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Ms. Susan Negrelli
Director of Engineering
The Metropolitan District Commission
555 Main Street
Hartford, CT 06103

SUBJECT: Source Abandonment Permit Application, "United States Army Corps of Engineers Colebrook River Lake"

Dear Ms. Negrelli,

Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) § 25-33k(c) requires the Commissioner of Public Health to analyze the proposed source abandonment permit against different standards depending on whether the safe yield is above or below 0.75 million gallons per day. Additionally, safe yield is critical to the Commissioner's ability to assess the general utility of the source, as required by CGS § 25-33k (c)(3). This information is required to deem the permit application to be complete.

In the Metropolitan District's (MDC's) application for the abandonment of the "United States Army Corps of Engineers Colebrook River Lake" dated April 21, 2023, the source safe yield was provided as "None - Impossible to establish and therefore never approved". The Commissioner cannot reasonably comply with the statutory review standards without a safe yield being provided.

The Department is requesting that the MDC contract with an independent third-party contractor that can provide an estimation of the safe yield of this source using existing available data. If a safe yield determination is "impossible to establish", the third-party should provide documentation of this finding.

Please provide this information within 45 days so the Department can begin to assess a complete application. You may contact Lori Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief, at Lori.Mathieu@ct.gov if you wish to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

Manisha Juthani, MD
Commissioner

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