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To: Community Water Systems  
From: Lori Mathieu, <sup>LM</sup> Public Health Section Chief, Drinking Water Section  
Date: August 28, 2015  
Subject: Supply Capacity & Water Conservation

Due to the lower than normal precipitation this summer and the typical higher water demands associated with the summer outdoor water use, water supply sources are being strained and must be carefully monitored. As a result, the Department of Public Health- Drinking Water Section (DWS), reminds you to take the minimum weekly reading of all your sources, keep a watch over the groundwater levels and surface water levels, assess the current capacity to maintain adequate supply & pressure, and as necessary institute water conservation plan and/or measures in order to effectively reduce water consumption. You may want to consider enacting voluntary water conservation measures while our state continues to be within the present weather situation.

Systems that use surface water sources should continue to report the records of reservoir status and any proactive measures taken consistent with the system's water conservation plan and trigger levels. All systems are asked to report any conservation steps taken by calling the DWS at 860-509-7333 and by email at [dwdcompliance@ct.gov](mailto:dwdcompliance@ct.gov).

Please see our web-site for further information concerning water conservation & reservoir data;  
<http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=319&q=387296>  
<http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3139&q=387348>

We thank you in advance for your participation and anticipation in protecting our Public Water Systems. Any questions concerning the reporting requirements, please contact Michael Hage of my staff at 860-509-7333.

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