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<u>Proposed change to the Pretreatment Program</u>: DEEP will continue regulating all SIUs (including Individual Permits and SIU (Metal finishing wastewater and/or Process and non-process wastewater that is <u>not</u> subject to Categorical Pretreatment Standards) GP) while Non-SIUs covered by the MISC GP will be regulated by the WPCAs. Feedback since Ozzie's outreach to the WPCAs indicate there will be significant interest/concern among the WPCAs given that they will not be able to rely on DEEP to review and administer registrations under the proposed MISC GP. The SIU GP and MISC GP were public noticed on January 14, 2019 to allow time for public participation and for WPCAs to prepare and budget for any potential changes. The Department held an informational meeting regarding the two proposed general permits on January 23, 2019. Written comments were due by February 14, 2019. A hearing was requested regarding the above-noted general permits. General Statutes §22a-430b (b). The pre-hearing process will begin with a status conference was held on March 19, 2019. A working group was convened after the status conference to determine if resolution can be obtained prior to a hearing (April 2 & 23 & 30, May 28, June 25). A revised draft IU GP along with attachment forms was sent out on June 24. There has been a shift from 'registration' to notification'. There is a 3-page notification form with required attachments (similar to what the current MISC GP requires). Group I (process wastewaters) with flows between 1,000 and 25,000 gpd must submit a notification form. Notification is not required for many Group II (Non-process) wastewaters. Vehicle Maintenance is its own Group, with notification required. On-going meetings between DEEP and POTWs are being held to clarify requirements and address POTW concerns.		
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Wastewater Permits <u>Contact</u>: Ozzie Inglese at (860) 424-3725 or oswald.inglese@ct.gov		
Comprehensive General Permit for Discharges to Surface Water and Groundwater	NO CHANGE Effective 3/30/18 Expires 3/29/2023	The purpose of the Comprehensive General Permit is to provide a single general permit that will encompass discharges from the General Permit for the Discharge of Water Treatment Wastewater, General Permit for the Discharge of Minor Non-contact Cooling and Heat Pump Water, and the General Permit for the Discharge of Hydrostatic Pressure Testing Water. The Comprehensive General Permit will also include coverage for discharges of ***<u>fire suppression testing wastewater</u>***, hydrant flushing wastewater, potable water system tank and pipeline draining wastewater, and boiler blowdown wastewater (to groundwater only). DEEP has included a renewal registration timeline in the GP. If your facility has an existing authorization under the GPs that expire in March 2018, you must file a registration (if a registration is required to be submitted) within 90 days (by 6/28/18).

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Misc. Wastewater General Permit	Work in Progress Reissued through October 2020. No renewal registration is necessary.	Reissued Without Modification the General Permit: The purpose of the general permit is to provide a legal means of discharging many common industrial and commercial wastewaters (e.g. contact and noncontact cooling water, boiler blowdown, tumbling and cleaning wastewater, water treatment wastewater, etc.) to the sanitary sewer. The Miscellaneous General Permit was first issued in 2001 and revised in 2013 and 2017. DEEP has public noticed a revised MISC GP.
General Permit for the Discharge of Wastewaters from Categorical Industrial Users to a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)	Work in Progress Reissued through October 2020. No renewal registration is necessary.	Reissued Without Modification the General Permit: The Categorical General Permit authorizes discharges of wastewater subject to the provisions of 40 CFR 413 (Electroplating Point Source Category) or 40 CFR 433 (Metal Finishing Point Source Category). The Environmental Protection Agency promulgated a streamlining rule, effective November 14, 2005, which allows the use of a general permit for these and other wastewaters subject to categorical provisions. The general permit requires all facilities seeking coverage to register and receive an Approval of Registration. The general permit also requires regular monitoring of discharges and submittal of monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports to demonstrate compliance with applicable effluent limitations. The general permit is a stream-lined approach to permitting through which DEEP has reduced the amount of resources necessary to apply for and obtain a wastewater discharge permit for the metal finishing industry while continuing to assure a high level of environmental protection. This GP will be modified and become the Significant Industrial User (SIU) GP. DEEP has public noticed the SIU GP.
Stormwater Permits Contact: the stormwater group at 860-424-3025 or DEEP.StormwaterStaff @ct.gov	NO CHANGE REMINDER to set up user accounts in ezFile and subscriber agreements for both ezFile and NetDMR.	Construction and Industrial Stormwater General Permits - Effective January 20, 2016, DEEP's ezFile on-line system should be used to submit stormwater construction and industrial general permit registration(s). Please refer to the Construction Stormwater web page or the Industrial Stormwater web page for details on using ezFile.

