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Lori Mathieu, Acting Chief
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Re: Revised Priority Ranking System

Dear. Ms. Mathieu:

Thank you for the opportunity to review Connecticut's updated priority ranking criteria (dated October 6, 2011) which is an integral part of the state's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) program. We understand that the priority ranking criteria was revised based on the specific DWSRF language in both the FY2011 and FY2012 Appropriations Bills relative to the DWSRF program.

We note that the revised priority ranking criteria continues to place particular emphasis on projects that 1) address public health and safety, and 2) ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act requirements. Additional revisions to the ranking criteria include considerations for projects that include energy and water efficiency components (i.e., "Green Projects"), as well as establishing a clear by-pass procedure to be used for projects that are not ready to proceed.

Based on the review of the state's revised DWSRF priority ranking criteria, EPA hereby approves the new criteria for use in the state's next call for projects.

If you have any questions relative to this letter, feel free to contact me at (617) 918-1547.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Spinale", is written over the word "Sincerely,".

Mark Spinale
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cc: Cam Walden, CTDPH
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