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Lori Mathieu

Environmental Health & Drinking Water Branch Chief

April 22, 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

- **COVID19 - May1st, May 19th**
- **Reminder – PWS reopening**
- **LCRR Updates**
- **Contaminants and Drinking Water Quality**
- **Certifications (Operators & Laboratories) Update**
- **Drought Status**
- **DWSRF Updates**
- **Cyber Security Updates**

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PWS Reminder – Reopening Guidance

- **DWS issued CLs 2021-26 (C PWSs) and 2021-27 (NC PWSs)**
- **Increase in Notification of Buildings Reopening with Return to Work, seasonal start ups, etc.**
- **Legionella & Microbial Disinfection Byproducts (MDBP)**
- **Reminder to proactively start discussions with customers on this topic including referencing the DPH Return to Service Guidance Document- located on COVID-19 Information for PWS**

[Return to Service Guidance Document](#)

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LCRR

- **Lead and Copper Sampling**
 - **Starting after the compliance date of the final LCRR**
 - **School and Childcare Facilities (not a PWS)**
 - **Apply to customers of PWS**
- **Webinar on Conducting Lead Service Line Inventories**
 - **April 29, 2021 from 2 - 3 pm hosted by RCAP**

Registration Link

**Any questions, please contact:
Cindy Sek || Email: cindy.sek@ct.gov**





LCRR

- **EPA Public Listening Sessions**

- **April 28, 2021** and **May 5, 2021**, from 10 am to 10 pm EST
 - **3-minute speaking time slot**
 - **Complete the registration form on the EPA website**
<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/forms/lead-and-copper-rule-revisions-lcrr-public-listening-session>
- **Written comments can be submitted by June 30, 2021 at**
<http://www.regulations.gov>: enter Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2021-0255

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LCRR

- **EPA Virtual Roundtables**
 - **Community roundtables**
 - **Starting in May 2021**
 - **Stakeholder roundtables**
 - **Starting in June 2021**
 - **Nomination letter to EPA at LCRR@epa.gov by **April 23, 2021****
 - **See details at the EPA website**
<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/lead-and-copper-rule-revisions-virtual-engagements>

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Contaminants and Drinking Water Quality

- **UCMR5-Proposed**
 - **29 PFAS chemicals plus lithium**
 - **Will expand to include systems 3,300-10,000 pending appropriation to EPA**
 - **Comment period open through May 10, 2021**
- **PFAS**
 - **DPH and DEEP continue work toward implementing the recommendations in the PFAS Action Plan**

www.regulations.gov Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2020-0530

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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
- **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 2021-25 2021 MDL Guidance**

- Always check the approved method for reference to the MDL and if it is applicable.
- If the method references 40 CFR part 136 Appendix B, the new MDL procedure must be used.
- If the method itself has an MDL procedure listed that procedure can be followed or the new MDL procedure can be used.
- Pooling of data from multiple instruments is not allowed for drinking water methods. EPA Laboratory Drinking Water Certification Manual Chapter IV, Sect. 7.2.9 (Initial Demonstration of Capability) IDC, which includes MDLs, states that IDCs must be performed on each instrument that analyzes compliance samples.

Link: <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-methods/methods-update-rule-2017>

