DWS Circular Letter # 2018-13

To:       Community Public Water Systems (CWS) serving less than 10,000 people

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

Date:    May 18, 2018

Subject: Subsidized funding opportunities for the required emergency power generators

It is very common that power outages occurring at public water systems (PWS) result in the loss of distribution system pressure, followed by the interruption of water service to the customers; therefore I would like to remind you that the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) offers a program to provide subsidized low interest loans for the purchase and installation of emergency power generator systems capable to operate critical drinking water infrastructure during such power outages. Small PWSs which are required to install generator systems by December 17, 2018, to comply with Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) Section 19-13-B102(w), may benefit significantly from this program. For additional information, please visit the Emergency Power Generator Program on our website.

The DPH has announced on January 25, 2018 a Call for Projects for SFY 2019 (July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019). Eligibility Applications are now being accepted for projects that are expected to be funded during this time period. For more information, please read the Call for Projects notice. Applications must be submitted electronically to DPH.CTDWSRF@ct.gov. The DPH encourages you to submit an Eligibility Application as soon as possible.

The Generator Regulations require each CWS to which the Generator Regulations apply to submit to the Department in writing in its annual submission required under the provisions of § 25-33 of the Connecticut General Statutes a verification that the CWS has complied with the requirements of the Generator Regulations, and that the CWS’s generator or generators perform in accordance with the manufacturers specifications to ensure that the generator or generators are capable of providing sufficient power to supply the power demands of the CWS at each of the CWS’s facility locations. Our records indicate that such verification has not been submitted to DPH, therefore please submit it via email here before June 30, 2018.

For questions related to funding through the DWSRF program please contact Cameron Walden. For questions related to RCSA Sec. 19-13-B102(w) compliance please contact Michael Hage. They can be reached at (860) 509-7333 or via email.