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PROPOSED WATER QUALITY STANDARDS REGULATIONS

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 92% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate the opportunity to submit comments on issues of interest to towns and cities.

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Department of Energy and Environmental Protections **Proposed Water Quality Standards Regulations**. We understand the intention of these proposed regulations is to provide clarity and codify water standards into regulations.

The impact of such water regulations could be far reaching and affect local government operations and requirements. As they are lengthy, and technical in nature, CCM asks that a clear and concise summary of these proposed regulations be provided, along with a detailed explanation of the impact on towns and cities, including but not limited to any new requirements or restrictions.

As you proceed with deliberations on the final draft of these regulations, CCM urges you to ensure that no new mandates, financial or administrative, are imposed on local governments.

CCM reserves the right to comment further on these regulations as they make their way through the process and until a clear explanation is provided.

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If you have any questions, please contact Kachina Walsh-Weaver, State Relations Manager for CCM via email kwash-weaver@ccm-ct.org or via phone (203) 710-9525.