

TO COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS

Consumer Confidence Reporting Requirements

Provisions of the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) rule (Code of Federal Register Sections 141.153 & 154) and Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section's Water Quality Regulations (19-13-B102(i)(10)(J)), and CT General Statutes Section 25-32k, state that additional information will be required in reports due July 1, 2005.

For instructions on how to prepare your system's CCR please go to the Drinking Water Section's CCR webpage at www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Water/CCR. To view the complete Code of Federal Register CCR document please reference Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) website at <http://www.epa.gov/OGWDW/ccr/ccr-frne.html>. To access EPA's CCR Writer program log onto <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/ccr/ccrwriter.html>.

The following areas are required to be addressed in your system's CCR:

1. Source water assessment information
2. Information on arsenic if the conditions listed apply

In order to assist you in meeting this new requirement, we are providing you with the following language:

1. Source water assessment information (all community water systems):

Source water assessment reports have been completed by the DPH and mailed to all public water systems. The CCR must 1) notify customers that this information is available and 2) include a brief summary of the system's susceptibility to potential sources of contamination, using language provided by the State or written by the operator and 3) tell them how to obtain the information.

Example: A water assessment of {pws source name} was recently completed by the Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section. The updated assessment report can be found on the Department of Public Health's website:

http://www.dph.state.ct.us/BRS/Water/Source_Protection/Assessments/Assessments.htm.

The assessment found that this public drinking water source has a {SWAP rating} susceptibility to potential sources of contamination."

Additional source water assessment Information can be found at the Environmental Protection Agency's website: www.epa.gov/safewater/protect/swap.html.

2. Information on arsenic under the following conditions (all community water systems):

Reports due July 1, 2002 (and beyond): *Detects between 5 ug/L and 10 ug/L must include an educational statement in their CCR;*

Reports due July 1, 2002 – July 1, 2006: *Detects between 10 ug/L and 50 ug/L must include a health effects statement in their CCR;*

Reports due July 1, 2007 (and beyond): *Community water systems in violation of the arsenic MCL (10 ug/L) must include a health effects statement in their CCR.*

Educational Statement: *While your drinking water meets EPA's standard for arsenic, it does contain low levels of arsenic. EPA's standard balances the current understanding of arsenic's*

possible health effects against the costs of removing arsenic from drinking water. EPA continues to research the health effects of low levels of arsenic, which is a mineral known to cause cancer in humans at high concentrations and is linked to other health effects such as skin damage and circulatory problems.

Health Effects Statement: Some people who drink water containing arsenic in excess of the MCL over many years could experience skin damage or problems with their circulatory system, and may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

By July 1, your system's CCR must be distributed to customers and;

You must:

- Submit, three (3) copies of the CCR by July 1, to the Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section's CCR Coordinator;
- Submit one (1) copy to the Director of Health of each city, town, borough or district served by July 1;
- Submit the DPH/DWS approved "Certification Form" by **August 9** of each year. The certification form states not only that the CCR was distributed to customers by July 1st, but that the information is correct and consistent with compliance monitoring data previously submitted to the Department of Public Health's Drinking Water Section. The form must be signed by the authorized system staff member.

If you have any questions regarding these requirements please contact the Department of Public Health, Drinking Water Section's CCR Coordinator at 860.509.7333.

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