

Public Water System, Certified Water Operators and Environmental Laboratories

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Webinar # 2020-05

DRINKING WATER SECTION

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- **Update from DPH/DWS on Recent Developments**
- **Status of WEBEOC and CtWARN**
- **Update from PURA**
- **Update from CTWC, Aquarion, RWA & MDC**
- **Update from other CWSs**
- **Questions ?**

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DPH/DWS Updates

- **Current Status of COVID 19 ; can sign up for daily report from Governor via <https://portal.ct.gov/>**
- **Weekly calls: CWSs, Env. Labs, Top Ops, EPA R1, P3 group**
- **Water Task Force (ESF 12) – No resources issues reported so far**
- **On March 27, 2020, Governor issued Executive [Order 70](#), suspension of requirements for license renewal**
- **On March 30, 2020, the Commissioner issued an [order](#) suspending the licensing/certification requirements.**

See [Circular Letter 2020-23](#)

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DPH/DWS Updates

- On 4/7/20, Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7V enacts the safe workplaces in essential business.
- DECD in consultation with DPH published the Safe Workplaces Rules for Essential Employers on its website, outlining guidance for these businesses. These rules go into effect immediately.
- Applicable to the water sector and associated businesses including Env.Labs & Construction Co.





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- March 20, 2020: Executive Order No. 7H essential business
- DECD issued guidance and request for designation at <https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-Business-Recovery/Business-Exemptions-for-Coronavirus>
- EPA provided a documentation template for water sector to use <https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-drinking-water-and-wastewater>
- Keep your DPH certifications handy

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DPH/DWS Updates

- CL 2020-18: Recreational
- CL 2020-22: Campgrounds
- **DWS COVID 19 Related info to PWSs at <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Drinking-Water/COVID-19/COVID-19---Information-for-Public-Water-Systems>**
- **COVID 19 Related info on EHS website at <https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Environmental-Health/COVID-19>**

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DPH/DWS Updates

- On March 26, 2020, EPA issued a memorandum entitled **COVID-19 Implications for EPA's Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Program** (COVID-19 Memo).
 - ❖ EPA considers drinking water as critical infrastructure.
 - ❖ EPA strongly encourages Certified Operators, PWSs and Laboratories to continue normal operations and routine monitoring
 - ❖ Inform State as soon as possible of any acute risk situations.
 - ❖ If routine monitoring is not reasonably practical then prioritize based on acute risks
- Alternative medical care sites- Utilities be prepared to provide technical assistance
- DWS is working on “return to service” guidance

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Reporting to DPH/DWS

- **How to Report ?**
 - **An Acute Risk Water Quality Issue**
 - **The Water Main Breaks That Effect Critical Facilities**

DWS Phone Numbers:

860-509-7333 (Normal hours)

860-692-2333 (After hours)

Email: dwdcompliance@ct.gov



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WEBEOC & CtWARN

- **WEBEOC Update**
- **CtWARN Update**
 - Updates from Tom Barger

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- PURA
- CTWC
- Aquarion
- RWA
- MDC
- Others (Torrington, Bristol, etc..)

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COVID-19 - Suggestions

- **Next webinar is on Thursday 4/16/20 at 1 pm.**
Thereafter no longer need to send the registration link
- **Email Questions about operator certification to William.Sullivan@ct.gov**
- **Email questions/notifications about water quality testing and monitoring to dwdcompliance@ct.gov**
- **Emergency notifications, may call 860-692-2333, and email to dwdcompliance@ct.gov**

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Thank You

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