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Industrial Stormwater General Permit	Reissued without modifications for another 2 years	A Notice of Tentative Decision to reissue (i.e. extend) the Industrial Stormwater General Permit without modification for two years was posted August 19, 2019. This general permit would be effective October 1, 2019 and would expire September 30, 2021; no renewal registration would be required. A Notice of Tentative Decision to reissue the Industrial Stormwater General Permit with modifications is expected to be issued prior to the expiration of this extension. For more information, go to: https://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?A=2721&Q=558454
Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities	Reissued without modifications for 1 year	A Notice of Tentative Decision to reissue (i.e. extend) the Construction Stormwater General Permit without modification for one year was posted August 19, 2019. This general permit would be effective October 1, 2019 and would expire September 30, 2020; no renewal registration would be required. A Notice of Tentative Decision to reissue the Construction Stormwater General Permit with modifications is expected to be issued prior to the expiration of this extension. For more information, go to https://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?A=2721&Q=558612
Water Diversion Program Contact: Land and Water Resources Division at (860) 424-3019	NO CHANGE CTDEEP has revised the applicable reporting forms and instructions and will issue them for public use beginning of 2020 so they can be used for reporting year of 2019.	CTDEEP shared final forms with the dedicated work group along with final updates on April 23, 2019. The Commissioners of Public Health and Agriculture and the chairperson of the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority were consulted by sending them the forms and asking for any feedback they may have. Forms and instructions were finalized and are now read to be used. The goal is to have the newly updated forms and instructions used by regulated community in January 2020 for the reporting year 2019. For more information, go to https://www.ct.gov/deep/waterdiversion

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Water Quality Standards Contact: Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse at (860) 424-3020	NO CHANGE Triennial Review Process underway	Public comment period has closed. Topics under Consideration for Revision within the WQS Regulations include Updates to Numeric Water Quality Criteria, Revise the Low Flow Statistic Applicable to Fresh Waters, Extended Disinfection Period, Define Highest Attainable Use, Downstream Protection, and Water Quality Classification Maps. More information including the public comments can be found at https://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?a=2719&q=325618&deepNav_GID=1654 or by searching the DEEP website for "water quality standards".
Stream Flow Standards and Regulations Contact: deep.streamflowclass@ct.gov or 860-424-3020	NO CHANGE Notice of Adopted Stream Flow Classifications Housatonic, Hudson & Southwest Coastal River Basins	With the finalization of stream flow classifications for the Housatonic, Hudson and Southwest Coastal River Basin, classifications for all streams across the state are now complete. Additional information on the Stream Flow Standards and Classifications is available on the Department's website at: www.ct.gov/deep/streamflow. Please review the Stream Flow Reporting Form for Dams to determine whether your site is subject to reporting requirements if you have not done so already.

