

Public Water System, Certified Water Operators and Environmental Laboratories

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Webinar # 2021-6

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March 18, 2021

(1:00 PM – 2:00 PM)

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- **Update from DPH/DWS on Recent Developments**
- **Update from PURA**
- **Update from CTWC, Aquarion, RWA & MDC**
- **Update from other Municipal Water Systems**
- **Questions ?**

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DPH/DWS Updates

- **Current Status of COVID 19 ; daily report from Governor, Sector Rule changes on March 19th** via <https://portal.ct.gov/>
- **On Going Vaccination – Advisory Group Webpage** <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Communications/Disease-Preparedness/COVID-19-Vaccine-Advisory-Group>
- **AWIA Requirements**
- **Security Contacts, CTIC & Webinars**
- **LCCR Status**
- **Certifications (Operators & Laboratories) Update**
- **Drought Status**
- **DWSRF eligibility applications due 3/31/21**





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AWIA Section 2013: Key due dates

approximate #s for New England

Population served
≥100,000
Region 1 = 13 systems
(CT =4, MA=6, ME=1, NH=1, RI=1, VT=0)

RRA Certification due
March 31, 2020
ERP Certification due six
months after above date.



Population served
50,000-99,999
Region 1 = 38 systems
(CT =8, MA=25, ME=0, NH=1, RI=4, VT=0)

RRA Certification due
December 31, 2020
ERP Certification due six
months after above date.



Population served
3,301-49,999
Region 1 = 400 systems
(CT =45, MA=226, ME=34, NH=38, RI=23, VT=32, EPAR1=2)

RRA Certification due
June 30, 2021
ERP Certification due six
months after above date.



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<https://www.epa.gov/waterresilience/awia-section-2013>

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CISA Cyber: <https://www.cisa.gov/cybersecurity>

CISA Resources Hub: <https://www.cisa.gov/cyber-essentials>



CT Intelligence Center (CTIC)

- **CTIC is looking to expand its outreach and provide situational awareness to public/private entities throughout Connecticut.**
- **If interest, need to sign the CTIC Distribution Application and Non-Disclosure agreement to individuals within your organization who; in their official work capacity, have a valid need-to-know and support critical infrastructure and/or essential functions throughout the state, to include safety and security of both public and private sector entities. Please send the completed **form**  back to CTIC@ct.gov. Please contact CTIC at (860) 706-5500 with any questions.**



LCRR

- EPA postponed the effective date of the final LCRR to **6/17/2021**.
- EPA's proposal to extend the following was published in the FR on **3/12/2021**. There's a 30-day comment period.
 - the effective date to **12/16/2021**
 - the compliance date **9/16/2024**
- here is the link to OEC Licensed Facilities
<https://www.elicense.ct.gov/Lookup/GenerateRoster.aspx>

Any questions, please contact:

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DPH/DWS Updates - Certifications

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- **Certification Examinations**
 - ❖ Circular letter 2021-14 - Remote Water Operator Certification Exams
- **COVID-19 Suspension of Certification Renewal**
 - ❖ Governor’s Declaration Extends State of Emergency to **4/20/21**
- **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**
 - ❖ 2020 Cross Connection Survey Report - “Unable COVID-19 Test/Inspection”

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Environmental Labs Certification Program

- **CL 2021-14 2021 Proficiency Tests**
 - Make sure to review study results
- **CL 2021-18 2021 Orthophosphate and Phosphate Units**
 - Results associated with WQP need to be reported as PO4 instead of PO4-P Phosphorus
- **Inquiries, requests and applications to be submitted to:**

