

# Public Water System, Certified Water Operators and Environmental Laboratories

## COVID-19

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### DRINKING WATER SECTION

Lori Mathieu

Environmental Health & Drinking Water Branch Chief

February 4, 2021

(1:00 PM – 2:00 PM)

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- **Update from DPH/DWS on Recent Developments**
- **Update on Regulations & Reorg for Compliance Sec.**
- **Update from PURA**
- **Update from CTWC, Aquarion, RWA & MDC**
- **Update from other CWSs**
- **Questions ?**

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# DPH/DWS Updates

- **Current Status of COVID 19 ; daily report from Governor via <https://portal.ct.gov/>**
- **Quarantine for travelers from several States**
- **COVID Recovery Facilities**
- **Mass vaccination planning – Covid 19 Advisory Group**
- **<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Communications/Disease-Preparedness/COVID-19-Vaccine-Advisory-Group>**
- **Electronic Reporting CL 2020-83 & MDL determination CL 2021-05**
- **DPH Order of 12/24/20 - certified operator examinations update**
- **Remote sanitary surveys will continue in 2021**



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# CDC Webinar for Water Sector

CDC Webinar on COVID-19 Vaccination for Water Sector  
February 10, 2021 starts at 1 PM

**Update on COVID-19 Vaccination  
for Essential Workers**

**February 10, 2021 1:00 PM EST (US and Canada)**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is hosting a series of webinars on COVID-19 vaccination for essential workers. CDC's February 10<sup>th</sup> webinar for the Water Sector will provide an overview of vaccine distribution and implementation and briefly cover safety and efficacy. Participants are encouraged to submit any questions they have when they register so the presenter can address any FAQs.

**Audience:** Drinking water and wastewater treatment workforce, including engineers, sanitation workers, plumbing specialists, and other administrative and professional staff.

[Register Here](#)

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# DPH/DWS Updates

- **Lead & Copper Rule Revisions**

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/final-revisions-lead-and-copper-rule>

- **Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) Status**

- **Latest from State & EPA re: PFOA & PFAS,**

<https://www.epa.gov/ccl/regulatory-determination-4>

<https://www.epa.gov/dwucmr/fifth-unregulated-contaminant-monitoring-rule>



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# DPH/DWS Updates - Certifications

Operator Certification Program – [www.opcert@ct.gov](http://www.opcert@ct.gov)

**Bill Sullivan**

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**Phone#** 860-936-1455

- **COVID-19 Suspension of Certification Renewal**
  - ❖ Governor’s Declaration Extends State of Emergency to 4/20/21
- **Certification Examinations**
  - ❖ We are working with the Association of Boards of Certification and PSI to offer computer based exams, potentially March 2021
- **Cross Connection Control**
  - ❖ 2020 Cross Connection Survey Report - “Unable COVID-19 Test/Inspection”
- **Approved Water Operator Training**
  - ❖ Distance Education (Correspondence, Online, Live Internet Instructor Lead Courses)
  - ❖ College Courses (Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Geology, Math, Natural Sciences, Public Health)

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# Environmental Labs Certification Program

- CL 2020-83 (sampling ID, Analytical Method, CMCP)
- CL 2021-05 MDL Determination
- Remote Audits
- Inquiries, requests and applications to be submitted to:

**Dawn Shaban**

Email: [Dawn.Shaban@ct.gov](mailto:Dawn.Shaban@ct.gov)

**Shinu Zachariah**

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# Interim Reorg of the Compliance Section

- **Capacity Assessment-Eastern Reg. (Mandy)**
  - Rule Implementation Team
  - Large Systems Team
  - Small Systems Team
- **Capacity Assessment-Western Reg. (Tom)**
  - Rule Implementation Team
  - Large Systems Team
  - Small Systems Team
- **Data Management & Enforcement Unit (Gary)**
  - SDWIS & Data Management Team
  - Enforcement Team

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# Tracking per State Drought Plan

