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### Drinking Water Section

#### DWS Circular Letter #2017-07

TO: Public Water Systems

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

DATE: September 1, 2017

RE: PWS Emergency Preparedness Reminder as Hurricane Season Approaches

As the hurricane season rapidly approaches within our region and in currently witnessing the devastation across eastern Texas due to Hurricane Harvey, 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 available on the DWS Security & Emergency website <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3139&q=387336> 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. Pursuant to RCSA Section 19-13-B102(w) all community PWS are required to have emergency power generators for all critical facilities and an Emergency Response Plan. 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.

cc: Local Health Directors  
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