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TO: Community Public Water System Serving >1,000 Population

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

DATE: April 8, 2014

SUBJECT: Free Water Sector Emergency Response Training Opportunities

CT DPH Drinking Water Section would like to announce two free water sector emergency response training opportunities for public water and wastewater system management and operations staff. **Connecticut Water Sector Free Incident Command System (ICS)/National Response Framework (NRF) Training**, sponsored by EPA Water Security Division and brought to you in coordination with CT Department of Public Health and CtWARN. There will be two separate courses offered by EPA training provider, Horsley Witten.

A one day, ICS 200/800 course will be held on Wednesday April 23, 2014 at the Lake Whitney Surface Water Treatment Plant Community Room, 900 Whitney Avenue, Hamden, CT. The specific courses being offered as part of this workshop are:

- IS-200.b ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
- IS-800.b National Response Framework, an Introduction

An intermediate/advanced 4-day ICS 300/400 course will be held on June 17-20, 2014 at the Buck-Forman Community Room at the Portland Police Department, 265 Main Street, Portland, CT. The specific courses being offered as part of this workshop are:

- ICS-300 Water Sector Intermediate ICS (2 ½ days)
- ICS-400 Water Sector Advanced ICS (1 ½ days)

DWS would like to encourage water system management and operations staff, especially from the larger CPWS in the state, to take advantage of this free training opportunity. Even if you have taken ICS classes before, these classes will focus on responding to an emergency from the unique perspective of water and wastewater systems. Additionally, you will be able to attend and collaborate with your partners at the Department of Public Health who will be in attendance.

The ICS/NRF Training Workshop - ICS 200/800 has been approved for water operators by the CT DPH for 6.0 TCHs and for wastewater operators by the CT DEEP for 6.5 TCHs. Applications will also be submitted to be able to provide water and wastewater operator Training Contact Hours (TCHs) for workshop participation in the 300/400 class. Please see the attached workshop flyers for more specific course details including prerequisite course information and registration web links.

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