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### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND DRINKING WATER BRANCH

Circular Letter #2020-49

**TO:** Community Public Water Systems

**FROM:** Lori J. Mathieu, Branch Chief

**DATE:** June 19, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Drying Conditions Update

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After a mild Winter and a cool wet Spring, the state has entered into a period of dryness with higher temperatures and insufficient precipitation over the past thirty or more days. US Drought Monitor has placed the northern and northwestern portions of CT in D0 – abnormally dry status. This stage is used to raise awareness of dry conditions and that if the conditions persist a drought may occur. This period of dryness coincides with the beginning of increased demands on community public water systems (CWS) from outdoor water use. Nearly all of the surface water systems across the State indicate levels that are at or above normal levels for this time of the year. As a precaution and in response to these drying conditions, the Department of Public Health – Drinking Water Section reminds you to continue to take weekly readings of all sources, keep a watch over groundwater and surface water levels, and assess the current capacity to maintain adequate supply and pressure. The Department would also encourage CWS to review their Emergency Contingency Plans in preparation for potentially worsening conditions.

Systems should continue to provide weekly groundwater and surface water readings by submitting their groundwater and surface water reporting forms to the Department by email to [DPHWaterSupplyCapacity@ct.gov](mailto:DPHWaterSupplyCapacity@ct.gov).

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the DPH Drinking Water Section by electronic mail at [DWDcompliance@ct.gov](mailto:DWDcompliance@ct.gov), if you have any questions or run into any issues with respect to your public water system.

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