



Connecticut Department of

**ENERGY &
ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION**

**EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION FOR
DISPOSAL OF ACCUMULATED SNOW FROM
WINTER STORM JUNO/COLBIE**

AS AUTHORIZATION HOLDER ISSUED TO:

**The State, Municipalities, Federal Agencies and Private Entities in the State of
Connecticut Conducting Snow Removal Activities Necessary for the Maintenance of
Infrastructure**

A. INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to section 22a-6k of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("Commissioner") issues the following Emergency Authorization (Authorization), to address the imminent or immediate danger to the public health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the State of Connecticut in response to Winter Storm Juno also known as Winter Storm Colbie in Connecticut.

B. DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this Authorization only, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

1. **"Infrastructure"** means public systems, services, and facilities within the state, including power and water supplies, public transportation, telecommunications, roads, airports, wastewater treatment, and public safety.
2. **"Accumulated Snow"** means any snow that has been plowed off a surface for temporary staging prior to removal by other machines including loaders, truck or other transportation method. Accumulated snow does not include routine snow removal by plow or other mechanical means that is not stockpiled for later removal.

C. PARTIES

1. The Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (“the Department”) is a duly constituted administrative agency of the State of Connecticut, having its principal office at 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106.
2. Persons who are subject to this Authorization are any municipalities, political subdivisions, state or federal government agencies or private entities responsible for snow removal activities necessary for the maintenance of critical infrastructure associated with the subject event.

D. STATEMENT OF FACTS AND LAW

1. It is anticipated that impacts by the subject storm may result in the need to dispose of snow into the waters of the state in order to meet public safety needs and safely maintain critical infrastructure.
2. By the Governor’s Emergency Declaration on January 26th, 2015, the governor declared that a state of emergency exists throughout the state of Connecticut, based upon the serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare posed by the subject event.
3. Under the General Statutes of Connecticut, 22a-6k, the Commissioner is authorized to issue this Emergency Authorization.

E. SCOPE OF AUTHORIZATION

Each Municipality, Town, City and Borough of the State of Connecticut, political subdivision, regional authority, private entity, or government agency (“Authorization Holder”) is hereby authorized, to dispose of accumulated snow by directly or indirectly depositing such snow to the waters of the state in accordance with the following terms.

F. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. This Authorization will be effective within the State of Connecticut.
2. The Authorization Holder shall notify Kevin Sowa of the Department (kevin.sowa@ct.gov), of the locations of all the sites at which the authorized activities will take place within forty eight (48) hours of selection or initial disposal of accumulated snow in a given waterbody. Within five (5) calendar days of the subject event, the Authorization Holder shall submit the list of waterbodies including locations and estimated volumes of snow to the Department in writing via electronic mail or traditional mail.
3. No deposition of accumulated snow shall be directed to any waterbody used as a public water supply without written authorization from the State Department of Public Health and the Water Company managing such waterbody.

4. **Prior to discharge of accumulated snow to any waterbody, all other reasonable upland storage and disposal options, (i.e., athletic fields, parks and other flat, open-field sites) and other snow management methods (i.e., snow melting equipment) must be the first alternatives explored and exhausted.**
5. Accumulated snow shall be free of visible contamination other than salt and sand associated with road treatments.
6. Disposal of accumulated snow must occur in open water in areas with adequate flow and mixing. For coastal communities, accumulated snow shall be disposed in salt water where available. Disposal of accumulated snow is prohibited if such disposal may interfere with navigation.
7. Disposal of accumulated snow is prohibited if such disposal has the possibility of damaging any infrastructure within or nearby the receiving waterbody.
8. Disposal of accumulated snow is prohibited if such disposal is likely to result in streambank or shoreline damage or erosion, the creation of ice dams, or other long-term disturbance to the receiving waterbody.
9. Disposal of accumulated snow is prohibited to coastal or freshwater wetlands, eelgrass beds, vegetated shallows, shellfish beds, mudflats, vernal pools, and areas designated as being environmentally sensitive. Disposal in ponds and lakes should be avoided.
10. Any document required to be submitted to the Commissioner under this authorization or any contact required to be made with the Commissioner shall, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Commissioner, be directed to:

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11. The Authorization shall allow any representatives of the Commissioner to inspect the work authorized herein at reasonable times to ensure that it is being or has been accomplished in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Authorization.
12. This Authorization is subject to and does not derogate any present or future property rights or powers of the state of Connecticut, and conveys not property rights in real estate or material nor any exclusive privileges, and is further subject to any and all public and private rights and to any federal, state, or local laws or regulations pertinent to the property or activity affected hereby.
13. Nothing in this Authorization shall eliminate the necessity for obtaining any other federal, state, or local permits or other authorizations that may be required.

14. Any document, including but not limited to any notice, which is required to be submitted to the Commissioner under this Authorization by the Authorization Holder shall be signed by a duly authorized representative or agent of the Authorization Holder and by the individual responsible for actually preparing such document, each of whom shall certify in writing as follows: "I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and certify that based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I understand that any false statement made in this document or its attachments may be punishable as a criminal offense."
15. The Commissioner may order summary suspension of this Authorization in accordance with section 4-182 of the General Statutes. This Authorization may be revoked, reissued, modified or suspended in accordance with applicable law.
16. This Emergency Authorization shall take effect immediately and expire in thirty (30) days from the date of issuance of this Authorization unless modified or extended by further Authorization.

Issued on this 26th day of January, 2015.



Yvonne Bolton
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Compliance Assurance