

Date: March 13, 2013

To: Chief Elected Official, Water Pollution Control Authority, Superintendent, Consulting Engineer, and Regional Planning Organization

From: George V. Hicks, P.E., Supervising Sanitary Engineer, Municipal Facilities

Re: Draft FY14 and FY15 Priority List for the Clean Water Fund
Availability for review and comment; Notice of Public Hearing

The public notice for the hearing on the draft FY14 and FY15 Priority List for the Clean Water Fund will be published in the state's five largest newspapers on March 14, 2014.

A public hearing will be held on the draft priority list at DEEP Headquarters in Hartford on April 15, 2014 at 9am in the 5th floor auditorium of 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut.

The draft FY14 and FY15 Priority List for the Clean Water Fund (CWF) program can be found at: <http://www.ct.gov/dep/cleanwaterfund>

The draft FY14 and FY15 priority list proposes a two year funding strategy that will reach a significant number of necessary wastewater infrastructure projects whose implementation is considered significant to reduce serious negative impacts on water quality in our state. These projects include nitrogen removal projects in order to meet the 2014 TMDL (Total Maximum Daily Load) for the Long Island Sound; phosphorus removal projects in order to comply with effluent limits that are being incorporated into NPDES permit renewals; and combined sewer overflow (CSO) improvement projects to meet Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) goals in our state's largest cities.

The draft FY14 and FY15 Priority List includes the typical planning, design, small community, and Fats, Oil, and Grease (FOG) reserves that have been included in previous Priority Lists. The draft FY14 and FY15 Priority List also introduces several new types of funding reserves devoted exclusively toward:

- Strengthening the resiliency of our wastewater infrastructure so that it can withstand the effects of sea level rise;
- Incorporating green infrastructure principles into wastewater infrastructure that will promote stormwater infiltration in combined sewer areas and explore alternate means of renewable energy;
- Rehabilitating pump stations and other parts of collection systems; and
- Extending sanitary sewers in order to solve an existing community pollution problem.

This draft also increases the funding for infiltration and inflow (I/I) projects to include a 20% grant. Please refer to Section 3b on pages 10 – 15 for details on these funding set-asides.

Interested parties are invited to review and comment on the proposed priority list. Please submit written comments to Ivonne Hall, Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse, Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106-5127 on or before April 18, 2014.