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Webinar # 2020-14

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June 11, 2020

(1:00 PM – 2:00 PM)

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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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- **Current Status of COVID 19 ; 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 2020-32](#)**
- **Pb & Cu sampling precautions [guidance](#) and [Circular Letter 2020-34](#)**
- **[Circular Letter 2020-44](#): Regarding submission of consumer confidence reports (CCR) and public notices and certifications (PNs/CERTs).**

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- **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**;
- Questions regarding qualifications for renewal should go William.Sullivan@ct.gov and copy DWDcompliance@ct.gov



DPH/DWS Updates – Reopening

- Alternative care sites and shelters- Utilities be prepared to provide technical assistance
- Circular Letter 2020-33 to CWS & LHD re: Re-opening & Return to Service
- DWS “Return To Service” guidance is on DWS webpage
- Circular Letter 2020-36 to NCWSs re: Re-opening & Return to Service
- Next webinar, our staff will present on the DPH role in the reopening efforts

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Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

- **New Eligibility Applications (EAs) for projects needing funding during SFY 2021 (July 1,2020 – June 30, 2021) have been completed and the Project Priority List is being prepared.**
- **The public hearing on the SFY 2021 DWSRF Intended Use Plan and Project Priority List will be held in a virtual setting and an announcement will be published with a 30 day public comment period prior to the hearing**
- **No new news on the status of the anticipated federal stimulus bill for infrastructure, including drinking water but details will be provided once available and a specific request for eligible infrastructure projects will be issued at the appropriate time**
- **Send all questions to – DPH.CTDWSRF@ct.gov**

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Remote Sanitary Surveys

Please contact:

Thomas Chyra : thomas.chyra@ct.gov

Mandy Smith : mandy.smith@ct.gov

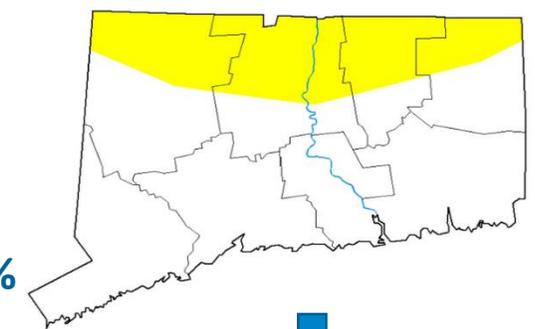
- **DWS developed a five page remote sanitary survey template**
 - ❖ **First page completed by DWS**
 - ❖ **Last four pages completed by certified operators including pictures of critical components**
 - ❖ **Submit completed document to DWS within two weeks**
 - ❖ **Follow up as necessary by DWS and issue sanitary survey report**
- **Start pilot program this week with 26 small water systems and 10 certified operators, DWS will be looking for feedback**
- **Roll out to rest of small PWSs late June**
- **Working separately on template for larger PWSs, plan similar pilot program with larger PWSs sometime in late June**