- **Inquiries, requests and applications to be submitted to:**

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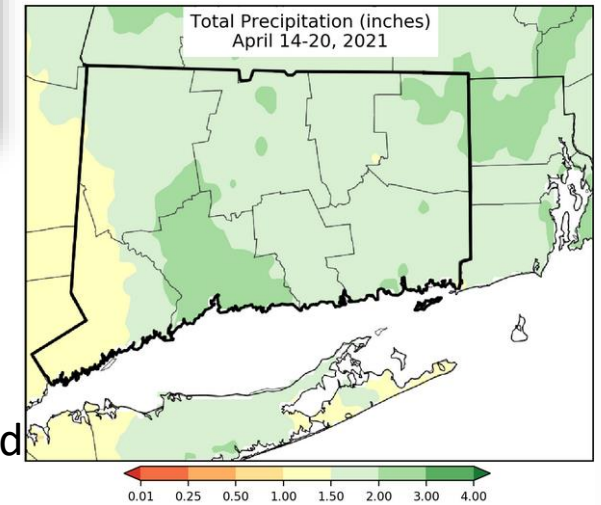
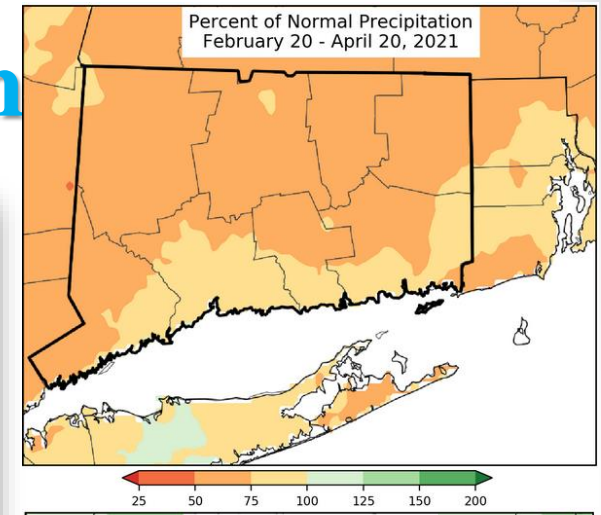
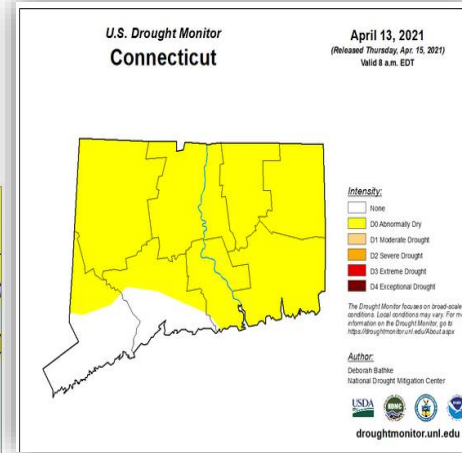
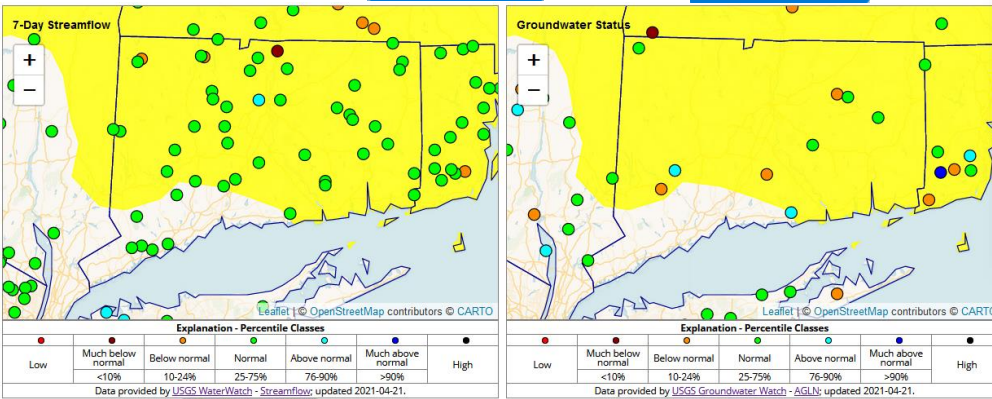
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Tracking per State Drought Plan

Statewide:

Percent Full
97.8

Perc of Normal
101



Drought.gov

- Working group is continuing to add improvements and content
- We are asking utilities for input on what content they would like to have including tools



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DWSRF Updates

- DPH received 32 applications for \$112M in DWSRF funding for SFY 2022 by the March 31, 2021 deadline
- DPH received an additional 11 applications for \$104M in DWSRF funding for **lead service line inventory and/or replacement** projects by the April 16, 2021 deadline
- The Biden Administration's American Jobs Plan is proposed to include \$45 billion in funding for lead service line replacements and \$56 billion for aging infrastructure
- If you have any questions please contact the DWSRF Program at dph.ctdwsrf@ct.gov

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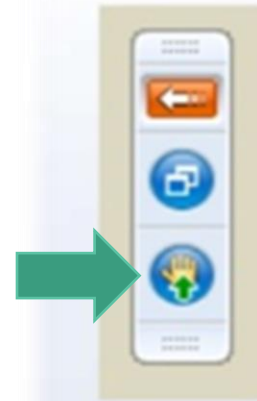
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- PURA
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- RWA
- MDC
- Others (Torrington, Bristol, etc..)

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Suggestions

- Next webinar is on Thursday **05/06/21** at 1 pm.

| May | |
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| <p>May 06, 2021 1 PM – 2 PM</p> | <p>May 20, 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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