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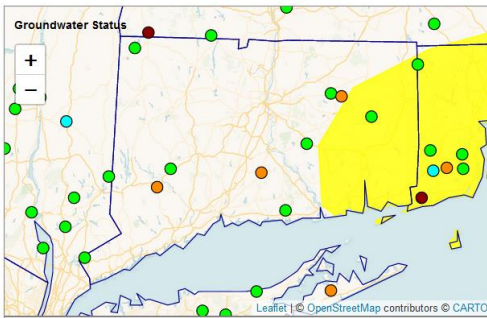
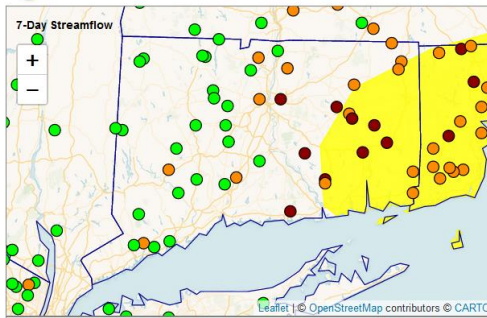
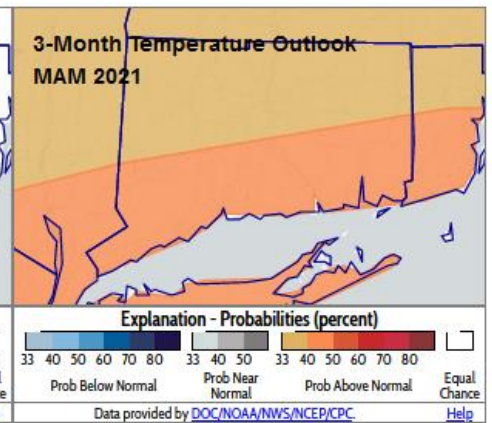
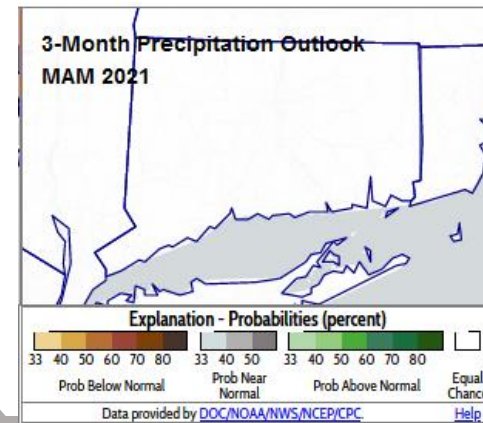
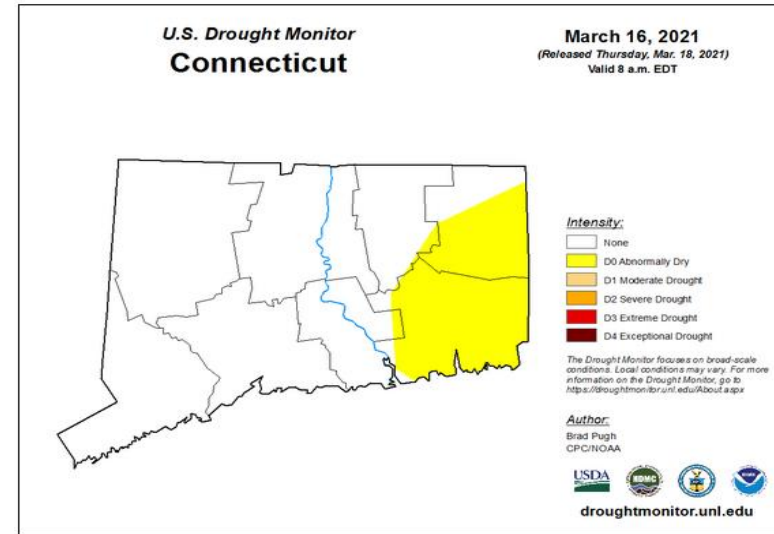
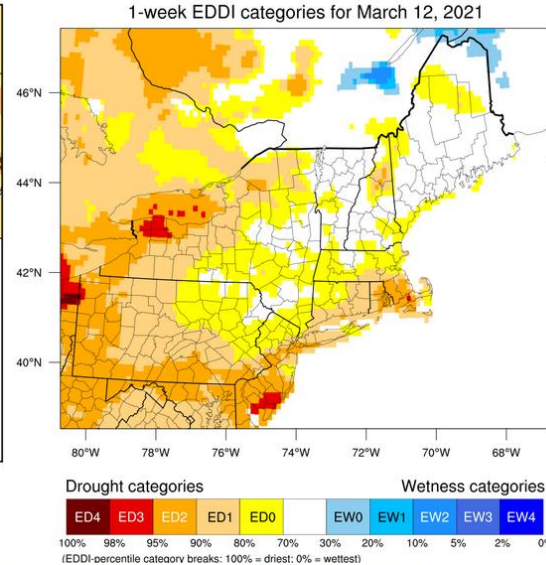
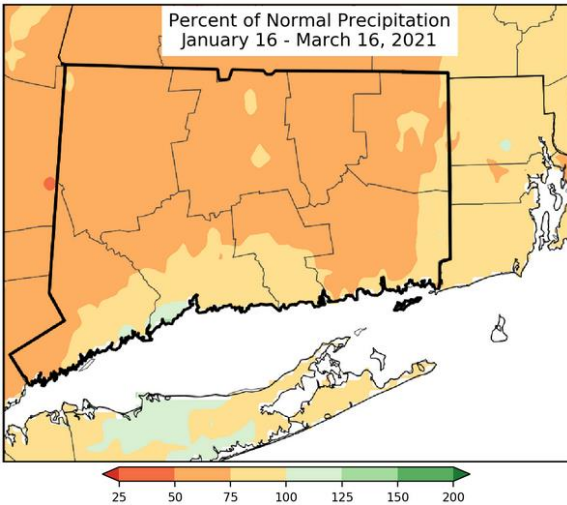
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Tracking per State Drought Plan

- ❖ Statewide Percent full is 96.3% ❖ Statewide Percent of Normal is 100.5%
- 18 Reservoir Systems \geq 100% of Normal
- 8 Reservoir Systems are below normal capacities



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DWSRF Updates

- **REMINDER:** The deadline for the annual Call for Projects notice for new SFY 2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) Eligibility Applications is March 31, 2021
- DPH is planning to seek State grant funding to support **lead service line replacement projects** and is encouraging PWS to submit applications for these projects so that we understand the need for funding support
- 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 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

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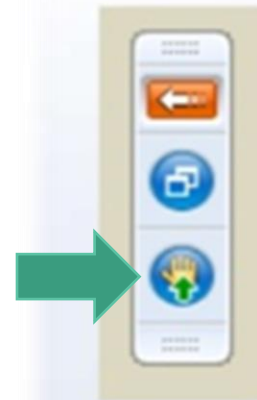
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UPDATES

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

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- Next webinar is on Thursday **04/08/21** at 1 pm.

April	
<p>April 8, 2021 1 PM – 2 PM</p>	<p>April 22, 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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