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To: All Public Water Systems, Municipal Chief Elected Officials and Local Health
Department Directors

From: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief
Drinking Water Section

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Subject: Revised Public Water System Screening Form

The Department of Public Health Drinking Water Section (DWS) has developed a new [Public Water System Screening Form](#). This new form replaces the existing Public Water System Information Form, the Screening Application for Water Companies and the Food Service Establishment Water System Registration Form. This form is used to determine if a proposed project or a change in operation at an existing facility will result in the creation of a new water company or public water system or change the status of an existing public water system.

Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) §16-262m(a), defines a water company as: "As used in this section and section 8-25a, "water company" means a corporation, company, association, joint stock association, partnership, municipality, other entity or person, or lessee thereof, owning, leasing, maintaining, operating, managing or controlling any pond, lake, reservoir, stream, well or distributing plant or system employed for the purpose of supplying water to fifteen or more service connections or twenty-five or more persons on a regular basis."

Such proposed water companies must obtain a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) prior to any construction of the water system. CGS § 8-25a requires that: "No proposal for a development using water supplied by a company incorporated on or after October 1, 1984, shall be approved by a planning commission or combined planning and zoning commission unless such company has been issued a certificate pursuant to section 16-262m. The municipality in which the planning commission or combined planning and zoning commission is located shall be responsible for the operation of any water company created without a certificate after October 1, 1984."

The Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RSCA) § 19-13-B102(a)(65) defines a Public Water System as "any water company supplying water to 15 or more consumers or 25 or more



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persons, based on the "Design Population" as defined in section 16-262m-8(a)(3) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, jointly administered by the department and the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority, daily at least 60 days of the year that does not meet all of the following conditions:

- (A) Consists only of distribution and storage facilities;
- (B) Does not have any treatment facilities, other than those for non-potable use;
- (C) Obtains all of its water from, but is not owned or operated by, a public water system;
- (D) Does not separately bill the consumers for water use or consumption; and
- (E) Is not a carrier which conveys passengers in interstate commerce;"

Please submit completed forms and all supporting documents to:

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or

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