

**CT Drought Preparedness and Response Plan – 7/7/2022 Draft
Change Log**

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Plan Section Reference	Description of Change	Reason/Charge #
All sections	Eliminate drought stage names. Refer by stage number only.	OPM recommendation to simplify and reduce confusion
All sections	Replace “local water coordinator” with “municipal drought liaison”	Change made by the IDW during the 2020 drought; provides a more suitable title for the role
All sections	Add PURA as voting representative on the IDW	Request by PURA
All sections	Technical edits	OPM recommendations to improve wording, clarify intent, provide consistency across the document
Executive Summary	Revised and added DEEP infographic on drought stages	OPM recommendation
Section 2.4 Data Resources and Decision-Making Criteria	Update information on NE DEWS to reflect current status and provide updated links.	OPM recommendation
3.1 Drought Management Areas (new section)	New section introduces the concept of drought management areas and how they may be delineated; specifies that the IDW uses counties as default drought management areas	1.02A, 4.01, 4.02
3.2 IDW Organizational Structure and Meeting Schedule (new section)	New section provides clarification on the composition/representation of the IDW, requires the designation of a State Drought Coordinator, specifies administrative tasks to be shared among agencies, and specifies meeting schedule and frequency	2.01, 2.02B, 2.02A, 4.25, 4.26, 4.27, 4.28, 4.29
3.3 Implementation (renamed from “Application of the Drought Plan”)	Clarifies the operation of the IDW and protocols for meeting, voting, and making recommendations to OTG. Clarifies that the purpose of the IDW is to collect and analyze drought information to inform stakeholders of conditions, while the role of DEMHS is to coordinate emergency response.	2.04
3.4 Emergency Management	Clarifies DEMHS and IDW role during emergency declaration or activation of the EOC	OPM Recommendation

3.5 Reporting and Documentation (new section)	Specifies that drought reports, records, documents, and other related materials should be saved, archived, and made publicly available online	1.06, 4.04, 4.05, 4.06
4.1 Long-term Planning & Preparedness: Fundamental Strategies	Specify that DEMHS is responsible for maintaining and updating list of municipal drought coordinators	3.03
Numerous sections	Chapter and section name revisions and rearrangements	OPM recommendation to improve plan organization and layout