

Public Water System, Certified Water Operators and Environmental Laboratories

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Webinar # 2021- 5

DRINKING WATER SECTION

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March 4, 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 via <https://portal.ct.gov/>**
- **Quarantine for travelers from several States**
- **Mass vaccination planning – Covid 19 Advisory Group**
- **<https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Communications/Disease-Preparedness/COVID-19-Vaccine-Advisory-Group>**
- **Watershed & Cross Connection Surveys due 3/1/21**
- **Chemical shortage concern from one chemical manufacturer in Texas**
- **DWSRF eligibility applications due 3/31/21**
- **LCRR Highlights**

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LCRR

- **LSL Inventory**
- **LSLR Plan**
- **LSLR Goal Rate Plan (for PWS >10,000 people)**
- **Updated Sampling Site Plan with new Tier Criteria**
- **Tap sampling protocol to individuals collecting samples**
- **WQP sampling sites (for system with corrosion control treatment)**
- **List of schools and childcare facilities**

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 2020-83 (sampling ID, Analytical Method, CMCP)
- CL 2021-14 2021 Proficiency Tests
 - Matrix, Analyte, Technology
 - Example WP metals by 200.8 and 6020 ICP/MS but you would need a PT for 200.7
 - Example WP 624 and 8260 Acetone
 - Drinking Water Ammonia needs a WS PT and Non-potable Water Ammonia needs a WP PT
 - PTs are required for all Microbiology methods and media
 - Do not wait to hear from ELCP before reanalyzing failed PTs
- Inquiries, requests and applications to be submitted to:

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UPDATES

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

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Link:

[FACTBOX: Texas petrochemical restarts continue slowly after freeze](#)

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- Next webinar is on Thursday **03/04/21** at 1 pm.

March

March 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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