Attachment H

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Re: Revised Priority Ranking System

Dear. Ms. Mathieu:

Thank you for allowing EPA Region I the opportunity to review the most recent proposed revised priority ranking system and criteria as part of the State of Connecticut's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program. A draft revised version was provided to our office on November 14th, 2012 by Cam Walden of your staff.

The CTDPH would like to initiate the solicitation process for projects starting during state fiscal years 2014-2015 utilizing a revised priority ranking system that will include additional points related to the new Emergency Power Generator Program to provide subsidized loans for the purchase and installation of emergency power generator systems costing less than $100,000.

The state's proposed revised criteria continues to be in accordance with 40 CFR Part 35.3520, placing emphasis on projects that: (1) address the most serious risk to public health; and (2) ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. EPA hereby approves the proposed revised criteria for use in the state's next call for projects starting in state fiscal years 2014-2015.

We certainly appreciate the efforts and conscientiousness of Cam Walden and his staff in overseeing the project side of things with respect to the CTDPH's DWSRF Program. If you have any questions relative to this letter, feel free to contact me at (617) 918-1547 or David Chin of my staff at 617-918-1764.

Sincerely,

Mark Spinale, Manager
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