Drinking Water Section

DWS Circular Letter # 2018-27

To: Community Public Water Systems (CWS) serving less than 10,000 people
From: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief, Drinking Water Section
Date: November 1, 2018
Subject: Subsidized Funding Opportunities for the Emergency Power Generators

As a follow-up to Circular Letter 2016-01 dated January 19, 2016 and Circular Letter 2018-13 dated May 18, 2018, the Drinking Water Section (DWS) would like to remind you that you are required to have generator systems capable of operating critical drinking water infrastructure during a power outage installed no later than December 17, 2018 to comply with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) Section 19-13-b102(w). It is very common that power outages that occur at a community water system (CWS) result in the loss of distribution system pressure, followed by the interruption of water service to the customers. Back-up generator systems prevent such interruptions of service and allow PWS to continue to provide their customers a source of safe water supply for drinking and other important public health needs until normal utility power is restored.

I would also like to remind you that the DWS’s Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) offers a program to provide subsidized low interest loans for the purchase and installation of permanent stationary stand-by generator systems. For additional information, please visit the Emergency Power Generator Program on our website. Applications for DWSRF funding may be submitted at any time and are requested to be submitted electronically to DPH.CTDWSRF@ct.gov. The DPH encourages you to submit an Eligibility Application as soon as possible if you have not yet installed a generator system to satisfy the regulatory requirement. If your completed application is received prior to December 17, 2018 the DPH will grant you a 12 month extension of time to comply with the requirement via a written Consent Agreement between the CWS and the DPH.

For questions related to funding through the DWSRF program please contact Cameron Walden. For questions related to RCSA Sec. 19-13-B102(w) compliance please contact Michael Hage. They can be reached at (860) 509-7333.