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DWS Circular Letter #2021-87

TO: Bottled Water Producers with Sources Approved by the CT Department of Public Health

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief, EHDW 

DATE: October 19, 2021

SUBJECT: Bottled Water Sources to Sample for Unregulated Contaminants

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Drinking Water Section (DWS) is asking Water Bottlers to review the following materials on the passage of the Public Act 21-121 which was signed by the Governor on July 6, 2021.

Effective October 1, 2021; section 86 and 87 (of Public Act 21-121) requires that bottlers collect samples prior to any water treatment and test each DPH approved bottled water source in Connecticut for unregulated contaminants such as PFAS chemicals annually. Results of such testing must be provided to DPH and the Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) within nine days of receipt due to the public health concerns surrounding unregulated contaminants.

There are currently four DPH-approved sources for bottled water located in the state of Connecticut, and these are the sources that bottlers would be required to sample and test. If the results of such sampling exceed the levels set by the Commissioner of Public Health pursuant to C.G.S. Section 22a471, then DPH may require the bottler to discontinue use of the source until such time as water from such source may be rendered safe to drink. By requiring bottlers who own the four DPH-approved sources in Connecticut to test for unregulated contaminants, the Department can ensure that these sources meet the health advisory limits set by DPH.

The DPH is requesting analysis of PFAS chemicals in the initial round of sampling which must be completed prior to December 31, 2021. The samples must be analyzed using an EPA standardized method for analysis of PFAS in drinking water at an approved laboratory registered in CT to perform this method. A [list of laboratories](#) is attached and may be found on the Department of Public Health's website. The results of the analysis should be provided to the Department via email to DPH.EmergingContaminants@ct.gov. Additional unregulated contaminants may be added in subsequent years of testing.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Bisacky at 860-509-7333 or Patricia.Bisacky@ct.gov.

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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