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DWS Circular Letter #2018-01

TO: Community Public Water Systems

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief, DWS 

DATE: January 3, 2018

RE: Emergency Preparedness Reminder to Community Public Water Systems

In light of the heavy snowstorm and strong wind advisory forecasted for tomorrow for most of Connecticut, the Department of Public Health (DPH) – Drinking Water Section (DWS) encourages all community public water systems to do the following:

- Test the backup power generators underload and top off associated fuel tanks,
- Identify emergency response staff and assign roles and responsibilities,
- Draft and prepare messages to be communicated to the media, the public and public officials,
- Draft and prepare the template of a boil water advisory, in English & other languages deemed necessary to your service area, so it is ready and available if needed,
http://www.ct.gov/dph/lib/dph/drinking_water/pdf/Boil_Water_Advisory.pdf
- Review the emergency response plans, update phone numbers and emergency contact information,
- Identify all of your critical water facilities, critical customers and potential shelters in your service area,

You 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 DPH – DWS can be reached at 860-509-7333 during normal business hours (8:00AM – 4:30PM) or 860-509-8000 after-hours and holidays.

The DWS 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 website <http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3139&q=387310>.

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