



STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

December 16, 2009



Municipal Utilities:

As you may be aware, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is proposing revisions to the Stream Flow Standards in response to legislation enacted in 2005. A Public Notice of Intent to Adopt Stream Flow Standards and Regulations and to Hold a Public Hearing was published on October 13, 2009 in the Connecticut Law Journal. Attached for your convenience is a factsheet on the proposed regulation. The notice and proposed regulation are available through the DEP website at www.ct.gov/dep/publicnotices (select "Proposed Actions or Decisions").

Many experts dedicated countless hours of their time over the past three and a half years to help DEP develop this framework, and will undoubtedly attest that regulating stream flow is a new and very challenging endeavor. As a result of their input and the on-going efforts of DEP staff, we were able to design an approach that takes advantage of the best available science, is consistent with sound public policy, and is feasible to implement. It includes many innovative elements that represent a significant step forward in how Connecticut manages its water resources and it strives to reach the desired result in the least disruptive and most cost-effective way. While the proposed Stream Flow Standards and Regulations are protective of Connecticut's river and stream systems, the proposal is also about promoting better, more efficient management of our water resources so that all needs, both human and ecological, can be met both today and in the future.

The proposed regulation is a significant step in the regulation development process. The public hearing is scheduled for January 21, 2010. We certainly anticipate that the final regulation will be shaped by comments received during the public comment period. Given the complexity of the regulation and interest in this topic, the comment period extends through February 4, 2010.

If you were unable to attend the first informational meeting in November, there is another informational meeting scheduled for December 21, 2009 at the Department of Environmental Protection, Phoenix Auditorium, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut. In addition if you are interested, we would also like to extend an invitation to have DEP present the proposed regulatory framework to you and your municipal associates or to discuss your particular situation. Please contact me at (860) 424-3704 for scheduling.

Sincerely,

Betsey Wingfield
Bureau Chief
Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse

***** -COMM. JOURNAL- ***** DATE DEC-17-2009 ***** TIME 14:20 *****

MODE = MEMORY TRANSMISSION

START=DEC-17 14:19

END=DEC-17 14:20

FILE NO.=042

STN NO.	COMM.	ONE-TOUCH/ ABBR NO.	STATION NAME/EMAIL ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NO.	PAGES	DURATION
001	OK	8	912039492678	002/002	00:00:31

-DEP WATER

***** UF-8000 v2 ***** -DEP WATER - ***** 860 424 4067- *****

Patty Gamore
Clerk
DEP Water Division
(860) 424-3047



Fax

To: Roger Dan	From: CT DEP
Fax: 1-203-949-2678	Pages: 1 + FAX COVER
Phone:	Date: 12/17/2009
Re:	CC:

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply Please Recycle

• Comments:

MODE = MEMORY TRANSMISSION

START=DEC-17 14:22

END=DEC-17 14:23

FILE NO.=043

STN NO.	COMM.	ONE-TOUCH/ ABBR NO.	STATION NAME/EMAIL ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NO.	PAGES	DURATION
001	OK	α	918609453441	002/002	00:00:21

-DEP WATER

***** UF-8000 v2 ***** -DEP WATER - ***** - 860 424 4067- *****

Patty Gilmore
Clerk
DEP Water Division
(860) 424-3047



Fax

To: Steven Cerruto Jr	From: CT DEP
Fax: 1-860-945-3441	Pages: 1 + FAX COVER
Phone:	Date: 12/17/2009
Re:	CC:

Urgent
 For Review
 Please Comment
 Please Reply
 Please Recycle

• Comments:

MODE = MEMORY TRANSMISSION

START=DEC-17 14:48

END=DEC-17 14:51

FILE NO.=045

STN NO.	COMM.	ONE-TOUCH/ ABBR NO.	STATION NAME/EMAIL ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NO.	PAGES	DURATION
001	OK	Δ	912039492678	005/005	00:02:53

-DEP WATER

***** UF-8000 v2 ***** -DEP WATER - ***** - 860 424 4067- *****

Patty Gilmore
Clerk
DEP Water Division
(860) 424-3047



Fax

To: Roger Dan	From: CT DEP
Fax: 1-203-949-2678	Pages: 4 + FAX COVER
Phone:	Date: 12/17/2009
Re:	CC:

Urgent For Review Please Comment Please Reply Please Recycle

• Comments:

MODE = MEMORY TRANSMISSION

START=DEC-17 14:45

END=DEC-17 14:47

FILE NO.=044

STN NO.	COMM.	ONE-TOUCH/ ABBR NO.	STATION NAME/EMAIL ADDRESS/TELEPHONE NO.	PAGES	DURATION
001	OK	α	918609453441	005/005	00:02:04

-DEP WATER

***** UF-8000 v2 ***** -DEP WATER - ***** - 860 424 4067- *****

Patty Gilmore
Clerk
DEP Water Division
(860) 424-3047



Fax

To:	Steven Cerruto Jr	From:	CT DEP
Fax:	1-860-945-3441	Pages:	4 + FAX COVER
Phone:		Date:	12/17/2009
Re:		CC:	

Urgent
 For Review
 Please Comment
 Please Reply
 Please Recycle

• Comments: