

Connecticut Clean Water Accomplishments 1967-1977

- ❖ An Act Concerning the Elimination of Pollution of the Waters of the State, [Public Act No. 57](#), is passed by the General Assembly of Connecticut.



- ❖ First CT Water Quality Standards are established.

1967

- ❖ An Emergency Spill Response Program is developed.

- ❖ The [Tidal Wetlands Act](#) is passed.



1969

- ❖ The [First Earth Day](#) is celebrated.



- ❖ The [Environmental Protection Agency](#) is established.



- ❖ CT's Water Quality Standards (WQS) for surface water are approved by the federal government.

1970

- ❖ The [Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection](#) is created.

- ❖ The DEP initiates a survey of Connecticut industries that are discharging to sewage treatment plants and issues orders requiring [pretreatment](#) of those discharges.



1971

- ❖ The [Federal Water Pollution Control Act](#) (WPCA) is passed modeled on CT's Clean Water Act of 1967 (A.K.A The Clean Water Act).

- ❖ The [Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Act](#) is passed.



1972

- ❖ [Total Maximum Daily Load](#) and Waste Load Allocations are applied to support WQS.

- ❖ CT DEP can levy penalties against polluters through [The Economic Enforcement Act](#).

- ❖ Water Quality Standards (WQS) are revised.

- ❖ [National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System](#) (NPDES) is administered in CT.

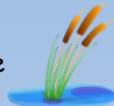


1973

- ❖ [National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System](#) (NPDES) permits are issued.

- ❖ The Ambient [Water Quality Monitoring Program](#) for surface water is initiated.

- ❖ DEP Wetland Regulations are implemented.



1974

- ❖ The first municipal facilities grant is awarded to address [combined sewer overflows](#) (CSOs).

- ❖ Discharge [permits](#) to control pollution from leachate are established for all new sanitary landfills.

❖ The first Waste Load Allocation study (the portion of a receiving water's capacity allocated to one of its point sources of pollution) is completed for the Quinnipiac River.



1975

1976

❖ CT receives its first grant award from EPA under the Federal WPCA allowing for investigation of non-point sources and ground water protection.

❖ The Ambient Biological Monitoring Program is initiated to assess the health of aquatic life in rivers and streams.



❖ A Sewerage Facility Grant is awarded to Plainville to construct an advanced waste treatment facility (AWT).

❖ The Rainbow Dam Fishway on the Farmington River in Windsor begins operation. At the time, it is the tallest fishway on the east coast of North America.



❖ A fish consumption advisory is issued in the Housatonic River due to polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contamination.



❖ First major lake eutrophication study is completed.

❖ The removal of phosphorus from discharges upstream of the Housatonic River's impoundments of Lake Zoar, Lillinonah and Housatonic is required.

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