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DWS Circular Letter #2021-65

TO: Community Public Water Systems (serving <1000)
FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief, EHDW *Lori J. Mathieu '21*
DATE: August 27, 2021
SUBJECT: Free Drought Response and Water Loss Workshop for Water Utilities

On Wednesday, September 22, 2021, a free 3-hour webinar will be held for small public water utilities. The workshop provides tools and resources that utilities can use to assess and control water loss and mitigate against drought impacts on water supply. Participants will have the opportunity to identify practical actions that drinking water utilities can take to advance effective drought response and water loss control in their communities.

When: **Wednesday, September 22, 2021** **8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

This workshop will specifically include:

- An overview of the U.S. Drought Monitor Map and how it relates to water systems
- An introduction to EPA's Drought Response and Recovery: A Basic Guide for Water Utilities
- An introduction for creating a drought response plan
- An introduction to water loss control resources

Who should attend?

- Small drinking water utility operators, managers, and owners
- Technical assistance providers
- Water sector associations

Register online at:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/623237690153859339>

See attached flyer and agenda

If you have any question, please contact Steven Harkey of my staff at Steven.Harkey@ct.gov.

Thank you.

Cc: Heather Aaron, MPH, LNHA, Deputy Commissioner, DPH
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DROUGHT RESPONSE AND WATER LOSS WORKSHOP FOR WATER UTILITIES

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

**Attention:
SMALL
WATER UTILITIES**

FREE DROUGHT WORKSHOP for Connecticut's Small Water Utilities

3-Hour Webinar • Wednesday, September 22, 2021

Connecticut suffered a brutal 46-week drought, spanning 2016 and 2017. At its worst, almost 70 percent of the state's drought condition was listed as extreme or severe, with the balance in a moderate drought. This workshop will provide small water utilities with guidance, information, and free tools to enhance their ability to respond to future droughts affecting the state.

**0.30 CEUs will
be available for
participation**

Workshop Overview

This workshop is an opportunity for Connecticut's small water utilities to share challenges, solutions and lessons learned in drought response and water loss control. The workshop provides tools and resources that utilities can use to assess and control water loss and mitigate against drought impacts on water supply. Participants will have the opportunity to identify practical actions that drinking water utilities can take to advance effective drought response and water loss control in their communities. This workshop will specifically include:

- An overview of the current drought monitoring and response resources for small water utilities
- An introduction to EPA's [Drought Response and Recovery: A Basic Guide for Water Utilities](#)
- An introduction for creating a drought response plan
- An introduction to water loss control resources

Who Should Attend?

- Small drinking water utility operators, managers, and owners
- Technical assistance providers
- Water sector associations
- Local, state, and federal government agencies



Credit hours for water treatment and distribution may be available for participation (application pending)

AGENDA

Sign in to GoToWebinar	8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Workshop	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Sponsored by Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH), Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP), Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM), Connecticut Water Planning Council, Atlantic States Rural Water & Wastewater Association (ASRWAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Register online at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/623237690153859339>.

If you have questions or need more information, please contact Alfredo Lagos (GDIT) alfredo.lagos@gdit.com.



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DROUGHT WORKSHOP for Connecticut's Small Water Utilities

Date: September 22, 2021

0.30 CEUs will be available for participation

Workshop Objectives

- Share challenges, solutions and lessons learned in drought response and water loss control.
- Provide tools and resources utilities can use to mitigate against drought impacts on water supply.
- Identify practical actions drinking water utilities can take to advance implementation of drought response in their communities.

Agenda

TIME	TOPIC
8:45 a.m.	Participants Join GoToWebinar
9:00 a.m.	Virtual Workshop Logistics Alfredo Lagos, GDIT Review of webinar logistics.
9:10 a.m.	Opening Remarks and Workshop Overview Lori Mathieu, Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Dawn Ison, EPA Welcome, opening remarks, and an overview of the virtual workshop objectives and agenda.
9:15 a.m.	The U.S. Drought Monitor Map – What does it mean for small public water systems? Jessica Spaccio, Northeast Regional Climate Center An overview of what criteria are used to make the U.S. Drought Monitor Map and how it relates to small public water systems. CT Drought Monitoring Eric Lindquist, Connecticut Office of Policy and Management An overview of what criteria are used to establish CT drought stages.
9:45 a.m.	Drought Checklist for Small Utilities Shaun Fielder, Rural Water Association How to monitor and respond to drought.
10:30 a.m.	Break

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TIME	TOPIC
10:45 a.m.	Overview of the Drought Resilience Guide Dawn Ison, EPA Overview of the types of drought response activities associated with: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staffing, Response Plans and Funding• Water Supply and Demand Management• Communications and Partnerships
11:00 a.m.	How to Create a Drought Response Plan Dawn Ison, EPA Overview of the 7 essential elements of plan development
11:25 a.m.	Water Loss Control for Small Utilities Shaun Fielder, Rural Water Association How to identify and control water losses.
11:45 a.m.	Drought Workshop Wrap-Up and Water Loss Workshop Overview Dawn Ison, EPA The facilitator will review highlights from the day and share thoughts about actions they can take to advance implementation of drought preparedness and response in their communities.
12:00 p.m.	Drought Workshop Adjourns