

# Safe Drinking Water Primacy Summary

## CT State Fiscal Year 2019 Cost to Support Primacy under the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA)

Section 676 of Public Act 17-2 (June Spec. Sess.), signed into law in October 2017, authorizes the Department of Public Health (DPH) to collect an assessment from water companies that own Non-Transient Non-Community public water systems (NTNC) and Community public water systems (CWS). Assessment fees are established within the Public Act, based upon the classification and size of the owned system. The DPH will begin collecting the assessment, in accordance with a timeline specified in the Public Act, to support the department's ability to maintain primacy under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

Primacy is the responsibility to implement and enforce the SDWA. Since 1977, the DPH has been delegated primacy from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Critical core functions of Connecticut's drinking water primacy program include:

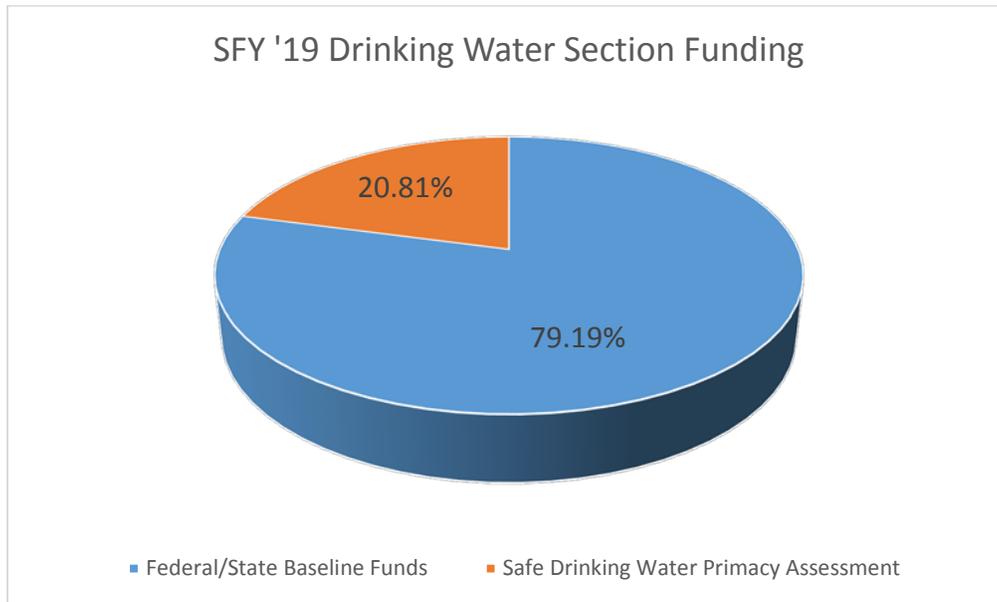
- Operating an enforcement program to ensure the public water systems comply with all safe drinking water requirements;
- Maintaining an inventory of public water systems throughout the state;
- Compiling a database to contain compliance information on public water systems;
- Conducting sanitary surveys of public water systems;
- Reviewing and approving public water system plans and specifications;
- Providing technical assistance to managers and operators of public water systems;
- Enforcing public notification, ensuring that public water systems regularly inform their consumers about the quality of the water that they are providing;
- Certifying laboratories that test drinking water samples;
- Administering Connecticut's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program, which provides low interest loans to public water systems for planning, design and construction projects;
- Administering an Operator Certification, Backflow Prevention and Cross-Connection Program;
- Public interaction with citizens, chief elected officials, school officials and local health directors including addressing consumer complaints and water quality concerns;
- Education of all entities regarding new requirements; and
- Source water assessment and protection.

The summary below outlines the law's requirements concerning these assessments:

- All NTNCs = \$125 annual fee
- CWSs with less than 50 service connections = \$125 annual fee
- CWSs with 50 to 99 service connections = \$150 annual fee
- CWSs with 100 or more service connections = \$2.57 per service connection

Section 676 (d) (e) of the Public Act requires the DPH, on or before July 1, 2018 and in consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, to post the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2019 costs to support the DPH's ability to maintain primacy under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). These costs are shown in the following table:

Estimated SFY 2019 Total Costs to Maintain Primacy under the SDWA	\$9,854,282
Less Federal and Baseline State Funding	(\$7,829,282)
SFY 2019 Safe Drinking Water Primacy Assessment	\$2,025,000



### Important Dates

On or before July 1, 2018 DPH shall post costs to support primacy under SDWA on DPH website

On or before October 1, 2018 DPH issues invoices to CWSs

On or before January 1, 2019 CWS payments are due (50%)

On or before January 1, 2019 DPH issues invoices to NTNC systems

On or before March 1, 2019 NTNC payments are due

On or before May 31, 2019 CWS payments are due (remaining 50%)

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### Helpful Links

[DPH Circular Letter 2018-15](#) - Cost per Service Connection & Invoicing Schedule

[List of Service Connections for Community Public Water Systems](#)

[List of Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems](#)

[Safe Drinking Water Primacy Assessment FAQ](#)

[DPH Circular Letter 2018-07](#) - Service Connection Confirmation

[DPH Circular Letter 2017-14](#) - Safe Drinking Water Primacy Assessment

[Public Act 17-2 Sections 676 and 677](#)

[DPH Fee Study](#)

[U.S. EPA Safe Drinking Water Act Website](#)