Drinking Water Section

DWS Circular Letter 2018-29

TO: Certified Laboratory Directors
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SUBJECT: Prompt Electronic Reporting and Transition to the Compliance Monitoring Data Portal

The Department of Public Health Drinking Water Section (DWS) is requesting that public water systems and Certified Laboratories report the following sample results to the DWS within 24 hours of analysis completion:

- All E. coli sample results
- Nitrate sample results exceeding 10 mg/L
- Nitrite sample results exceeding 1 mg/L
- All total coliform-positive routine sample results (includes E. coli speciation)
- All Repeat sample results
- All Triggered sample results (E. coli)
- All Additional/confirmation ground water source sample results (E. coli)

Reporting this information quickly and accurately will allow the DWS to immediately consult with water systems and certified operators on time-sensitive follow-up actions such as: additional monitoring requirements, Public Notification, Interim Measures, Level 1 and 2 Assessment requirements and Corrective Action deadlines. This will ultimately result in enhanced public health protection by minimizing exposure to harmful parameters that may have serious adverse effects on human health as a result of short term, acute exposure.

Compliance Monitoring Data Portal (CMDP)
The CMDP is an online reporting application that allows certified laboratories and public water systems to report compliance monitoring data directly to the DWS. There are many benefits to using the CMDP including: multiple reporting methods for labs of all sizes, secure and certified data transfer, instant feedback regarding reporting errors, online confirmation that results were successfully received by the DWS and 24-hour CMDP access. There are currently seven Certified Laboratories fully reporting through the CMDP and others are actively working to transition. The DWS plans to have all existing reporters fully transitioned to the CMDP by February 1, 2019 and the current EDI reporting format and protocols will be discontinued.
For more information on the CMDP and to start the transition process, refer to the following website: https://portal.ct.gov/DPH/Drinking-Water/DWS/Electronic-Reporting-Requirements-for-Water-Quality-Data

Please contact Christopher Roy or Robert Baran in the Drinking Water Section at 860-509-7333 with questions or concerns regarding the new reporting requirements or the CMDP.