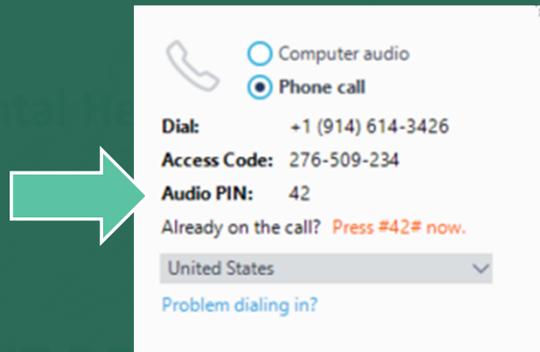


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Lori Mathieu

Environmental Health & Drinking Water Branch Chief

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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**
- **Cross-connection & Watershed surveys Circular Letter**
- **Pb & Cu sampling precautions guidance and Circular Letter**
- **Extension of PE tests by laboratory Circular Letter**
- **Emergency contingency plan update**

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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>**
- **EPA COVID 19 Webpage <https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-drinking-water-and-wastewater>**
- **CT AWWA COVID 19 Webpage <https://ctawwa.org/COVID-19>**

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DPH/DWS Updates - Certifications

- **Certifications/licenses not renewed by DPH shall not expire throughout the duration of the COVID-19 emergency;**
- **Certifications/licenses suspended by the Commissioner are to be renewed in the six-month period following the date of the resumption of the license renewal requirements;**
 - ❖ **If DPH renews a certification/license on a date other than the customary renewal date, the period of licensure shall not extend beyond the customary renewal date provided pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes; and**
 - ❖ **At the time of such renewal, the licensee shall be responsible for payment of all license fees to DPH, including payment of fees not collected by DPH due to the suspension of such license renewal requirements.**

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DPH/DWS Updates – General Info.

- **Alternative care sites and shelters- Utilities be prepared to provide technical assistance**
- **Circular Letter to CWS & LHD re: Re-opening & Return to Service**
- **DWS “Return To Service” guidance is on DWS webpage https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/drinking_water/pdf/COVID-19-Return-to-Service-Guidance.pdf**
- **Circular Letter to NCWSs re: Re-opening & Return to Service**

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DPH/DWS Updates – General Info.

- **Field Inspections of Public Water Systems**
 - ❖ **Initiate in June (unless mission critical),**
 - ❖ **Conduct remotely or in person with PPE protocols in place**
 - ❖ **Developing protocols for doing sanitary surveys**

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Sanitary Surveys

- **Need to rethink how we do sanitary surveys this year (and maybe beyond?)**
- **Initial focus on remote surveys with very limited field time**
- **Use of photos, videos, FaceTime, etc. to conduct virtual surveys**
- **Conduct pilot program this month to see what works and what doesn't work, development of SOP based on pilot program**
- **Broader discussion with large PWSs about how to conduct sanitary surveys this year**

Slide 9

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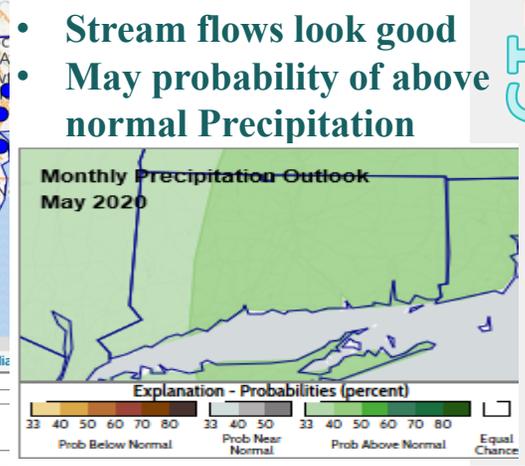
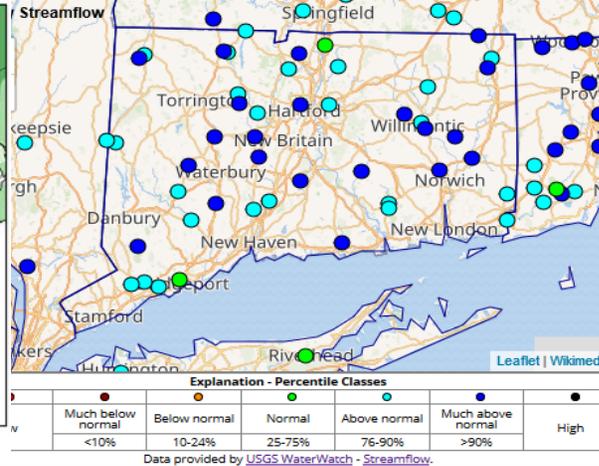
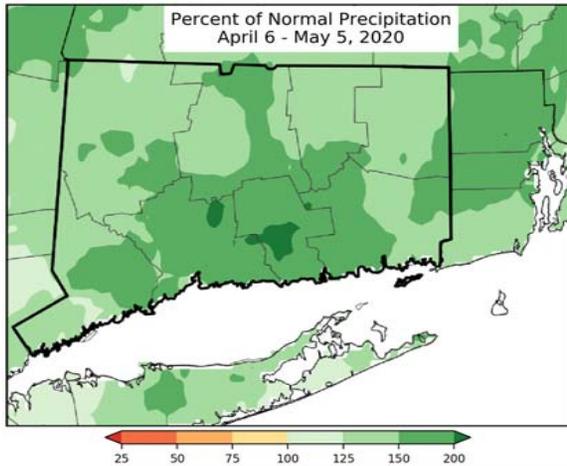


Tracking per State Drought Plan

❖ Statewide Percent full is 98.8%

❖ Statewide Percent of Normal is 101.9%

- Both are up slightly from the last update
- 23 Reservoir Systems are reporting 100% Full
- 32 Systems are reporting capacities greater than or equal to 100% of Normal
- Current Conditions – Above Normal Precipitation for the last 30 days and back 90 days:



- Stream flows look good
- May probability of above normal Precipitation

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Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

- Deadline for new Eligibility Applications (EAs) for projects needing funding during SFY 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021) was extended to **May 14, 2020**.
- **EPA is anticipating another large federal stimulus bill for infrastructure, including drinking water, that may include a significant grant component**
- Stimulus funding for drinking water infrastructure anticipated to be distributed to states through the DWSRF
- Interested PWS are encouraged to submit EAs now.
- Send all questions to – DPH.CTDWSRF@ct.gov

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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**
 - ❖ 87 entities/managers representing a total of 241 CWSs have login credentials
 - ❖ 58 of these entities have reported in WEBEOC
 - ❖ All reports are for normal operation so far
- **CtWARN Update, including FEMA PPEs**
 - ❖ Updates from Tom Barger

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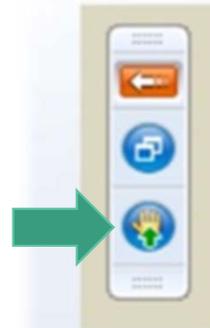
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UPDATES

- PURA - John.betkoski@ct.gov
- CTWC
- Aquarion
- RWA
- MDC
- Others (Torrington, Bristol, etc..)

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- Next webinar is on Thursday 5/14/20 at 1 pm.
- 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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