

DROUGHT RESPONSE AND WATER LOSS WORKSHOP FOR WATER UTILITIES

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

DROUGHT WORKSHOP for Connecticut's Small Water Utilities

Date: September 22, 2021

0.30 CEUs will be available for participation

Workshop Objectives

- Share challenges, solutions and lessons learned in drought response and water loss control.
- Provide tools and resources utilities can use to mitigate against drought impacts on water supply.
- Identify practical actions drinking water utilities can take to advance implementation of drought response in their communities.

Agenda

TIME	TOPIC
8:45 a.m.	Participants Join GoToWebinar
9:00 a.m.	Virtual Workshop Logistics Alfredo Lagos, GDIT Review of webinar logistics.
9:10 a.m.	Opening Remarks and Workshop Overview Lori Mathieu, Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Dawn Ison, EPA Welcome, opening remarks, and an overview of the virtual workshop objectives and agenda.
9:15 a.m.	The U.S. Drought Monitor Map – What does it mean for small public water systems? Jessica Spaccio, Northeast Regional Climate Center An overview of what criteria are used to make the U.S. Drought Monitor Map and how it relates to small public water systems. CT Drought Monitoring Eric Lindquist, Connecticut Office of Policy and Management An overview of what criteria are used to establish CT drought stages.
9:45 a.m.	Drought Checklist for Small Utilities Shaun Fielder, Rural Water Association How to monitor and respond to drought.
10:30 a.m.	Break

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10:45 a.m.	Overview of the Drought Resilience Guide Dawn Ison, EPA Overview of the types of drought response activities associated with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staffing, Response Plans and Funding• Water Supply and Demand Management• Communications and Partnerships
11:00 a.m.	How to Create a Drought Response Plan Dawn Ison, EPA Overview of the 7 essential elements of plan development
11:25 a.m.	Water Loss Control for Small Utilities Shaun Fielder, Rural Water Association How to identify and control water losses.
11:45 a.m.	Drought Workshop Wrap-Up and Water Loss Workshop Overview Dawn Ison, EPA The facilitator will review highlights from the day and share thoughts about actions they can take to advance implementation of drought preparedness and response in their communities.
12:00 p.m.	Drought Workshop Adjourns