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Drinking Water Section

DWS Circular Letter 2018-17

TO: Community Water Systems Serving More Than 1000 Persons

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Section Chief, Drinking Water Section

DATE: June 15, 2018

SUBJECT: Legionella Webinar

On June 2, 2017 the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) released the Survey and Certification (S&C) letter, <u>17-30-Hospitals/CAHs/NHs</u>, which established requirements to reduce the Legionella risk in healthcare facilities. Facility requirements include, but are not limited to, development of policies and procedures that inhibit microbial growth in facility water systems and conducting a facility risk assessment to identify where Legionella and other waterborne pathogens could grow and spread in the water system.

The Drinking Water Section, Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment Program, Epidemiology Program and the Facility Licensing and Investigations Section within the Department of Public Health have collaborated and will be providing a two part Legionella webinar presentation. Part 1 will be conducted on June 19, 2018 from 12:00PM-1:00PM and will include, an overview of Legionellosis and Legionaries Disease, Legionella and the Role of the Drinking Water Section and *Legionella* bacteria in building water systems: Keeping Healthcare Environments Safe. Part 2 will be conducted on July 31, 2018 from 12:00PM-1:00PM and will include, an overview of an Epidemiological case study of Legionella in a healthcare facility and the Building and Fire Safety Unit will provide the CMS regulatory requirements and what to expect during the course of survey activities.

Please see the registration information below for both Part 1 and Part 2 to participate in the training sessions.

Please register for DPH Legionella Presentation by FLIS, Epidemiology, Environmental, and Drinking Water - Part 1 on Jun 19, 2018 12:00 PM EDT at:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7462969649526399235





Please register for DPH Legionella Presentation by FLIS, Epidemiology, Environmental, and Drinking Water - Part 2 on Jul 31, 2018 11:30 AM EDT at:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/307755894774112259

Should you have any questions, please contact Lori Mathieu at lori.mathieu@ct.gov

Cc: Deputy Commissioner Addo Local Health Directors