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Webinar # 2020-26

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(1:00 PM – 2:00 PM)

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- **Update from DPH/DWS on Recent Developments**
- **Status of WEBEOC and CtWARN**
- **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 – return survey to DPH**
 - ❖ (CL# 2020-78 and CL# 2020-82)
- **DPH Order of 12/7/20 - certified operator examinations**
- **New CL re: *Sampling locations, analytical methods & RTCR status***
- **Drought update; Remote Surveys Status: Community Water Fluoridation webinar on 12/15/20**

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DPH/DWS Updates - Certifications

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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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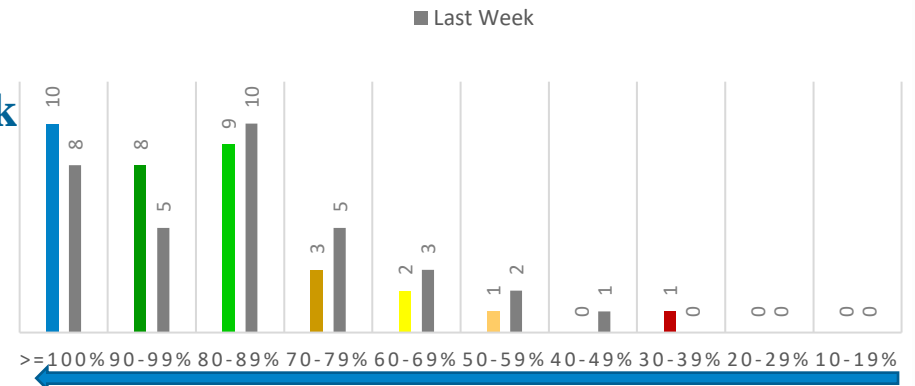




Tracking per State Drought Plan

- ❖ Statewide Percent full is 77% ❖ Statewide Percent of Normal is 89%
- Up from 64% Percent Full and 80% Normal @ last webinar
- 10 Reservoir Systems $\geq 100\%$ of Normal (4 last time)
- 24 Reservoir Systems (71%) are below normal capacities
- 2 CWS are in 3rd Level of their drought plans
 - Bristol Water Dept
 - AWC Greenwich System
- 1 CWS are in 2nd Level of their drought plans
 - New Britain Water Dept
- 32 Reservoirs trending  from the previous week

