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Name: Monitoring Campus Drinking Water

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Policy:

Facilities Management will regularly monitor the campus drinking water system to ensure all buildings have safe drinking water sources that meets the Nova Scotia Government requirements which are "The Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality". All student residence buildings shall have safe drinking water at all faucets. Safe drinking water locations will be available in all Academic and Athletic buildings. Any unsafe sources of drinking water will be signed as such. Water from laboratory sinks is not considered safe to drink.

Procedure:

- A committee consisting of the Senior Director, Facilities Management (Chair), Manager Maintenance and Operations, Communications Officer, Senior Director Human Resources and the HR Officer (OH&S and Wellness) will review and develop an action plan for test results which do not meet the Nova Scotia Government requirements which are "The Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality".
- 2. Testing of water systems on campus will be performed once every three years starting in the fall of 2014 by an external independent consultant. The testing protocol will be normally based on 8 hour stagnant test point with test samples for the 0 seconds flow and the 30 seconds flow. The tests will analyze for lead in water per the standard. Halifax Water tests the water system for all other identified standards.
- 3. Testing of representative locations as a minimum of one location per building will be completed by an external consultant per the following list
 - a. McNally Fountain in south, main and north sections of the building. All locations safe to drink water.
 - b. Atrium Main floor hydration station.

- c. Science Fountains on the first and fifth floors. All washrooms to have signage indicating this is not drinking water. The standard practice is to not drink water from lab sinks.
- d. Library All washrooms to have signage indicating this is not drinking water.
- e. Student Center Hydration Station in cafeteria, SMUSA Pub ice machine and water faucet in Food Service. All washrooms to have signage indicating this is not drinking water.
- f. Homburg Fountains on the main floor and second floor. All washrooms to have signage indicating this is not drinking water.
- g. 960 Tower Road –Fountain on the main floor.
- h. Loyola Academic Fountain on the first and second floor. All washrooms to have signage indicating this is not drinking water.
- i. Sobey faculty Lounge
- j. Oaks Kitchen sink. All washrooms to have signage indicating this is not drinking water.
- k. 5907 Gorsebrook– Kitchen sink. All washrooms to have signage indicating this is not drinking water
- I. 867 Robie Kitchen sink. All washrooms to have signage indicating this is not drinking water
- m. 883 Robie Kitchen sink. All washrooms to have signage indicating this is not drinking water
- n. 5960 Inglis Kitchen sink. All washrooms to have signage indicating this is not drinking water
- o. Arena –Women's Varsity dressing room sink. All dressing rooms sinks. Lobby washrooms to have signage indicating this is not drinking water
- p. Rice Kitchen and washroom at the lower, middle and upper level.
- q. Vanier Each house bottom and upper level.
- r. Loyola Kitchen and washroom at the lower, middle and upper level on family housing side. Bathroom and washroom at the lower, middle and upper level on student housing side.
- 4. The resources available are The Guidelines for Canadian Drinking Water Quality which can be found at http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/water-eau/drink-potab/guide/index-eng.php