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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND DRINKING WATER BRANCH

DWS Circular Letter# 2021-63

TO: Community Public Water Systems
FROM: Lori J. Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief
DATE: August 22, 2021
SUBJECT: Severe Weather Reminder – Tropical Storm Henri

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori J. Mathieu '21".

You are reminded to report any and all emergency incidents (loss of pressure, infrastructure failures, flooding, storm damage, facility access problems, etc.) through the WEBEOC and to the Department of Public Health as soon as possible. If your community water system experiences a power outage leading to a low water pressure, then you must alert your customers to boil the water and notify the DPH by contacting our emergency number at 860-692-2333.

All Community Public Water Systems with WEBEOC credentials must update CWS status as part of storm response activities. If you are experiencing difficulties logging into WEBEOC please contact us at 860-692-2333.

As of Sunday morning, Tropical Storm Henri continues to track toward southern New England expecting to make landfall in Rhode Island Sunday morning then pushing into Connecticut Sunday afternoon through Tuesday morning with heavy tropical rains and possible tropical storm force winds. Hurricane watch and tropical storm warnings have been posted for parts of the Connecticut shoreline and a flash flood watch has also been put in place.

Timing: Heavy rains & possible tropical storm force winds expected early Sunday through Tuesday morning

Hazards & Impacts: - 2 to 6 inches of rain expected, with locally heavier amounts.
- River and small stream flooding possible with these predicted rainfall totals.
- Potential tropical storm force winds with the possibility of power outages.
- Potential heatwave immediately following Storm Henri (Tuesday through Thursday)

For the latest forecast updates visit <https://www.nhc.noaa.gov>

The Drinking Water Section encourages all community water systems to do the following as part of their storm response:

- Monitor emergency response staff and assign roles and responsibilities
- Prepare messages to be communicated to the media, the public and public officials
- Prepare the template of a boil water advisory, in English & other languages deemed necessary to your service area, so it is ready and available if needed, [Boil-Water-Notices-and-Advisories](#)

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