorite or ozone are used in water treatment. We control the treatment process tightly to minimize this.	10 µg/l
Chloride	Chloride occurs naturally in water but may give a salty taste to the water and contribute to corrosion.	250 mg/l
Cyanide	Cyanide is rarely found in water. When it is detected it is normally in areas of heavy industry.	50 µg/l
Fluoride	Fluoride occurs naturally at low levels in some of Portsmouth Water's supplies. None of our supplies are artificially fluoridated.	1.5 mg/l
Nitrate	Nitrate arises from the use of fertilizer on agricultural land.	50 mg/l
Nitrite	Nitrite occurs at much lower levels than nitrate and conversion from one form to another occurs readily. The regulations also require that the Nitrate:Nitrite ratio $[\text{nitrate}]/50 + [\text{nitrite}]/3 \leq 1.0$.	0.5 mg/l at Customers tap 0.1 mg/l at Water Treatment Works
Sulphate	Sulphate occurs naturally in water and comes from mineral deposits.	250 mg/l

BACTERIA		
SUBSTANCE TESTED	WHAT IT MEANS	REGULATORY STANDARD
Faecal Coliforms (E.coli)	These bacteria are specific inhabitants of the digestive systems of warm blooded animals. They are an indication of possible contamination (with other harmful bacteria possibly being present). Any detection in treated waters is investigated as a matter of urgency.	0 per 100ml
Total Coliforms	These are bacteria that provide a general and very sensitive measure of microbiological quality. They are removed by water treatment processes, but where they are detected it is often because they can grow within taps in the home. Any detection in treated waters is investigated as a matter of urgency.	0 per 100ml
Enterococci	As with coliforms, the presence of these organisms can indicate possible contamination in the water supply so they are investigated as a matter of urgency.	0 per 100ml
Colony Count at 37°C	Small numbers of bacteria can be present in treated water. The information obtained from these tests is used to maintain the efficiency of the water treatment processes and the cleanliness of water mains. Any unusually high levels are investigated.	No abnormal change from a long term average. Number per 1ml
Colony Count at 22°C		
Clostridium Perfringens	As with coliforms, the presence of these organisms can indicate contamination in the water supply so they are investigated as a matter of urgency.	0 per 100ml

ORGANIC CHEMICALS: PESTICIDES

SUBSTANCE TESTED	WHAT IT MEANS	REGULATORY STANDARD
Aldrin	Pesticides consist of chemicals used by farmers, local authorities and gardeners. The traces of these found in untreated water are typically far less than the maximum advised to protect public health.	0.03 µg/l
Dieldrin		0.03 µg/l
Heptachlor		0.03 µg/l
Heptachlor epoxide		0.03 µg/l
Other individual Pesticides	The pesticides tested for will vary from area to area, depending on the usage of pesticides in the surrounding area of each water source.	0.1 µg/l
Total Pesticides	This is the total amount of each pesticide detected in the water sample tested.	0.5 µg/l

ORGANIC CHEMICALS: OTHERS

SUBSTANCE TESTED	WHAT IT MEANS	REGULATORY STANDARD
Benzene	Benzene is rarely found in water but is removed in treatment processes. It arises from petroleum products and industries.	1.0 µg/l
Trichloromethane ^	These compounds are known as trihalomethanes (THM's). They are formed when chlorine comes into contact with organic compounds in untreated water.	100 µg/l (^For the total amount of these four compounds)
Dichlorobromomethane ^		
Dibromochloromethane ^		
Tribromomethane ^		
Tetrachloromethane	These substances are known as solvents. They arise from industrial processes and are removed from the water during the treatment stage.	3.0 µg/l
1,2 Dichloroethane		3.0 µg/l
Trichloroethene * and Tetrachloroethene *		10 µg/l (*For the total amount of these two compounds)
Benzo-a-pyrene	These compounds are known as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH's). They are rare substances and are seldom found in water. Where they do occur, the cause is usually coal tar pitch lining from iron mains.	0.01 µg/l
Benzo-b-fluoranthene *		0.1 µg/l (*For the total amount of these four compounds)
Benzo-k-fluoranthene *		
Benzo-ghi-perylene *		
Indeno-123-cd-pyrene *		

OTHER PARAMETERS		
SUBSTANCE TESTED	WHAT IT MEANS	REGULATORY STANDARD
Colour	Chemical changes in the water source or pressure changes in the distribution main can give the water a tinge of colour.	20 mg/l Pt/Co
Conductivity	This is a measure of the level of natural mineral salts contained in the water. This is measured by passing an electrical current through the water.	2500 μ S per cm at 20°C
pH (Hydrogen Ion)	This is a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of the water. A pH of 7 is neutral.	Between 6.5 and 9.5
Taste Dilution Number	This is to check if the water has any unpleasant taste or smell. It is measured using panellists to taste and smell the water in strictly controlled conditions.	Dilution Number 0 at 25°C
Odour Dilution Number		
Temperature	Temperature is checked to monitor changes in the water system.	No legal limit
Total Chlorine	Sufficient chlorine is added to all our supplies to ensure the absence of harmful bacteria. Portsmouth Water also aims to keep the levels at customer's taps low to minimize associated taste and odour issues.	No legal limit
Free Chlorine		
Total Organic Carbon	TOC is a measure of the organic material present in the water. It varies naturally depending on the source of the water and is monitored for any unusual changes (which could be caused by oil spills or other pollutants).	No abnormal change
Turbidity	This is a measure of suspended material in the water.	4.0 NTU at Customer's tap 1.0 NTU at Water Treatment Works