

**Connecticut Drought Preparedness and Response Plan – August 4, 2022 Proposed Revision  
Summary of Changes**

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<b>Plan Section Reference</b>	<b>Description of Change</b>	<b>Reason/Charge #</b>
All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Eliminates drought stage names and labeled each stage by categorical number only (i.e. Stage 1, Stage 2, and so on)</li> </ul>	OPM recommendation to simplify communication and reduce confusion
All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replaces “local water coordinator” with “municipal drought liaison”</li> </ul>	OPM recommendation to provide a more suitable title for the role
All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adds PURA as a new voting representative on the IDW</li> </ul>	PURA recommendation
All sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Technical edits</li> </ul>	OPM recommendations to improve wording, clarify intent, and provide consistency across the document
Executive Summary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Revises text of Executive Summary</li> <li>Adds DEEP infographic on drought stages</li> </ul>	OPM recommendation to improve wording and add quick visual summary on drought stages
Section 2.4 Data Resources and Decision-Making Criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates the information on NE DEWS</li> </ul>	OPM/DPH recommendation to reflect current status and provide updated links.
3.1 Drought Management Areas (new section)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Introduces the concept of drought management areas and how they may be delineated</li> <li>Specifies that the IDW uses counties as default drought management areas</li> </ul>	1.02A, 4.01, 4.02
3.2 IDW Organizational Structure and Meeting Schedule (new section)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provides clarification on the composition/representation of the IDW</li> <li>Requires the designation of a State Drought Coordinator</li> <li>Specifies administrative tasks to be shared among agencies</li> <li>Specifies meeting schedule and frequency</li> </ul>	2.01, 2.02B, 2.02A, 4.25, 4.26, 4.27, 4.28, 4.29
3.3 Implementation (renamed from “Application of the Drought Plan”)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarifies the operation of the IDW and protocols for meeting, voting, and making recommendations to OTG</li> </ul>	2.04

<p>3.4 Emergency Management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarifies DEMHS and IDW roles during emergency declaration or activation of the EOC</li> </ul>	<p>OPM/DEMHS recommendation to make distinctions in responsibility for coordinating emergency response</p>
<p>3.5 Reporting and Documentation (new section)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specifies that drought reports, records, documents, and other related materials should be saved, archived, and made publicly available online</li> </ul>	<p>1.06, 4.04, 4.05, 4.06</p>
<p>4.1 Long-term Planning &amp; Preparedness: Fundamental Strategies</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Specifies that DEMHS is responsible for maintaining and updating list of municipal drought coordinators</li> </ul>	<p>3.03</p>
<p>Numerous sections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chapter and section name revisions and rearrangements</li> </ul>	<p>OPM recommendation to improve plan organization and layout</p>