



Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch

Monthly Drinking Water Webinar Series

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AGENDA

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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

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- **COVID19 – Updates**
- **DWS Circular Letters**
- **Cyber Security Updates**
- **Contaminants and Drinking Water Quality**
- **Lead and Copper Rule Revision updates**
- **Operators Certifications updates**
- **Environmental Labs Certification Program**
- **Drought Status**
- **DWSRF updates**
- **WUCC Implementation**



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• Executive Orders

- [Executive Order No. 14F](#) (01/19/2022)
 - Proof of vaccination booster or testing for nursing home visitors and primary and secondary essential support persons.
- [Executive Order No. 14E](#) (01/11/2022)
 - Reemployment of retired teachers to help address teacher shortage.
- [Executive Order No. 14D](#) (01/07/2022)
 - Flexibility to provide for adequate healthcare resources and facilities; Practice before licensure for certain healthcare profession applicants and graduates; Temporary permits for certain healthcare providers extended; Participation in resident physician assistant program prior to permit issuance; Temporary suspension of physician assistant supervision restrictions; Temporary suspension of in-person supervision requirement for advanced practice registered nurses; and No employer charge for sequestration expenses.
- [Executive Order No. 14C](#) (01/06/2022)
 - COVID-19 vaccination booster requirement for employees of state hospitals.
- [Executive Order No. 14B](#) (01/06/2022)
 - COVID-19 vaccination booster requirement for employees of long-term care facilities.

DWS Circular Letters

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DWS Circular Letter #2022-04

Sent on January 19, 2022

Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule

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DWS Circular Letter #2022-05

Sent on January 20, 2022

EPA Announces Decision for the Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR)

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DWS Circular Letter #2022-08

Sent on January 25, 2022

ASDWA Lead Service Line Inventory Symposium

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DWS Circular Letter #2022-11

Sent on January 28, 2022

Severe Weather Preparedness Reminder – Northeast Winter Storm



DWS Circular Letter #2022-12

Sent on February 1, 2022

WebEOC Virtual Trainings

Basic WebEOC training		WEBEOC PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM (PWS) (Interactive)	
OR	February 03, 2022 9:00 AM - 12 PM CLICK HERE TO REGISTER	➔	February 10, 2022 9:00 AM - 10 AM CLICK HERE TO REGISTER
	February 04, 2022 9:00 AM - 12 PM CLICK HERE TO REGISTER		February 10, 2022 1:00 AM – 2:00 PM CLICK HERE TO REGISTER

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DWS Circular Letter #2022-09

Sent on February 3, 2022

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**TIPS Line: 1-866-HLS-TIPS (1-866-457-8477) Web: www.ct.gov/sar
Email: ctic@ct.gov Text: TIPS711 Mobile App: CTSAFE**

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UCMR5 NEWS

- **Safe Drinking Water Accession and Review System-SDWARS**
 - All Participating systems must register regardless of confirmation status
 - EPA sent emails with registration instructions January 18-21st
 - Check your spam folder
 - No email address? Letters to be mailed in February
 - Registration must be completed before **December 31, 2022**
- **Public Webinars:**
 - **March 16 and 17, 2022**
- **For more information and register for a public meeting go to the [EPA UCMR5 Webpage](#)**

Any questions, please contact:

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Lead and Copper Rule Revision (LCRR)

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

Required for submittal by October 16, 2024

- 1) Lead Service Line (LSL) Inventory
- 2) LSL Replacement Plan
- 3) LSL Replacement Goal Rate Plan (for PWS >10,000 people)
- 4) Updated Sampling Site Plan with new Tier Criteria
- 5) Tap sampling protocol to individuals collecting samples
- 6) List of schools and childcare facilities served by the water system

Any questions, please contact:

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Lead and Copper Rule Improvements (LCRI)

- 💧 New rule to strengthen key elements of the LCRR
- 💧 Finalize by October 16, 2024
- 💧 Focus areas:
 - 💧 LSL Replacement
 - 💧 Compliance tap sampling
 - 💧 Action and trigger levels
 - 💧 Underserved communities

