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Environmental Health & Drinking Water Branch Chief

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(1:00 PM – 2:00 PM)

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- **Update from DPH/DWS on Recent Developments**
- **Update on Drought & Needs Survey**
- **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>**
- **Xconn & Watershed surveys – CL 2020-32**
- **DPH Order of 12/24/20 - certified operator examinations**
- **Remote sanitary surveys will continue in 2021**



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 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

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- **Certification Examinations** - We continue to work on a method for exam administration
- **COVID-19 Suspension of Certification Renewal**
- **Approved Water Operator Training**
 - ❖ Distance Education (Correspondence, Online, Live Internet Instructor Lead Courses)
 - ❖ College Courses (Biology, Chemistry, Engineering, Geology, Math, Natural Sciences, Public Health)
- **Cross Connection Control**
 - ❖ Review / processing of annual Cross Connection Survey Reports
 - ❖ “Unable COVID-19 Test/Inspection”

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Tracking per State Drought Plan

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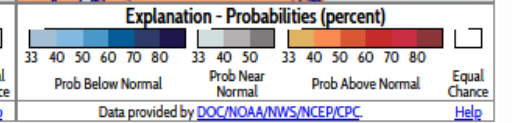
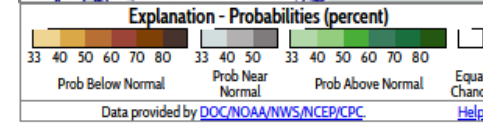
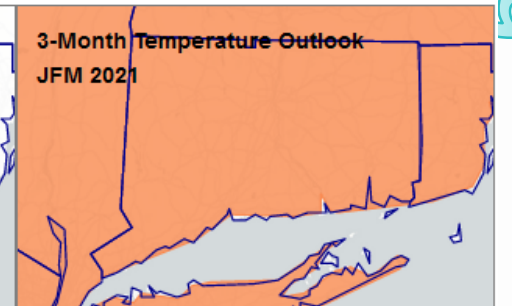
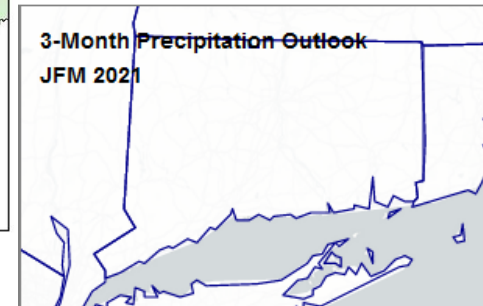
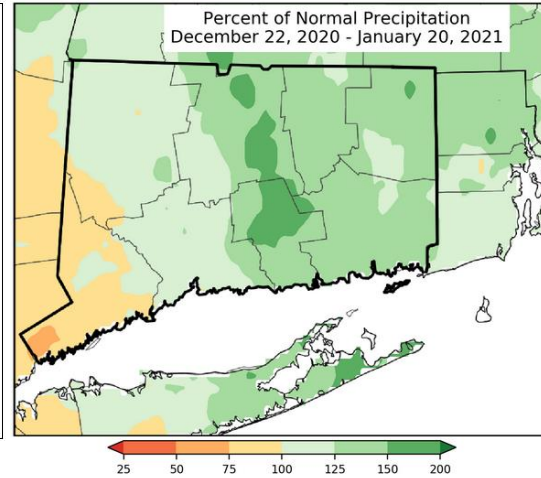
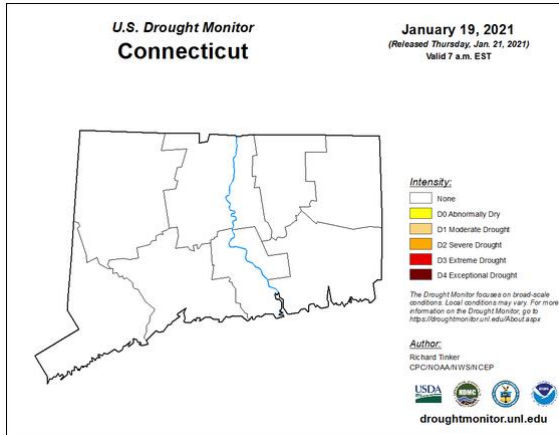
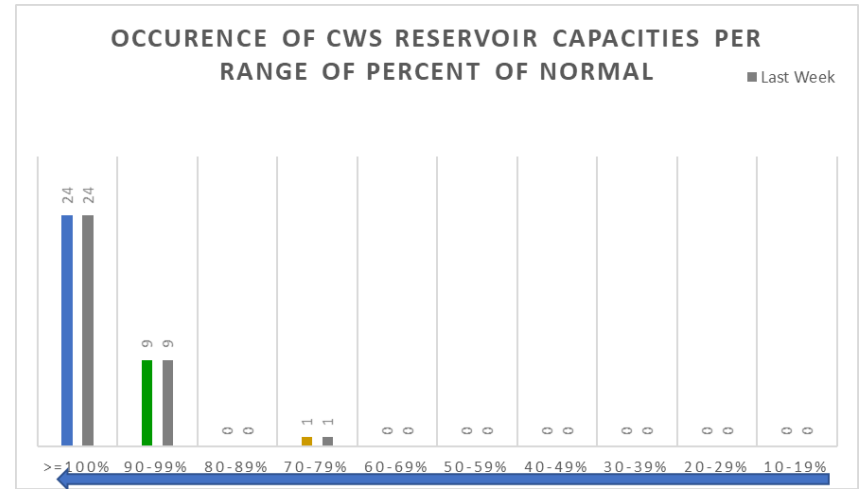
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- ❖ Statewide Percent full is 93.3% ❖ Statewide Percent of Normal is 101.8%
- 15 Reservoir Systems $\geq 100\%$ of Normal
- 10 Reservoir Systems are below normal capacities
- 1 CWS are in 2nd Level of their drought plans
 - AWC Greenwich System (improved from Stage 3)



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Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment

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- **Staff have begun preparing for the seventh Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment (DWINSA).**
- **Connecticut's drinking water infrastructure needs were determined to be \$4.018 billion during the last (sixth) DWINSA in 2015.**
- **Systems that are included in the current DWINSA will receive a letter regarding the survey and a dedicated DWS point of contact.**

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DWSRF Updates

- **The DWSRF Program is expecting to issue its annual Call for Projects notice for new SFY 2022 funding applications (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) later this month. The deadline for new applications is expected to be March 31, 2021.**
- **If you have any questions please contact the DWSRF Program at dph.ctdwsrf@ct.gov**



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Environmental Labs Certification Program

- Renewals & PTs Update
- Suspension & Revocation of Certification
- Advisory Committee
- Inquiries, requests and applications to be submitted to:

Dawn Shaban

Email: Dawn.Shaban@ct.gov

Shinu Zachariah

Email: Shinu.zachariah@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***



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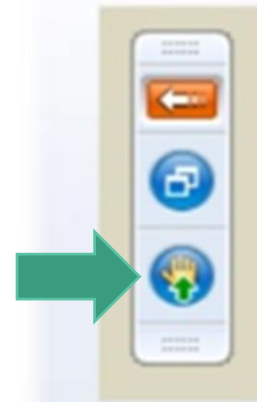
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- PURA - John.betkoski@ct.gov
- CTWC
- Aquarion
- RWA
- MDC
- Others (Torrington, Bristol, etc..)

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- Next webinar is on Thursday **02/04/21** at 1 pm.

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February 4, 2021 1 PM – 2 PM	February 18, 2021 1 PM – 2 PM

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

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Thank You

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