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To: Public Water Systems Participating in the Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5)

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Subject: EPA UCMR 5 First Data release

EPA will publish results publicly of UCMR 5 testing in the coming weeks and on a periodic basis thereafter. The UCMR 5 requires testing for 30 chemical contaminants (29 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and lithium) between 2023 and 2025.

UCMR 5 will provide new data that is critically needed to improve an understanding of the frequency that these contaminants are found in Connecticut's drinking water systems and at what levels. These data can be accessed at: [Occurrence Data from the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule | US EPA](#)

The Safe Drinking Water Act stipulates that every five years the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) require certain Public Water Systems to monitor for priority contaminants that may be present in drinking water but are not yet subject to EPA drinking water regulations. Under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR), EPA collects nationally representative drinking water occurrence data to support EPA's future regulatory determinations and, as appropriate, inform the development of national primary drinking water regulations. Public Water Systems are required to make all UCMR testing results available to customers within 12 months. Community Water Systems are further required to report UCMR testing results in their annual Consumer Confidence Report when unregulated contaminants are found.

For more information concerning UCMR 5, please see EPA's [Program Overview Fact Sheet](#). If you have any questions regarding this Circular Letter, please contact Pat Bisacky at 860-509-7356 or email the DPH Emerging Contaminants Unit at [DPH.EmergingContaminants@ct.gov](mailto:DPH.EmergingContaminants@ct.gov).

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