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TO: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Applicants

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RE: DWSRF Project Signage Requirements

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently issued specific requirements with respect to signage for each DWSRF-funded project. The Drinking Water Section (DWS) has developed guidelines to help funding recipients with these new requirements. These requirements are intended to enhance the public awareness of the DWSRF and the positive impacts and benefits of the funding being provided by the State of Connecticut and the EPA to Connecticut's communities for public drinking water improvements.

Traditional construction projects typically require that a physical sign (i.e. standard project sign) be erected at, or near, the project site where it can be seen by a broad audience. However, there may be instances where a DWSRF-funded project is located in an area where standard signage is unlikely to be seen by a broad audience, is not cost-effective or presents other unique challenges. Also some projects may be spread across many locations (i.e. water meter replacements) and do not have a defined location. In these instances where the provision of standard signage at the project site is not practical, this guidance provides an alternative option that funding recipients can consider to satisfy state and federal signage requirements.

These new requirements also include a change to the language to be presented on the sign. Reference to funding by the EPA along with the EPA logo must now be included. The DWS guidelines include a template and specifications for the standard project sign. The DWS will also continue to provide stickers for the State seal, Department of Public Health logo, and now the EPA logo.

Please visit the [DPH DWSRF website](#) for more information and the "[Project Steps and Information](#)" page to find a copy of these guidelines.



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