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TO: Community Public Water Systems, Related State Agencies, Councils of Governments, Western WUCC, Central Corridor WUCC, Eastern WUCC

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

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DATE: January 16, 2018

Annual Update to the Commissioner of Public Health's High Quality Source (HQS) List

Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Section 25-33q requires that *"the Commissioner of Public Health shall prepare a list designating sources or potential sources of water that require protection so that the highest quality waters are available to provide water for human consumption ... and update the list annually"*. The legislative intent of the High Quality Source (HQS) List is to identify existing public water supply sources and potential future public water supply sources that require protection to ensure that the highest quality source waters are available for human consumption now and for the future. The list is updated annually based on information provided and Department research.

Concurrently, the Western, Central Corridor and Eastern Water Utility Coordinating Committees (WUCCs), convened pursuant to CGS Section 25-33c through 25-33i, are developing plans to coordinate water supply planning. This includes evaluations of the need for future water supplies and interconnections within the WUCC regions.

In an effort to ensure consistency between these two efforts, the Department is requesting that any requested additions or changes to the HQS List be provided to the Department. The Department will then share with the appropriate WUCC for analysis and planning purposes. This information will ensure that the forthcoming Coordinated Water Supply Plans reflect the most accurate data. The Department will publish the next HQS List following the approval of these plans and ensure that all relevant data is gleaned from the plans. Each WUCC has a web page:

Western WUCC: <http://www.portal.ct.gov/DPH/Drinking-Water/WUCC/Western-Water-Utility-Coordinating-Committee>
Central Corridor WUCC: <http://www.portal.ct.gov/DPH/Drinking-Water/WUCC/Central-Corridor-Water-Utility-Coordinating-Committee>
Eastern WUCC <http://www.portal.ct.gov/DPH/Drinking-Water/WUCC/Eastern-Water-Utility-Coordinating-Committee>

The most recent published revision to the HQS List is available at:

<http://www.portal.ct.gov/DPH/Drinking-Water/DWS/High-Quality-Source-List>

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