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EHDW Circular Letter #2021-82

TO: Environmental Laboratories
FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief, EHDW 
DATE: September 30, 2021
SUBJECT: 24-Hour Notification Requirement for Test Results Showing Contaminants

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch (EHDWB) is asking Environmental Laboratories to review the following materials on the passage of the Public Act 21-121 which has been signed by the Governor on July 6, 2021.

Effective October 1st, 2021; section 88 (of Public Act 21-121) requires environmental laboratories to, not later than twenty-four hours after obtaining a test result that shows a contaminant at a level that is in violation of the federal Environmental Protection Agency national primary drinking water standards for a public water system that does not submit a water supply, report the results to the public water system. The public water system must then report the results to the DPH within twenty-four hours of receipt from the environmental laboratory.

Contaminant in this subsection refers to E. coli, nitrate, nitrite and lead. The Connecticut Department of Public Health relies on Environmental Laboratories to accurately and promptly report contaminants to protect public health.

Please feel free to contact Dawn Shaban from ELCP at 860-488-0652 or Dawn.Shaban@ct.gov with any questions or concerns.

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