

Public Water System, Certified Water Operators and Environmental Laboratories

COVID-19

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DRINKING WATER SECTION

Lori Mathieu

Environmental Health & Drinking Water Branch Chief

October 7, 2021

(1:00 PM – 2:00 PM)

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- **Update from DPH COVID19**
- **DWS on Recent Developments**
- **Update from CTWC, Aquarion, RWA & MDC**
- **Update from other Municipal Water Systems**
- **Questions ?**





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DPH/DWS Updates

- **COVID19 – Updates**
- **DWS Circular Letters**
- **Cyber Security Updates**
- **Contaminants and Drinking Water Quality**
- **Lead and Copper Rule Revision updates**
- **Operators Certifications updates**
- **Drought Status**
- **DWSRF updates**
- **Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment**
- **WUCC Implementation**





COVID -19 Updates



- legislative Updates

- Gov. Ned Lamont’s emergency powers extended through September**

The General Assembly voted for a 44-word resolution extending Gov. Ned Lamont’s emergency powers through Sept. 30, making Connecticut among the last in the northeast under a COVID-19 state of emergency.

- Executive Orders**

- Executive Order No. 13E** (09/03/2021)

- Establishment of temporary nurse aide program.

- Executive Order No. 13F** (09/03/2021)

- Modification of deadline for long-term care facility staff to receive vaccinations.

- Executive Order No. 13G** (09/10/2021)

- Replaces and clarifies Executive Order No. 13D on COVID-19 vaccination requirements for state employees, school employees, and childcare facility staff.

- Executive Order No. 14** (09/28/2021)

- Extends the duration of nine previously issued executive orders to February 15, 2022; Extends the duration of agency or municipal orders that were issued pursuant to any unexpired COVID-19 order; and Repeals, renews, and revises Executive Order No. 11D Sections 2 and 3 concerning the emergency procurement of essential goods and services.

- Executive Order No. 14A** (09/30/2021)

- Revised version of Executive Order No. 14.

- Updated Guidance sent on 09/27/2021 for the Operation of Interscholastic, Youth and other Amateur Sport Activities during the COVID-19 Pandemic** 

- COVID-19 vaccine eligibility:**

- All individuals who are 12 years of age or older and live, work, or attend school in Connecticut are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - For more information on vaccinations and to learn how to get the vaccine, visit ct.gov/covidvaccine





DWS Circular Letters

DWS Circular Letter #2021-67

Sent on September 12, 2021

EPA's Introduction to Cybersecurity Virtual Workshop (Free of Cost)

DWS Circular Letter #2021-74

Sent on September 21, 2021

Providing Potable Water For Service Interruptions Longer Than Twelve Hours

DWS Circular Letter #2021-78

Sent on September 21, 2021

Tier 1 Written Notification (in three most predominantly spoken languages)

DWS Circular Letter #2021-79

Sent on September 21, 2021

**WebEOC Requirement for CWS In Reporting Operational Status
(during civil preparedness or public health emergency declaration)**





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Report a Cyber Issue: <https://us-cert.cisa.gov/report> or (888) 282-0870

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

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





EPA'S INTRODUCTION TO CYBERSECURITY (VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS)



EPA is offering three different opportunities to participate in this workshop (**the same content is repeated**). Workshop participation is open to water and wastewater systems, government officials, and others involved in water sector cybersecurity. Continuing education credits have been applied for in all 50 states. Participants must attend both days in full to receive the credits. Workshop dates and registration links are listed below.

Workshop Dates, Times, and Registration Links:

- **September 15th (1:00-4:30 pm EST) & September 16th (1:00-5:00 pm EST)**
Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYlceGoqzMrG9cnIe7rS-dGWrCCY7hwa1rA>
- **October 13th (1:00-4:30 pm EST) & October 14th (1:00-5:00 pm EST)**
Registration Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZluf-isrj0iHNwVAmh_ovAPmR6aXnMul4Tp
- **November 3rd (1:00-4:30 pm EST) & November 4th (1:00-5:00 pm EST)**
Registration Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctcu2srTwpE90p1Fexz7JZmZF-vJO5jX4F>



Contaminants and Drinking Water Quality

Taste and Odor Complaints & Harmful Algal Blooms

Resources for public water systems:

- [EPA's 5-step plan to manage cyanotoxins](#)
- [ITRC Strategies for Preventing and Managing HABs](#)
- [CT Section AWWA Source Protection Committee](#)



Any questions, please contact:
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Who Should Attend

This course is designed for those responsible for overseeing winter operations in their public works departments.

Directors of Public Works, Fleet Managers, Highway Superintendents and Supervisors are encouraged to attend and are encouraged to have their municipal contractors attend as well.



Dates & Locations

October 19, 2021
New Milford, CT

October 21, 2021
Durham, CT

Session is 8:30am—3:00pm
(Registration begins at 8:00am)
Lunch will NOT be provided, please bring a bag lunch.

Please note: These are socially distant sessions. All state and university COVID-19 precautions will be followed.