OCCURENCE OF CWS RESERVOIR CAPACITIES PER RANGE OF PERCENT OF NORMAL



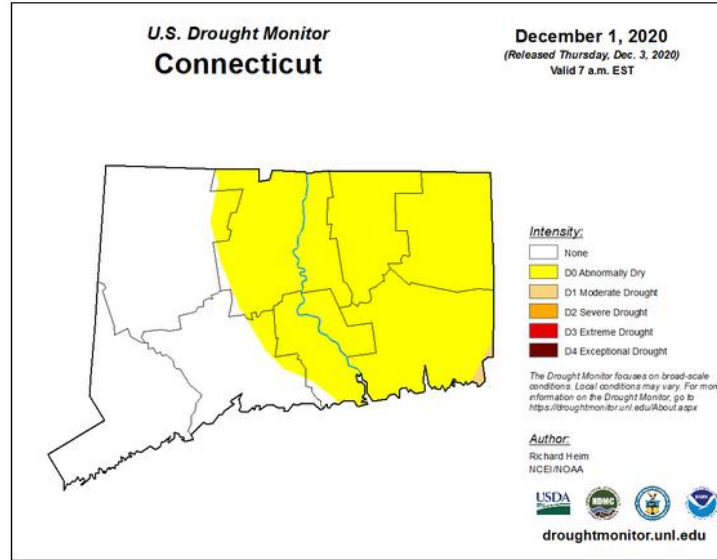
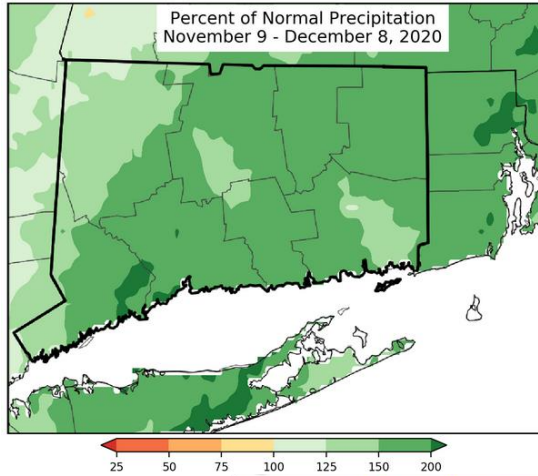
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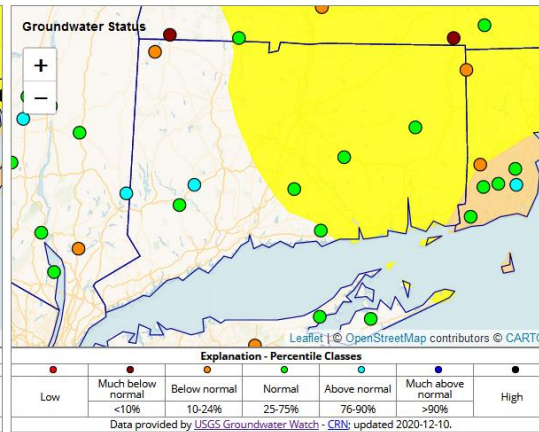
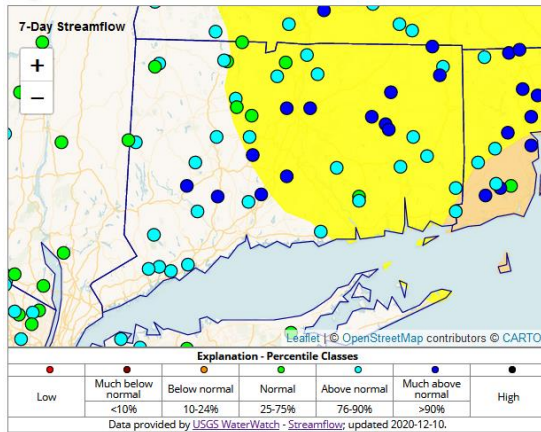
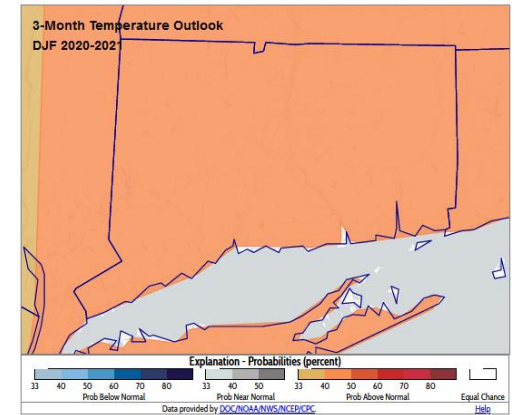
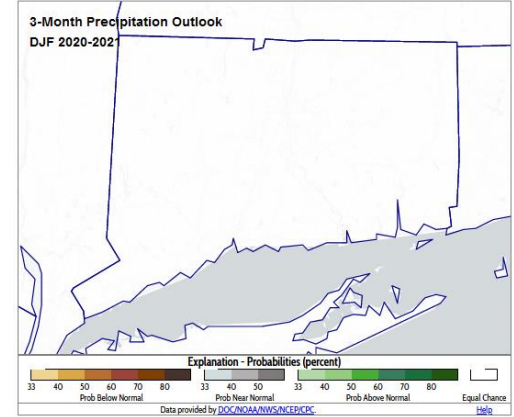


Drought Monitor Update

US Drought Monitor: Only D0 abnormally dry remains in the eastern half of the state



Dec-Feb Precipitation and Temperature Outlook



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Remote Sanitary Surveys

Please contact:

Thomas Chyra : thomas.chyra@ct.gov

Mandy Smith : mandy.smith@ct.gov

- **Survey staff continue to schedule remote surveys at PWS**
 - Wrapping up all surveys due by the end of 2020
 - Look for Staff work cell phones on their email signature blocks and reach out if/when necessary

Remote Sanitary Surveys are in progress with almost 90% done

Outlook for 2021: We will most likely continue with remote surveys during the beginning of 2021 and get back to normal as pandemic conditions allow.

Some parts of remote surveys may be implemented for good: survey meeting, documenting pre survey file review elements

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DWSRF Updates

- **DPH in January 2021 will be issuing the annual Call for Projects notice requesting new funding applications for SFY 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022).**
- **If you have any questions, please contact the DWSRF Program at 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***



WEBEOC & CtWARN

For WEBEOC related questions please contact:
Sachin Patel: Sachin.patel@ct.gov



• WEBEOC Update

- ❖ 119 entities/managers representing a total of Approximately 260 CWSs have logged in to WEBEOC (represents over 3.0 million out of 3.1 million served by CWSs or 97%)
- ❖ 11 entities with log in credentials have not reported yet in WEBEOC
- ❖ Several utilities are reporting drought related conditions

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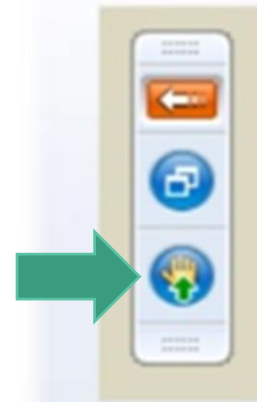
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- PURA - John.betkoski@ct.gov
- CTWC
- Aquarion
- RWA
- MDC
- Others (Torrington, Bristol, etc..)

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- Next webinar is on Thursday **01/07/21** at 1 pm.

January	
<p>January 7, 2021 1 PM – 2 PM</p>	<p>January 21, 2021 1 PM – 2 PM</p>

- 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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