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TO: Public Water Systems

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

DATE: October 25, 2019

RE: **Resilient Connecticut Climate Adaptation Summit - November 12, 2019**

The Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section is participating in the first annual **Resilient Connecticut Summit** being held at Fairfield University on November 12, 2019.

[Resilient Connecticut Climate Adaptation Summit – November 12, 2019 Information and Registration Instructions](#)

Drinking Water Vulnerability (Track 2, Session-A)

Summary: With changing precipitation patterns, sea level rise, and drought anticipated in the coming decades, state officials and local planners are considering ways to address the impacts of climate change on Connecticut's drinking water supply. This session will feature remarks from Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief at the Connecticut Department of Public Health. The session will also include an overview of recent climate trends and projections for precipitation patterns and how these will impact water systems state-wide, highlights from Connecticut's new Drinking Water Vulnerability Assessment and Resilience Plan, survey feedback from community water systems managers, recommendations for regional drinking water resilience, and discussion of upcoming water system vulnerability assessment requirements of America's Water Infrastructure Act.

Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection Commissioner Katie Dykes will provide a welcome and Shaun O'Rourke, Rhode Island Chief Resiliency Officer will give a keynote address entitled, Resilient Rhody: Building Climate Resilience in Rhode Island.

More information is available on the Connecticut Institute for Resilience & Climate Adaptation (CIRCA) website at <https://circa.uconn.edu/2019/09/25/resilient-connecticut-summit-november-12-2019/>.



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