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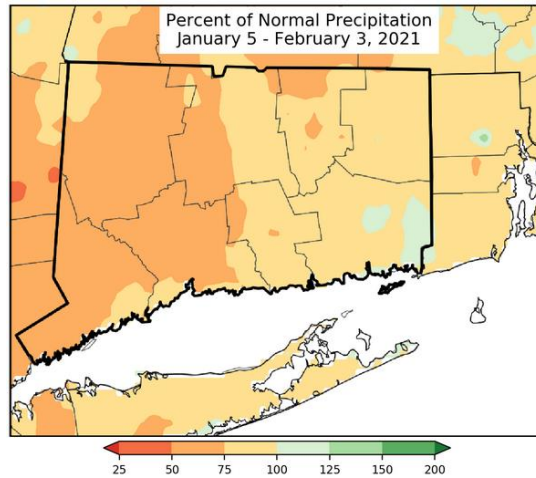
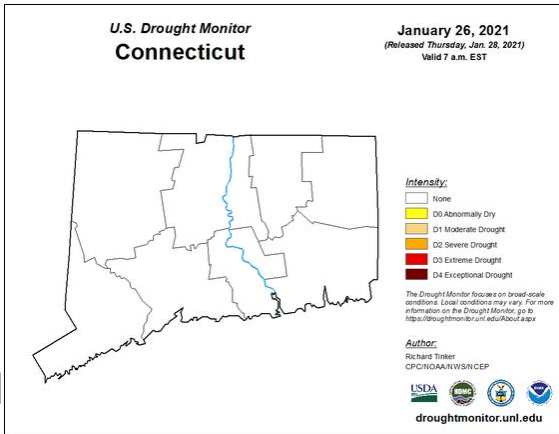
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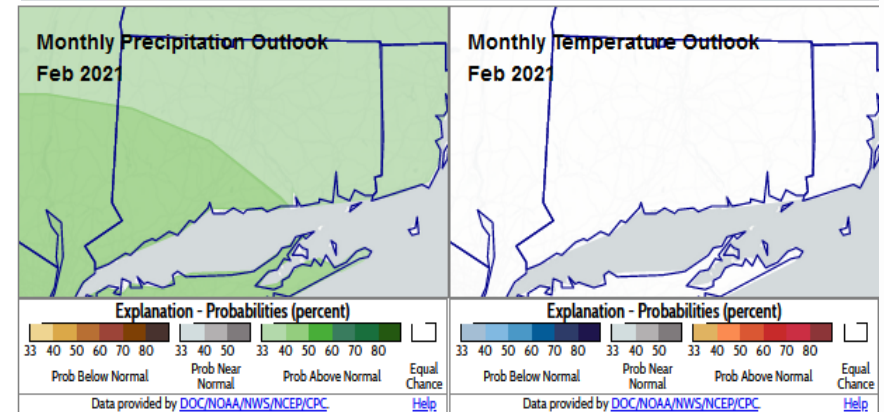
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- ❖ Statewide Percent full is 94.6%    ❖ Statewide Percent of Normal is 103%
- 29 Reservoir Systems  $\geq$ 100% of Normal
- 5 Reservoir Systems are between 90-99% of Normal
- 15 Reservoir Systems are @ 100% Full
- 1 CWS are in 1<sup>st</sup> Stage of their drought plans
  - AWC Greenwich System (improved from Stage 2)



NOAA/NIDIS recently launched the new and improved <https://www.drought.gov/>



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# DWSRF Updates

- **The DWSRF Program will be issuing its annual Call for Projects notice for new SFY 2022 funding applications (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) in early February with a deadline to submit new Eligibility Applications by March 31, 2021**
- **We are also hearing from USEPA that Congress may pass a federal infrastructure stimulus bill in the coming months that could include funding for drinking water infrastructure through State DWSRF programs. No further details are currently available.**
- **If you are interested in federal infrastructure stimulus funding you are also being asked to submit DWSRF Eligibility Applications by March 31, 2021. Expect priority will be given to construction projects that can be implemented as quickly as possible.**
- **If you have any questions please contact the DWSRF Program at [dph.ctdwsrf@ct.gov](mailto:dph.ctdwsrf@ct.gov)**

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# Reporting to DPH/DWS

- **How to Report ?**
  - **An Acute Risk Water Quality Issue**
  - **The Water Main Breaks That Effect Critical Facilities**

**Call 860-692-2333 (Emergency) and  
*Email: [dwdcompliance@ct.gov](mailto:dwdcompliance@ct.gov)***



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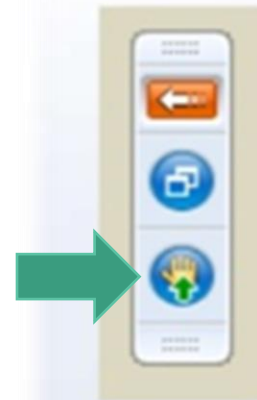
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- **PURA - John.betkoski@ct.gov**
- **CTWC**
- **Aquarion**
- **RWA**
- **MDC**
- **Others (Torrington, Bristol, etc..)**

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# COVID-19 - Suggestions

- Next webinar is on Thursday **02/18/21** at 1 pm.

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February 18, 2021

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- Email questions/notifications about water quality testing and monitoring to [dwdcompliance@ct.gov](mailto:dwdcompliance@ct.gov)
- Emergency notifications, may call 860-692-2333 and email to [dwdcompliance@ct.gov](mailto:dwdcompliance@ct.gov)

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# Thank You

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