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CT State Water Plan (Public Act 14-163)	NO CHANGE Approved! The Connecticut General Assembly passed House Joint Resolution No. 171, approving Connecticut's first State Water Plan. Download the plan at www.ct.gov/water	The plan recommends a framework for managing Connecticut's water into the future and for achieving balance with our many human and environmental needs as climate trends emerge and new needs develop. It addresses the quality and quantity of water for drinking, ecology, recreation, business, industry, agriculture, energy, and wastewater assimilation. The creation of the State Water Plan was required following the adoption of a new state law, Public Act 14-163, which directed the Water Planning Council (WPC) to formulate a plan that will help planners, regulators, and lawmakers make decisions about managing Connecticut's water in a manner that is consistent throughout the state. The group's draft plan reflects the input of various stakeholders, committee members and public participants. The public comment period on the draft State Water Plan closed on November 20, 2017. Comments have been reviewed and addressed by the Water Planning Council. The Water Planning Council voted on 1/23/2018 to approve the Final Draft State Water Plan for submission to the Connecticut General Assembly. They intend to present a final document to the Governor and various legislative committees in 2018. 06/05/2019 -- The Connecticut General Assembly passed House Joint Resolution No. 171, approving Connecticut's first State Water Plan. Meeting of the Water Planning Council October 1, 2019 & WPC Advisory Group on October 15, 2019.
Environmental Policy Act Contact: Tatiana Abreu; DEEP, Office of Legal Counsel; 860-418-5919; tatiana.abreu@ct.gov.	The rule is effective Sept. 9, 2019.	Final rule of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection amends regulations under RCSA 22a-1a to update requirements for environmental review under the state Environmental Policy Act. The rule adds terminology, including environmental review checklist, post-scoping notice, environmental review document, public scoping, and significant environmental impact. The rule also clarifies responsibilities for environmental review documents when more than one agency is responsible for the action subject to review; clarifies that direct, indirect, and cumulative effects must be considered in review and adds to the list of potential environmental considerations; and clarifies public notice procedures. In addition, the rule clarifies the public scoping process, requires completion of an environmental review checklist if after public scoping an agency determines that an action does not require an environmental impact evaluation, and requires records of decisions to be published in the Environmental Monitor. Finally, the rule addresses recordkeeping requirements and specifies a timeline for project status updates.

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PFOA, PFOS and Other PFASs	Work in Progress Draft Interim Recommendations for Addressing Groundwater Contaminated with PFOA and PFOS To view the draft guidance, visit https://www.epa.gov/pfas. CT Interagency PFAS Task Force has been formed and is now active.	The EPA is seeking public comment on a draft set of recommendations for cleaning up groundwater contaminated with PFOA and PFOS. When finalized, the recommendations will provide a starting point for making site-specific cleanup decisions. The guidance is based on the EPA's current scientific understanding of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) toxicity and is intended to provide clear and consistent guidance for federal cleanup programs, including the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, commonly referred to as "Superfund"). This information may also be useful for state and tribal cleanup programs, and in carrying out other federal regulatory authorities (e.g., federal facility cleanup programs, approved state Resource Conservation and Recovery Act corrective action programs). The guidance provides recommendations on: •Screening levels, which are used to determine if levels of contamination may warrant further investigation; •Preliminary remediation goals (PRGs) to inform site-specific cleanup levels for PFOA and PFOS contamination of groundwater that is a current or potential source of drinking water. PRGs are initial targets for cleanup, which may be adjusted on a site-specific basis as more information becomes available. To protect Connecticut's residents and environment from the harmful effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), Governor Ned Lamont established the Connecticut Interagency PFAS Task Force on July 8, 2019. Meetings were held on 7/8/19 and 7/30/19. Upcoming meetings are scheduled for 8/28/19 and 9/18/19. The goal is to prepare and submit a PFAS Action Plan to Governor Lamont by October 1, 2019. More information available on www.ct.gov/ctpfastaskforce
Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rulemaking	EPA, U.S. Army Repeal 2015 Rule Defining "Waters of the United States" Ending Regulatory Patchwork	WASHINGTON (September 12, 2019) — At an event in Washington, D.C., U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Andrew Wheeler and Department of the Army Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works R.D. James announced that the agencies are repealing a 2015 rule that impermissibly expanded the definition of "waters of the United States" (WOTUS) under the Clean Water Act. The agencies are also recodifying the longstanding and familiar regulatory text that existed prior to the 2015 Rule—ending a regulatory patchwork that required implementing two

