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DWS Circular Letter #2021-79

TO: Community Water Systems and Certified Operators
FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief, EHDW 
DATE: September 21, 2021
SUBJECT: WebEOC Requirement for CWS In Reporting Operational Status (during civil preparedness or public health emergency declaration)

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Drinking Water Section (DWS) are asking Community Water Systems (CWS's) and Certified Operators to review the following materials on the passage of the Public Act 21-121 which has been signed by the Governor on July 6, 2021.

Effective October 1st, 2021; section 84 (of Public Act 21-121) requires community water systems to report operational status to the web-based Emergency Operations Center portal (WebEOC) within eight hours after the Governor issues a civil preparedness or public health emergency declaration and must update [WebEOC](#) if there is a status change.

"[WebEOC](#)" is a web-based emergency management information system used by the State to document routine and emergency events or incidents, and provide a real-time common operating picture and resource request management tool for emergency managers at the local and state levels during exercises, drills, local or regional emergencies or state-wide emergencies. The emergency reporting of operational status via [WebEOC](#) will promptly notify all agencies and entities participating in the Emergency Operation Center (EOC), and the incident command of a water supply incident that needs coordinated response from multiple agencies with various jurisdictional capacity. Visit [DWS website](#) for more information about WebEOC.

To review the entire Public Act 21-121 please see the following link:

<https://www.cga.ct.gov/2021/ACT/PA/PDF/2021PA-00121-R00HB-06666-PA.PDF>

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