

Notice of Public Hearing Clean Water Fund Priority List - Fiscal Year 2022 and 2023

The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) will hold a hearing to collect comments on the draft fiscal year 2022 and 2023 Priority List (Priority List) for the Clean Water Fund program on May 16, 2022 at 1:00 pm. The draft Priority List can be found at:

<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Municipal-Wastewater/Financial-Assistance-for-Municipal-Wastewater-Projects>. The draft Priority List proposes a funding strategy that will reach a significant number of necessary wastewater infrastructure projects whose implementation is considered significant to reduce serious negative impacts on water quality in our state. These projects include nitrogen removal projects in order to meet the 2014 Total Maximum Daily Load for the Long Island Sound; phosphorus removal projects in order to comply with effluent limits that are being incorporated into NPDES permit renewals; and combined sewer overflow improvement projects to meet Long Term Control Plan goals in our state's largest cities. In addition, the draft Priority List includes funding for planning studies, engineering designs, small community projects and collection system improvement projects.

Hearing process:

The hearing will be conducted through Zoom, an online internet meeting platform. In addition, written comment may be submitted at any time until the date of the hearing. All written comments shall be submitted by electronic mail to Syed Bokhari at syed.bokhari@ct.gov. Due to the inability to collect written comments at the hearing, all written comments submitted prior to the hearing will be acknowledged at the hearing. ***If written comments are submitted or to be submitted by the deadline (May 27, 2022), there is no requirement to make an oral statement at the hearing*** as written comments submitted by the deadline will be considered equivalent to an oral statement provided at the hearing.

Members of the public must register for the hearing by May 9, 2022. Persons who wish to make oral comments at the hearing must submit an email to Syed Bokhari with their name, job title, employer and who they represent at the hearing. Mr. Bokhari will reply to all persons registered for the hearing by email with a Zoom meeting invitation and instructions. The public informational hearing will be moderated and will begin with a brief presentation from DEEP, followed by the oral statements from members of the public in the order in which they registered for the hearing. The hearing will close after the last person registered has completed their statement. After the close of the hearing, the Department will consider all written comments submitted by the deadline and oral statements provided at the hearing.

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