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		competing Clean Water Act regulations, which has created regulatory uncertainty across the United States. "Today, EPA and the Department of the Army finalized a rule to repeal the previous administration's overreach in the federal regulation of U.S. waters and recodify the longstanding and familiar regulatory text that previously existed," said EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. "Today's Step 1 action fulfills a key promise of President Trump and sets the stage for Step 2 – a new WOTUS definition that will provide greater regulatory certainty for farmers, landowners, home builders, and developers nationwide." "Today, Administrator Wheeler and I signed a final rule that repeals the 2015 Rule and restores the previous regulatory regime exactly how it existed prior to finalization of the 2015 Rule," said R.D. James, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works. "Before this final rule, a patchwork of regulations existed across the country as a result of various judicial decisions enjoining the 2015 Rule. This final rule reestablishes national consistency across the country by returning all jurisdictions to the longstanding regulatory framework that existed prior to the 2015 Rule, which is more familiar to the agencies, States, Tribes, local governments, regulated entities, and the public while the agencies engage in a second rulemaking to revise the definition of 'waters of the United States.'" Today's rule is the first step—Step 1—in a two-step rulemaking process to define the scope of "waters of the United States" that are regulated under the Clean Water Act. Step 1 provides regulatory certainty as to the definition of "waters of the United States" following years of litigation surrounding the 2015 Rule. The two federal district courts that have reviewed the merits of the 2015 Rule found that the rule suffered from certain errors and issued orders remanding the 2015 Rule back to the agencies. Multiple other federal district courts have preliminarily enjoined the 2015 Rule pending a decision on the merits of the rule. In this action, EPA and the Army jointly conclude that multiple substantive and procedural errors warrant a repeal of the 2015 Rule. For example, the 2015 Rule: • Did not implement the legal limits on the scope of the agencies' authority under the Clean Water Act as intended by Congress and reflected in Supreme Court cases. • Failed to adequately recognize, preserve, and protect the primary responsibilities and rights of states to manage their own land and water resources.

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		• Approached the limits of the agencies' constitutional and statutory authority absent a clear statement from Congress. • Suffered from certain procedural errors and a lack of adequate record support as it relates to the 2015 Rule's distance-based limitations. With this final repeal, the agencies will implement the pre-2015 regulations, which are currently in place in more than half of the states, informed by applicable agency guidance documents and consistent with Supreme Court decisions and longstanding agency practice. The final rule takes effect 60 days after publication in the Federal Register. In December 2018, EPA and the Army proposed a new definition—Step 2—that would clearly define where federal jurisdiction begins and ends in accordance with the Clean Water Act and Supreme Court precedent. In the proposal, the agencies provide a clear definition of the difference between federally regulated waterways and those waters that rightfully remain solely under state authority. Please visit www.epa.gov/wotus-rule for more information.
National Water Reuse Action Plan Contact: John Ravenscroft; EPA, Office of Water; 202-566-1101; ravenscroft.john@epa.gov	Comment on or before December 16, 2019	Notice of the EPA announces the availability of a draft national water reuse action plan, which seeks to foster greater consideration of water reuse in the agriculture, industry, potable, and other water sectors. The draft plan describes how water sectors and communities have demonstrated the value of reusing water, primarily in response to various forms of water crisis such as drought and water source contamination. The draft plan, which was developed with federal, state, and tribal partners, consists of 46 proposed actions that support consideration and implementation of water reuse applications across 10 strategic objectives. When finalized, the plan is intended to provide clear commitments and milestones for actions that will further water reuse to help ensure the sustainability, security, and resiliency of national water resources. The EPA seeks comments on the proposed actions and their implementation, and specifically seeks commitments from stakeholders to lead or collaborate with others on implementing any of the proposed actions. Comments are due Dec. 16, 2019. See https://www.epa.gov/waterreuse/water-reuse-action-plan for more information.