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DATE: October 17, 2014

TO: Community Public Water Systems (CPWS)

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

RE: Free Emergency Response/CtWARN Training Opportunity for CPWS

The Connecticut Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (CtWARN) is a network of "utilities helping utilities." This network helps water and wastewater utilities locate emergency assistance in the form of personnel, equipment, materials and other services. The WARN concept is an important part of any CPWS emergency response plan that provides another level of redundancy to your system. CtWARN in conjunction with EPA Region 1 is proudly hosting a <u>free</u> training event that includes an emergency response seminar and a tabletop exercise.

The training event will run from 9 am to 3 pm on Tuesday, December 9th, 2014, at the Buck–Foreman Community Center, 265 Main Street, Portland, CT. The seminar will include important information and updates regarding PWS emergency response initiatives at the state and federal levels and recent developments within CtWARN, culminating in a tabletop exercise. This seminar and exercise are open to member utilities and non-member utilities, as well as response partners that are interested in learning more about CtWARN.

An application will be made for Connecticut water and wastewater operators to earn TCHs toward their license renewal requirements for their participation in the entire event. Event registration is limited to 50 participants, so please register today by visiting the following website: www.horsleywitten.com/warn/

Cc: Ellen Blaschinski, Public Health Branch Chief, DPH