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ASDWA LSL Inventory Symposium 2022

- Free eight 90-minute online sessions each Wednesday in February
 - February 2, 9, 16, 23
 - Morning sessions: 11 am - 12:30 pm EST
 - Afternoon sessions: 3 pm - 4:30 pm EST
 - February 16 morning session - RWA and New London DPUC presenting
- Details and registration:** <https://form.jotform.com/ASDWA/lsl-inventory-symposium-2022>

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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:

- This renewal cycle is being extended and the next cycle 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,**

Operator Certification Program – dph.opcert@ct.gov

Bill Sullivan: (860)936-1266 | Kevin Veilleux: (860)937-7735 | Jofans George: (860)994-6231

Method Detection Limit Studies

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 should not be performed for drinking water. 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>

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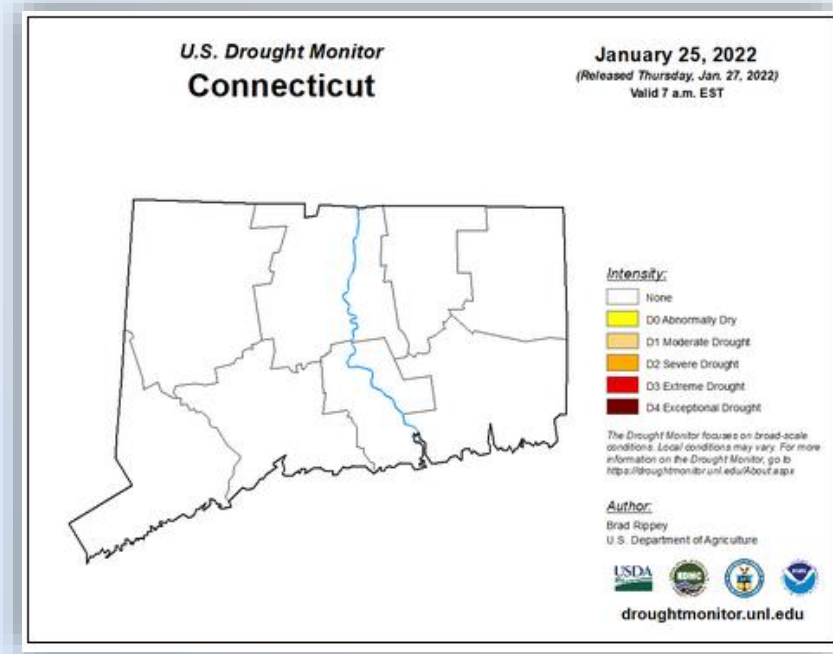
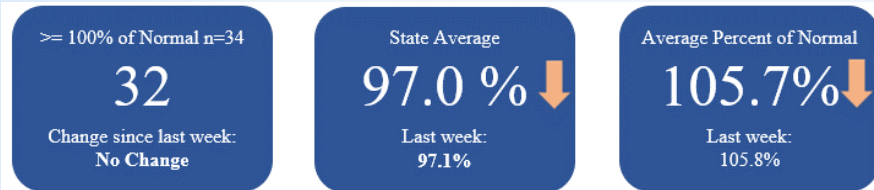
Tracking per State Drought Plan

