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DWS Circular Letter #2016-25

TO: Public Water Systems

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

DATE: September 2, 2016

RE: PWS Emergency Preparedness Reminder as Tropical Storm Hermine Approaches

The latest weather forecasts are predicting remnants of Tropical Storm Hermine to possibly hit the state beginning Sunday (9/4) through Tuesday (9/6) causing impacts such as heavy winds and up to 2-4 inches of rainfall over the busy Labor Day holiday. As the first potential storm of the hurricane season to hit this region, this is a good reminder to review your emergency plan and update phone numbers. The Connecticut Department of Public Health would like to encourage you to adhere to the alerts provided by the National Weather Service, <http://www.nws.noaa.gov>, and refer you to helpful documents and other resources to assist you in preparation and response to a potential severe weather event.

The Department encourages all public water systems to review their emergency response plans including testing backup generators and topping off associated fuel tanks, identifying staffing plans, and preparing a boil water advisory in advance of the storm so it is ready and available if needed. Systems are reminded to report any and all emergency incidents (loss of pressure, infrastructure failures, flooding, storm damage, facility access problems, etc.) to your local Emergency Management Directors, DEMHS Regional Coordinators and the Department of Public Health as soon as practical and by whatever means available. The Department of Public Health – Drinking Water Section can be reached at 860-509-7333 during normal business hours (8:00AM – 4:30PM) or 860-509-8000 after-hours and holidays.



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