

MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief Elected Officials
Local Health Directors
Regional Planning Agencies
Community Public Water Systems
DEP, DPUC, OPM

FROM: Darrell B. Smith, Section Chief
Department of Public Health
Drinking Water Section

DATE: June 26, 2009

SUBJECT: Northeast Regional Management Area Water Supply Forum

A public forum is being held to address regional drinking water supply issues and to select two spokespersons to represent the region at the Statewide DPH Commissioner's WUCC Advisory Group. The Department of Public Health values you as an important stakeholder in the forthcoming Northeast Water Utility Coordinating Committee (NEWUCC), and is thus inviting you or your designated representatives to participate in this public forum to be held Tuesday July 14, 2009 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Knowlton Memorial Hall auditorium located at 25 Pompey Hollow Road (Route 44) in Ashford. It is critical that the Department provide essential information to our important stakeholders early in this process so informed decisions are made at the local level that help ensure an adequate quantity and quality of drinking water for the residents of your community.

Water Utility Coordinating Committees (WUCCs) are regional committees established by the Department of Public Health pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Section 25-33c through 25-33j to coordinate the planning and development of Connecticut's public drinking water systems and sources. Pursuant to CGS Section 25-33e Connecticut is divided into seven management areas, four of which have been convened into active Water Utility Coordinating Committees. The Northeast WUCC has not yet been convened.

A Statewide DPH Commissioner's WUCC Advisory Group has recently been formed to oversee drinking water issues across the state and to provide consistency across the WUCCs. This public forum is necessary so that the Northeast region can identify regional representatives to participate on this advisory group. Similar public forums will be held in the other two management areas yet to be convened to identify representatives from those regions. This public forum is also the first step in developing a coordinated plan for the region that will include the identification of regional sources of supply and the establishment of exclusive service areas. Exclusive service areas are territories designated to be served by a single water utility. A diverse list of distinguished presenters from across the State will be featured who will provide factual information regarding their own personal experiences (successes and failures of the process) and hopefully insight that will allow you to make better informed decisions for your own community.

Voting members of a WUCC as defined in CGS Section 25-33f(b) currently consist of one representative from each public water system with a source of supply or service area within the WUCC management area and one representative of each regional planning organization within the management area. Technically, a chief elected official could currently qualify as a voting member if the municipality owned

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a public water system, such as a public school or town hall, which is regulated by DPH. The Department feels the WUCC process would be well served to designate Chief Elected Officials and local health directors as official voting members of the WUCC. Input on this option as well as other recommended improvements to the WUCC process will be sought from the participants of the forum as we discuss the options for convene the Northeast region into an active WUCC.

You should seriously consider attending and participating in this forum along with any of your interested staff. The agenda, directions, parking instructions, and other information are available on the DPH website: <http://www.ct.gov/dph/> From the main address select 'Programs and Services, 'Drinking Water' then 'Water Utility Coordinating Committee'. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (860) 509-7333 with any questions. I hope to see you at the event.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Town Clerks

FROM: Steve Messer, Supervising Sanitary Engineer
Drinking Water Section

RE: Public Forum related to the Northeast Water Utility Coordinating
Committee – Concerning Public Drinking Water

DATE: June 26, 2009

Please post this notice in your town hall for public viewing and feel free to post electronically on your municipal website. A public forum is being held to address regional drinking water supply issues in the management area of the Northeast Water Utility Coordinating Committee. Attached is an invitation that was sent to important stakeholders in this process.

Date: July 14, 2009
Time: 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Venue: Knowlton Memorial Hall auditorium
25 Pompey Hollow Road (Route 44) in Ashford

Water Utility Coordinating Committees (WUCCs) are regional committees established, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Section 25-33c through 25-33j, to coordinate the planning and orderly development of Connecticut's public drinking water systems and sources. Each WUCC consists of one representative from each public water system and one representative of each regional planning organization within the delineated management area. The Departments of Environmental Protection, Public Utility Control, and the Office of Policy and Management participate in the process, which is lead by the Department of Public Health.

The Northeast WUCC has not yet been convened. This public forum is being held to provide essential information to the important stakeholders in this process and select two spokespersons to represent the region at the Statewide DPH Commissioner's WUCC Advisory Group.

The agenda and other information are available on the DPH website: www.ct.gov/dph/publicdrinkingwater. Select 'Water Utility Coordinating Committee' from the main address for further details. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (860) 509-7333 if you require additional information.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Susan Bysiewicz
Office of the Secretary of State
Record & Legislative Services Division
30 Trinity Street - P.O. Box 150470
Hartford, CT 06115-0470

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Services Manager
Drinking Water Section

DATE: June 26, 2009

SUBJECT: Northeast Water Utility Coordinating Committee

This memorandum is to inform you that a public forum is being held to address regional drinking water supply issues in the management area of the Northeast Water Utility Coordinating Committee. The forum is being held on July 14, 2009 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Knowlton Memorial Hall auditorium located at 25 Pompey Hollow Road (Route 44) in Ashford. The agenda and other information are available on the DPH website: www.ct.gov/dph/publicdrinkingwater. Select 'Water Utility Coordinating Committee' from the main address for further details. Please do not hesitate to contact me at (860) 509-7333 if you require additional information.