Any questions, please contact:
Pat Bisacky || Email: patricia.bisacky@ct.gov





Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR)

- **Effective date:** December 16, 2021
- **Compliance date:** October 16, 2024

💧 EPA's Lead Service Line Replacement webpage

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/lead-service-line-replacement>

Funding sources:

- 💧 EPA's DWSRF
- 💧 HUD's Community Development Block Grants
- 💧 WIIN Grant
- 💧 WIFIA financing program
- 💧 and more...

💧 Protect Your Tap: A Quick Check for Lead

<https://www.epa.gov/ground-water-and-drinking-water/protect-your-tap-quick-check-lead-0>

Webinar: Strengthening Community Connections: Lead Service Lines - Tools and Practice October 12, 2021 at 3:00 to 4:00 pm EST

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/strengthening-community-connections-lead-service-lines-tools-practice-tickets-170165767391>

Any questions, please contact: [Cindy Sek](mailto:cindy.sek@ct.gov) || Email: cindy.sek@ct.gov





Operator Certification Program

**Operator Certification Program – dph.opcert@ct.gov
Bill Sullivan (860)936-1266 | Kevin Veilleux(860)937-7735 | Jofans George(860)994-6231)**

COVID-19 Suspension of Certification Renewal:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic Governor Lamont on 3/10/20 issued a [Declaration of Public Health and Civil Preparedness Emergencies](#) (Declaration).

As a result of the CT DPH Commissioner's 3/30/20 [order](#), water operator renewal requirements are suspended ("Suspended Renewal") for those certifications due to expire during the Declaration.

Operators, with a Suspended Renewal should note the following:

- CT DPH has extended out expiration dates to keep certifications active,
- While the period for renewal has have been extended your next period will be shortened by an equivalent amount,
- This means that operators will have less time to accumulate the require training contact hours in their next renewal cycle,
- It is therefore advantageous to renew sooner than later, **Operator should begin to prepare for the reinstatement of renewal requirements,**
- **Operators don't have to wait to the end of the Declaration to renew their certification,**
- **Operators may request their renewal application via email – send email request to dph.opcert@ct.gov (please provide your name and certification number),**
- Note the following link to the [Approved Training – Internet, Online and Correspondence Courses](#),
- View the status of their certification and expiration date, without password, on the [eLicense](#) website (click on "Online Services", click on "Lookup a License", enter in First Name and Last Name, click "Submit").





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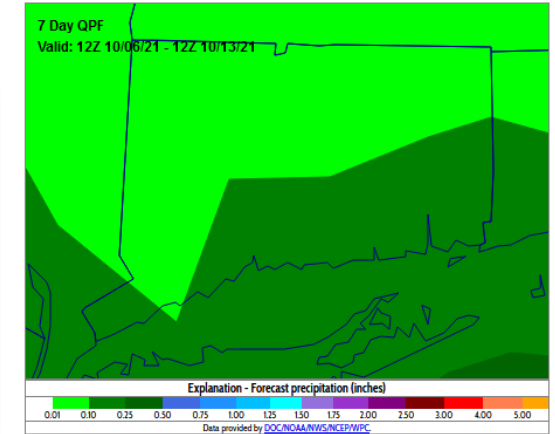
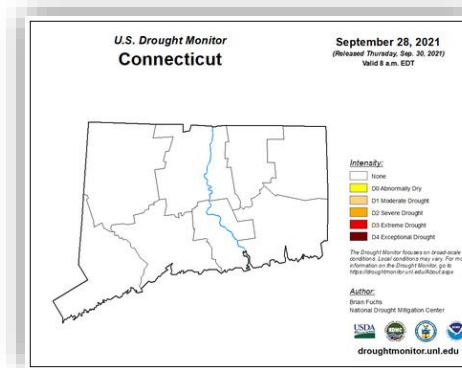
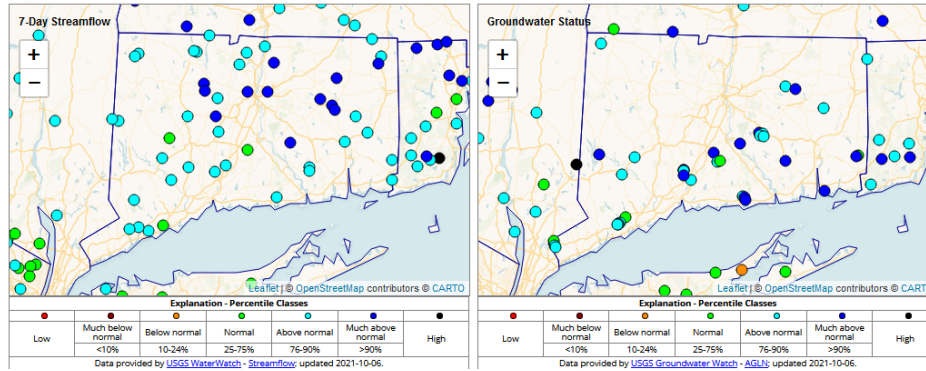
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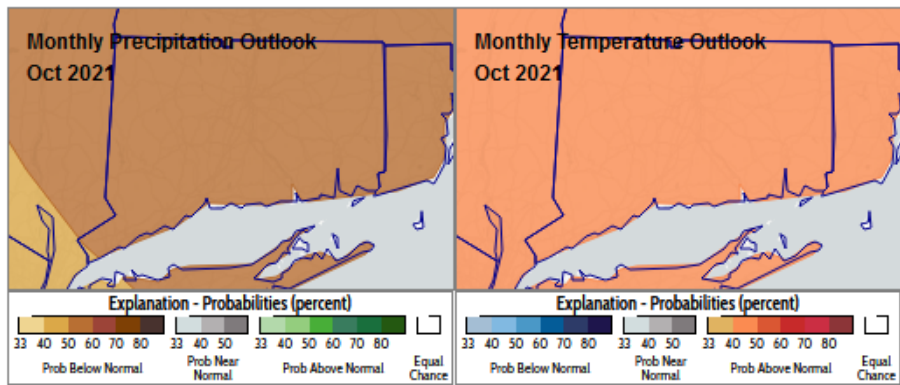
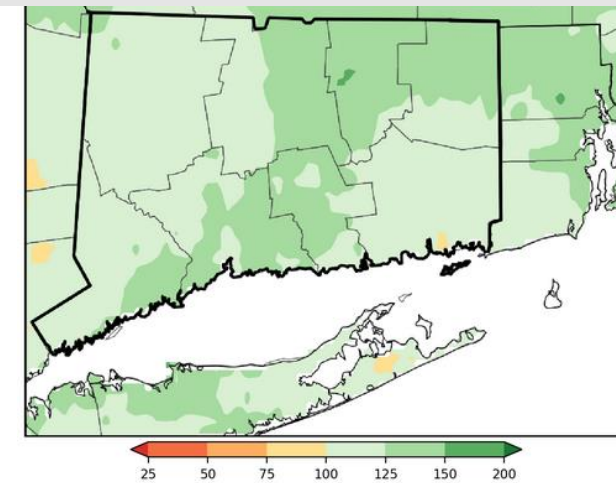
Tracking per State Drought Plan

Statewide:

<p>$\geq 100\%$ of Normal n=34</p> <p>34</p> <p>Change since last week: -</p>	<p>State Average</p> <p>96.1% ↓</p> <p>Last week: 97.1%</p>	<p>Average Percent of Normal</p> <p>119.6% ↓</p> <p>Last week: 120.3%</p>
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1-Year Percent of Normal Precipitation



Any questions, please contact: **Steven Harkey** || Email: Steven.Harkey@ct.gov





DWSRF Update

- **Public hearing on DWSRF Draft Intended Use Plan (IUP) for SFY 2022 was held on August 18 and DPH is currently preparing the Hearing Report**
- **The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) passed through the Senate and is currently with the House of Representatives for a vote to be held sometime in October. Current national DWSRF provisions include:**
 - \$11.7 billion over the next 5 years for any eligible project
 - \$15 billion for lead service line replacements
 - \$4 billion for emerging contaminants with a focus of PFAS/PFOA
 - Reauthorization annual appropriations for the DWSRF at levels between \$2.4 - \$3.25 billion annually from 2022 – 2025 (4 years)





Drinking Water Needs Survey and Assessment (DWINSA)

- **The DWINSA determines:**
 - 20-year capital need for drinking water infrastructure investment (nationally & for CT)
 - Results determine Connecticut's DWSRF funding amount
 - More documented need = more \$\$\$ in the DWSRF – which would increase funding for loans, subsidy, funding that support staff providing technical assistance to pws' & certified operators, contracts for technical assistance providers etc.
- **23 PWS' are included in the current DWINSA**
- **Coming to a close December 10, 2021**
- **Thank you for your continued support and participation!**



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Water Utility Coordinating Committee Implementation Meeting

November 17, 2021, 1:00-3:00

Location: **Virtual via Microsoft Teams**
Join on your computer or mobile app

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

or email dph.wucc@ct.gov for assistance

- Discussion Topics:

- Interconnection Roadmap/Permitting Implications
- Engaging/Educating Municipalities: Development Check List, WUCC Pathway
- Conservation / Drought
- Facilitating Water Main Extensions to Serve Developments
- Small Water System/Non-Community Standards

- All are welcome to join the discussion!



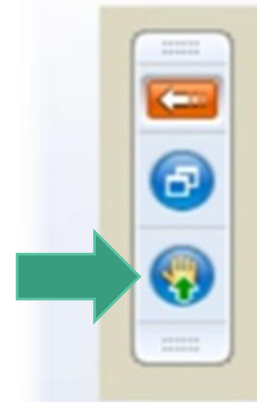


UPDATES

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

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Suggestions

- Next webinar is on Thursday November 4, 2021 at 1 pm.

November

November 4, 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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