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DWS Circular Letter #2016-24

TO: Surface Water Public Water Systems
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FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief, Drinking Water Section
DATE: September 15, 2016
SUBJECT: Harmful Algal Blooms/ Potential Cyanotoxin Concerns

The Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section (DWS), in collaboration with the DPH State Public Health Laboratory is continuing in its endeavor to assist surface water public water systems with the presence of Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) which may contain the presence of two specific cyanotoxins (microcystin and cylindrospermopsin) that are the subject of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) recent health advisory: [EPA Cyanotoxin Health Advisory](#).

All surface public water systems with any concerns regarding HABs may contact the DWS as a limited amount of free testing for cyanotoxins will be offered on a case by case basis by the DPH State Public Health Laboratory.

Please visit <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3139&q=438906> for the State Public Health Laboratory sample submittal forms and further information regarding harmful algal blooms and cyanotoxins. For additional information on cyanotoxins in drinking water sources, please visit <http://www.waterrf.org/PublicReportLibrary/4548a.pdf>.

We thank you in advance for your participation and look forward to continuing to work with you concerning the presence of cyanotoxins in our state surface water drinking water supplies. If you have any further questions, please contact Kimberly Wholean at (860)509-7333.

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