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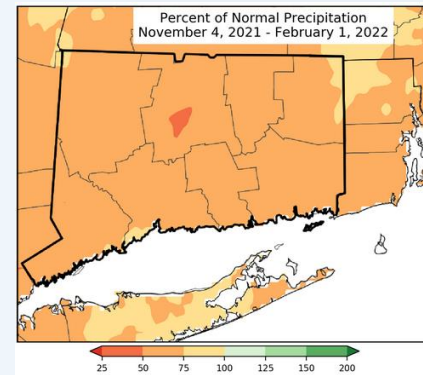
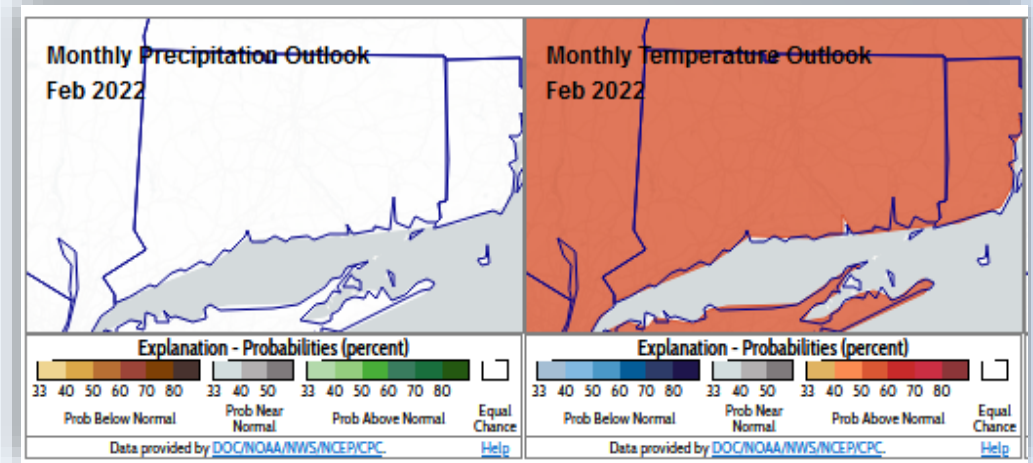
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❖ Statewide:



February Outlook for Precipitation and Temperature



- 90-Day % of Normal is between 50-75%
- The recent snow event has delayed US Drought Monitor and NEDEWS to continue to hold off D0 for southern CT.

Any questions, please contact:
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DWSRF Update

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- **Applications for DWSRF and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding during SFY 2023 are expected to be announced in early February during our annual DWSRF "Call for Projects".**
- **The Call for Projects notice will be sent electronically to the administrative contacts of all Community and Non-Profit Non-Community PWS, Municipal Chief Elected Officials, Local Directors of Health and State Legislators**
- **DWSRF and BIL application deadline is expected to be March 31, 2022**
- **EPA has not issued detailed implementation guidance to States on the BIL but initial preliminary guidance is expected by the end of February**
- **DPH may need to update DWSRF Priority Ranking System and Eligibility Applications after EPA issues BIL guidance. If necessary, an announcement will be made.**

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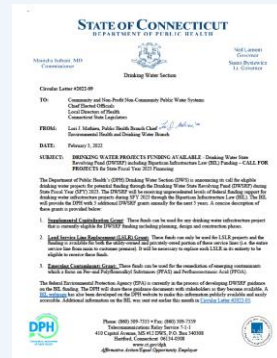
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Water Utility Coordinating Committee Implementation Meeting

February 16, 2022, 1:00-3:00

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

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

AGENDA

- High Quality Source List – request for review and updates
- Interconnections - Streamlining Sale of Excess Water Permitting and Diversion Permitting for Emergency interconnections
- CPCN Process - Story Map, Local Review Timeline
- Next Implementation Tasks Discussion
- Other Business/Discussion/Open Forum/Public Comments

All are welcome to join the discussion!

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This webinar series, sponsored jointly by NOAA's Adaptation Sciences Program, WUCA, WRF, and EPA, will explore practical lessons and leading practices focused on steps to mainstreaming climate science and adaptation considerations into building for climate resilience.



Session Information November 2021 - February 2022	Date	Registration Link
Session 8: Federal and Other Funding for Adaptation	02/17/2022 1-2:00 pm EST	<u>Register Here</u>

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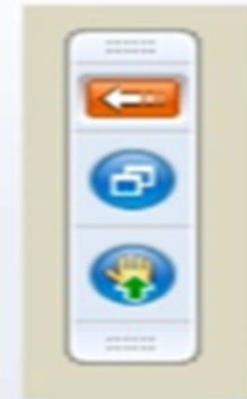
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- PURA
- CTWC
- Aquarion
- RWA
- MDC
- Others (Torrington, Bristol, etc..)

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- **Next webinar is on Thursday March 10, 2022 at 1 pm.**

March

March 10, 2022

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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