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DWS Circular Letter #2022-58

TO: Public Water Systems
Certified Operators
Local Health Directors

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief, EHDW

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori J. Mathieu '22".

DATE: September 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Connecticut Capacity Development Strategy

The 2018 America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA), Section 2012, requires that the Department amend the state capacity development strategy to include a description of how the state will encourage the development of asset management plans that include best practices, training, technical assistance and other activities to help with implementation of those plans.

In developing a capacity development strategy for existing systems, Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) §1420(c)(2) requires the Department to consider, solicit public comment on, and include as appropriate:

- The methods or criteria that the State will use to identify and prioritize the public water systems (PWSs) most in need of improving Technical, Managerial and Financial (TMF) capacity.
- A description of the institutional, regulatory, financial, tax or legal factors at the Federal, State, or local level that encourage or impair capacity development.
- A description of how the State will use the authorities and resources of this title (SDWA) or other means to assist PWSs in complying with National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR), encourage the development of partnerships between PWSs to enhance the TMF capacity of the systems, and assist PWSs in the training and certification of operators.
- A description of how the State will establish a baseline and measure improvements in capacity with respect to NPDWRs and State drinking water law.
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- An identification of the persons that have an interest in and are involved in the development and implementation of the capacity development strategy (including all appropriate agencies of Federal, State, and local governments, private and non-profit public water systems, and public water system customers).

The Department will present the capacity development strategy on **Thursday October 13, 2022, at 1 pm in a GoToWebinar platform**. You are invited to attend this online webinar/meeting and encouraged to provide feedback and comments to support the TMF capacity of Connecticut's public water systems.

The draft capacity development strategy is posted for review on the department website at:

https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/drinking_water/pdf/CT_Capacity_Development_Strategy_2022_DRAFT.pdf

Comments and/or feedback will be accepted through October 31, 2022, and can be emailed to DPHCapacity@ct.gov.

Please register for this meeting using the following registration link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7840659604627814925>

We hope to see you on October 13th. In the interim, please contact Mandy.Smith@ct.gov if you have any questions.

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