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SUBJECT: **Weather Alert**

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In anticipation for potential significant weather conditions, please review your emergency plans, including your staffing plans. In addition, please check your generators and its fuel supply, ensure that your facility has emergency food and other supplies, monitor your local weather channel via television and radio.

The Department is recommending visual inspections of sprinkler systems, generators, and fuel supply for the generators. Facilities should also ensure that all emergency exits are operational and clear of obstructions before and after the weather event.

Please be reminded that state regulations (19-13-B102 (w)) set forth emergency power requirements specifically for all Community Water Systems (CWS). If your facility is a CSW, the regulation requires that each CWS have a stand-by stationary generator on site to ensure continuity of water operations should the facility lose electrical connectivity. If the facility operates with one generator, it must be enough to provide for regular nursing care and treatment and the safety of the occupants to maintain continuity of operations. Please remember that Convalescent Nursing Homes & Rest Homes with Nursing Supervision are required to submit reportable events through DPH FLIS Events website (<https://dphflisevents.ct.gov>). A duty officer (860-509-8000) is also available.

Please also submit any operational issues to the Connecticut LTCMAP (<https://mutualaidplan.org>)



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