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Dear Mr. Kuzminski:

Congratulations! You have been chosen by the Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Drinking Water Section to receive the 2014 Joint Educational Public Health Drinking Water Merit Award along with Mr. Sebastian Agostino. This award is given during National Drinking Water Week to recognize educators who have made outstanding contributions to the field of drinking water.

The DPH Drinking Water Section (DWS) helps protect public health by assuring the quality and adequacy of the state's more than 2,500 public water systems (PWSs) through administration of state and federal drinking water regulations. A well-educated workforce is critical to the DPH's mission of assuring safe water at all public water systems. As part of celebrating National Drinking Water Week, DPH will recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the drinking water field in the area of education. This award is given to educators who have made superior contributions to educating personnel in the drinking water field.

You are being recognized for your instrumental work in development and instruction of the "Water & People Course" used to educate high school students about the water industry. Students who have completed this innovative course are eligible to take the CT DPH "Small Water System Operator" certification examination. Furthermore, completion of this course also awards college credits towards Gateway Community College's Certificate of Achievement in Water Management Program. You are also being recognized for your efforts in conducting week long Water Boot Camps that exposed Bridgeport, New Haven and Hartford students to the water industry.

We look forward to presenting you with your award at a ceremony on April 29, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. at the State Legislative Office Building (Main Atrium) in Hartford.

Should you have any questions, please contact William Sullivan of the DPH Drinking Water Section at (860) 509-7333 or via email at [william.sullivan@ct.gov](mailto:william.sullivan@ct.gov).

Thank you for all that you do to ensure the public health and safety of drinking water in Connecticut.

Sincerely,

  
Jewel Mullen, MD, MPH, MPA  
Commissioner

cc: Mr. Thad D. King, Director of Health, Chatham Health District  
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