## STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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## EHDW Circular Letter #2022-63

TO:	Department Public Health (DPH) Certified Water System Operators
	Community and Non-Transient Non-Community Public Water Systems
FROM:	Lori J. Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch J. Mathieu <sup>22</sup> October 13, 2022
DATE:	October 13, 2022
SUBJECT:	Reinstatement of Licensure Renewal Requirements – 29 Days Remaining to November 10, 2022 Certification Expiration

The commissioner has <u>ordered</u> the resumption of certification renewal requirements effective May 10, 2022 and specified a final certification expiration date of November 10, 2022. Certified operators whose certification renewal was due to expire during the Governor's COVID-19 <u>Declaration of Public Health</u> and <u>Civil Preparedness Emergencies</u> **now have 29 days remaining to renew their certification**. Certified Operators should not wait and should prepare to submit their renewal application in advance of the November 10, 2022 expiration date.

No additional extension or modification of the renewal deadline is expected. The filing of an application will not extend the renewal deadline. If you file an application without leaving sufficient time for the department to process the application, your certification will expire November 10, 2022.

The Operator Certification Program has emailed out renewal applications to each operator whose certification renewal requirements were suspended. Operators may request their renewal application by sending an email to <u>dph.opcert@ct.gov</u>. Operators are to print and fill out their renewal application and mail it to the below mailing address along with the required application fee (payee "Treasurer, State of Connecticut", bank check, personnel check or money order) and where applicable copies of training course certificates and/or transcripts.

While the renewal cycle of a "Suspended Renewal" has been extended, the next renewal cycle will be shortened by an equivalent amount. This means that operators will have less time to accumulate the required training contact hours or completed required device tests in their next renewal cycle and it is therefore advantageous to renew sooner than later in this renewal cycle.

Water Treatment Plant, Distribution System and Small Water System Operators are to note the following web links to lists of CT DPH Approved Training Courses:

<u>CT DPH Approved Water Operator Internet or Correspondence Training Courses</u> <u>CT DPH Approved Water Operator Classroom Training Courses</u>

Operators are reminded that they may view the status of their certification and expiration date, <u>without</u> <u>password</u>, on the <u>eLicense</u> website (click on "Online Services", click on "Lookup a License", enter in First Name and Last Name, click "Submit".



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