DWS Circular Letter #2015-10

To: Secretary of State
Chief Elected Officials
Executive Directors of Councils of Governments
Local Health Departments/Districts
Town Clerks
Public Water Systems
Other Interested Persons

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

Date: August 27, 2015

Subject: Water Utility Coordinating Committees – Informational Meetings

The Department of Public Health (DPH) intends to convene the three Water Utility Coordinating Committees (WUCCs) early in 2016. You are being sent this letter because you may be a stakeholder in this process. Informational meetings will be held for each of the three management areas prior to convening the WUCCs to discuss this important planning initiative. A map of the three management areas is attached to this letter; it includes a brief summary of the WUCC process and history. The list below includes the locations, dates, and times of the three meetings.

Central Corridor  City of Middletown Town Hall  Tuesday, September 22, 2015 from 1:00pm-3:00pm

Western  Town of Brookfield Town Hall  Thursday, September 24, 2015 from 10:00am-12:00pm

Eastern  Eastern Connecticut State University  Wednesday, September 30, 2015 from 10:00am-12:00pm

Each of these meetings will include a presentation by DPH staff, discussion of questions submitted prior to the meetings, and an open comment period. Please RSVP by September 15, 2015 to dphwucc@ct.gov with your name, affiliation, any questions you would like addressed at the meeting, and the meeting location(s) you are attending. Please only attend a meeting in which you believe you are a stakeholder and if you have RSVP’d as there are space and parking considerations. DPH is an equal opportunity provider. If you require aid/accommodation to participate fully and fairly, please contact Eric McPhee at 860 509-7333.

Additional information, including specific locations, parking arrangements, and a detailed agenda will be provided to those who have RSVP’d. If you have any questions regarding these meetings or the WUCCs please contact Justin Milardo or Rich Iozzo at 860-509-7333.

cc: Ellen Blaschinski, Public Health Branch Chief, DPH
The General Assembly passed “An Act Concerning a Connecticut Plan for Public Water Supply Coordination” (Public Act 85-535) in 1985. The Legislature found that “in order to maximize efficient and effective development of the state’s public water supply systems and to promote public health, safety and welfare, the Department of Public Health shall administer a procedure to coordinate the planning of public water supply systems.” Statutory intent is to encourage public water suppliers, regional planning organizations and government to work together to resolve water supply problems and related issues. The act provides for a coordinated approach to long-range water supply planning by addressing water quality and quantity issues from area-wide perspectives in regional coordinated plans.

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