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### DWS Circular Letter # 2014-03

**To:** All Public Water Systems, Local Officials and other interested parties

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**Date:** April 9, 2014

**Subject:** Revisions to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund's Project Priority Lists for State Fiscal Years 2014 and 2015

Pursuant to Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) Section 22a-482-1(c)(5)(B) the Department of Public Health (DPH) has made minor revisions to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund's (DWSRF) Project Priority Lists (PPLs) for State Fiscal Years (SFY) 2014 and 2015. The reason for the revision is an unintentional omission of a DWSRF Eligibility Application filed by Woodbury Knoll, LLC on February 21, 2013 under the DWSRF's Emergency Power Generator Program and a revision to the location and cost of Regional Water Authority's finished water reservoir overflow modification project. These two revisions are detailed below:

#### Woodbury Knoll, LLC

A DWSRF Eligibility Application was received by DPH from Woodbury Knoll, LLC prior to the February 28, 2013 deadline but was unintentionally omitted from the SFY 2014 PPL. The project consists of the installation of a generator system to provide emergency stand-by power to operate Woodbury Knoll, LLC's public water system in Woodbury, CT in the case of a power outage. The project was reviewed the DPH's Drinking Water Section (DWS) and received 15 priority points according to the Priority Ranking System established for the DWSRF Program. Woodbury Knoll, LLC is a small community public water system and the Priority Ranking System also requires the DPH to provide at least 15% of the available DWSRF funding each year to small public water systems to the extent that sufficient applications are received. Based on the Priority Ranking System, Woodbury Knoll, LLC's project has been added and ranked at #42 on the SFY2014 PPL. The project is expected to cost \$28,550.

#### Regional Water Authority

Regional Water Authority (RWA) submitted a DWSRF Eligibility Application for \$310,000 to install an air gap on the overflow piping at each of their two Millrock Basins to correct a regulatory violation identified by the DPH during a sanitary survey of the facility. The project



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has already been engineered and determined to cost only \$50,000 for which RWA now intends to use local sources of funding and a local contractor. RWA has requested to the DPH to revise their DWSRF eligibility application to correct the same violation at their Lake Gaillard Water Treatment Plant finished water reservoir. This project involves the installation of an air gap on the overflow piping of the storage basin to correct a regulatory violation identified by the DPH during a sanitary survey of this facility. The RWA has requested \$840,000 from the DWSRF for this project. Based on the Priority Ranking System this project received 20 priority points and appears as project #10 on the revised SFY 2015 PPL.

Since January 1, 2014 several public water systems have requested to withdraw their DWSRF Eligibility Applications or their project has been determined to be ineligible for DWSRF funding. The revised SFY 2014 and 2015 PPLs have been updated to reflect these actions and these projects are listed as "withdrawn" or "ineligible" at the bottom of revised SFY2015 PPL. As a result, the addition of Woodbury Knoll, LLC's project and the revision to Regional Water Authority's project are not considered significant and will not decrease the amount of funding to other eligible drinking water projects that were listed above the funding line on the SFY 2014 and 2015 PPLs that the DPH published on December 24, 2013. These actions have also made increased levels of funding available to other projects on the original SFY 2014 and 2015 PPLs. The public water systems affected by these changes have already been notified of the increased availability of funding for their projects and these changes are provided on the revised PPLs.

As required by federal law under 40 CFR 35.555(b), the revised SFY2014 and 2015 PPLs are being made available for a 30 day public review and comment period. The DPH will review and consider all comments received after which time the DPH will incorporate appropriate PPL revisions into the DPH's Intended Use Plan for approval by the United States Environmental Protection Agency. Anyone wishing to submit comments must do so in writing. Comments must be received by the DPH **no later than 4:30pm on May 9, 2014**. Please mail comments to the following address:

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