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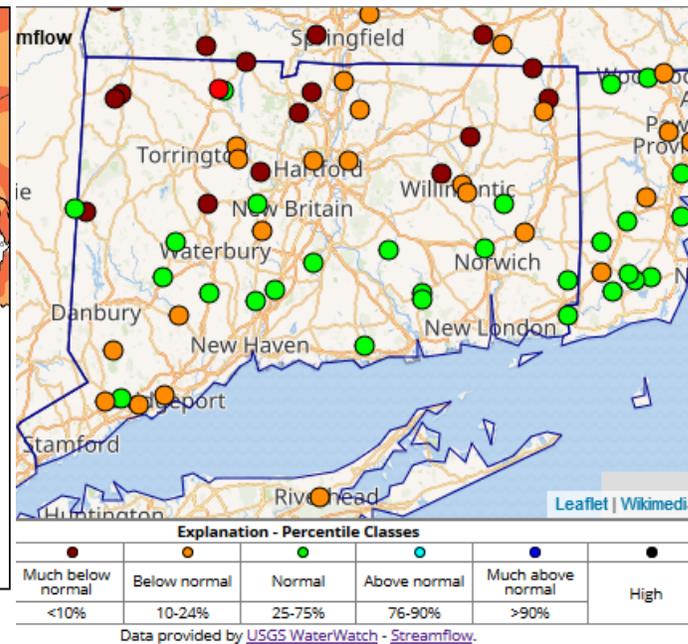
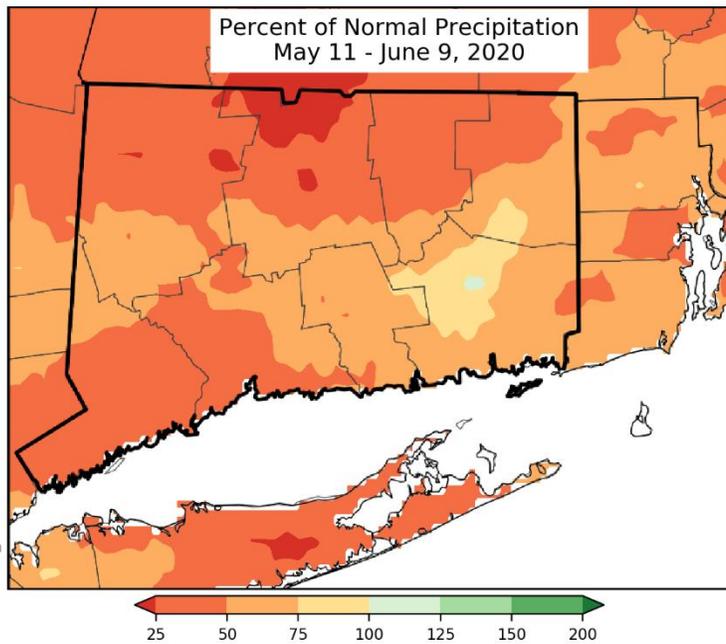




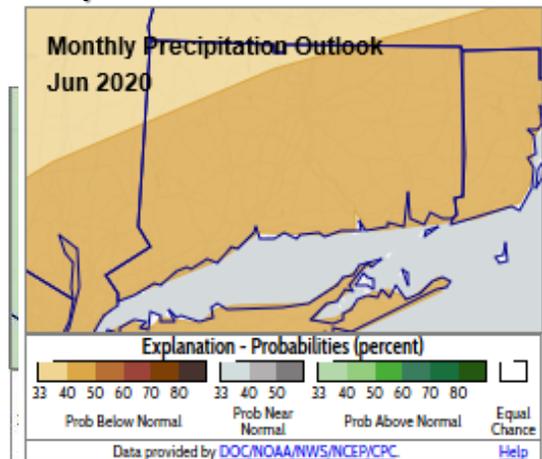
Tracking per State Drought Plan



- ❖ Statewide Percent full is 97.96% ❖ Statewide Percent of Normal is 102%
- 18 Reservoir Systems are reporting 100% Full (-5 from previous week, 16 trending ↓)
- 31 Systems are still reporting capacities greater than or equal to 100% of Normal
- Current Conditions: US Drought Monitor has northern portion of CT in D0 abnormally dry



Stream flows also indicate drying conditions. June Precip outlook looks dryer.





Reporting to DPH/DWS

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

**Call 860-692-2333 (Emergency) and
*Email: dwdcompliance@ct.gov***



WEBEOC & CtWARN

- **WEBEOC Update**

- ❖ 89 entities/managers representing a total of 243 CWSs have logged in to WEBEOC (represents 2.7 million out of 3.1 million served by CWSs or 90%)
- ❖ 27 entities with log in credentials have not reported yet in WEBEOC
- ❖ All reports are for normal operation so far

- **CtWARN Update, including FEMA PPEs**

- ❖ Update from Tom Barger
- ❖ Update from RWA, including RWA initiatives, John Schultz



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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 **6/18/20** 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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