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Proposed change to the Pretreatment Program: The negotiations on the MISC GP are on-going. The notification forms that would be used by the POTW Authorities are being finalized. The general permit language is being revised accordingly to reflect the revised notification requirements. Once these changes are incorporated into the notification forms and general permit, the revised draft documents will be shared with the larger group of stakeholders for comment/feedback. After finalizing the MISC GP, CTDEEP will redirect attention to resolving issues concerning the proposed SIU GP.		
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Wastewater Permits Contact: 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 ***fire suppression testing wastewater***, hydrant flushing wastewater, potable water system tank and pipeline draining wastewater, and boiler blowdown wastewater (to groundwater only). The Swimming Pool GP has been reissued for two more years (expires August 05, 2021) without any changes or re-registration required. It is the intent to eventually consolidate this general permit into the Comprehensive GP in the future.
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.

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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	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	NO CHANGE Reissued As Is with an effective date of October 1, 2019. Expires September 30, 2021. No renewal registration is required.	DEEP will work on the modifications to the Industrial GP after the modifications to the Construction GP are finalized per Ozzie. For more information, go to: https://www.ct.gov/deep/cwp/view.asp?A=2721&Q=558454
Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities	Public notice of a tentative decision to reissue with modifications. Comments were due by February 18.	The purpose of the construction general permit is to protect waters of the state from stormwater runoff and dewatering wastewaters discharging from construction activities. The DEEP first issued the construction general permit on October 1, 1992. The permit has been reissued with modifications since that initial issuance. The construction general permit contains requirements to develop and implement a Stormwater Pollution Control Plan (SWPCP). Permittees must implement, maintain and update their SWPCP, perform regular inspections and conduct stormwater monitoring. The SWPCP contains requirements for the permittee to describe and manage their construction activity, including implementing erosion and sediment control measures as well as other control measures to reduce or eliminate the potential for the discharge of stormwater runoff pollutants both during and after construction. A public informational meeting was held on Wednesday January 8, 2020 to discuss the proposal general permit. Written comments should be directed to: Christopher Stone, P.E., Water Permitting and Enforcement Division, Bureau of Materials Management and Compliance Assurance, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106 5127 or may be submitted via electronic mail to chris.stone@ct.gov. For more information search for 'construction stormwater' on the DEEP website.

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Water Diversion Program Contact: Land and Water Resources Division at (860) 424-3019	NO CHANGE CTDEEP issued the forms and notification on September 30, 2019.	CTDEEP mailed a notification letter with associated forms to the regulated community informing constituents of requirement to begin collecting daily operating data for registered water diversions on January 1, 2020 pursuant to Section 22a-368a of the Connecticut General Statues. Based on the recorded daily flow information the first report to CTDEEP will be due on or before January 31, 2021. For more information, go to https://www.ct.gov/deep/waterdiversion. We will have a guest speaker from DEEP joining us for the March 2020 meeting to further discuss latest developments in this area.
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	Initial Reporting for Dams on Classified Streams in the Housatonic, Hudson, and Southwest Coast River Basins by March 13, 2020	Owners or operators of certain dams located in the Housatonic, Hudson, and Southwest Coast River Basins **MAY BE** required to submit an initial reporting form to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) under the Stream Flow Standards and Regulations (§26-141b-7(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies) by **March 13, 2020**. This includes dams on river and stream segments in the following towns: Ansonia, Beacon Falls, Bethany, Bethel, Bethlehem, Bridgeport, Bridgewater, Bristol, Brookfield, Canaan, Cornwall, Danbury, Darien, Derby, Easton, Fairfield, Goshen, Greenwich, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, Middlebury, Milford, Monroe, Morris, Naugatuck, New Canaan, New Fairfield, New Hartford, New Milford, Newtown, Norfolk, North Canaan, Norwalk, Orange, Oxford, Plymouth, Prospect, Redding, Ridgefield, Roxbury, Salisbury, Seymour, Sharon, Shelton, Sherman, Southbury, Stamford, Stratford, Thomaston, Torrington, Trumbull, Warren, Washington, Waterbury, Watertown, Weston, Westport, Wilton, Winchester, Wolcott, Woodbridge, and Woodbury. Additional information on the Stream Flow Standards and Classifications is available on the Department's website at: www.ct.gov/deep/streamflow.

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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 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. NOTICE: The Water Planning Council is currently transitioning to a new website. During the transition, please visit ftp://ftp.ct.gov/pub/opm/WPC%20Website/ for the most recent minutes, agendas, and publications. Minutes are posted from the January 21, 2020 Meeting of the WPC Advisory Group.
EPA Programs		
PFOA, PFOS and Other PFASs	Work in Progress EPA's new validated Method 533 for testing PFAS in drinking water	2/14/2020 – EPA's PFAS Action Plan responds to extensive public interest and input the agency has received over the past year and represents the first time EPA has built a multi-media, multi-program, national communication and research plan to address an emerging environmental challenge like PFAS. On November 4, 2019, Governor Ned Lamont officially released the finalized PFAS Action Plan prepared by the Connecticut Interagency PFAS Task Force. CT PFAS Action Plan and more information available on www.ct.gov/ctpfastaskforce 12/19/2019 - EPA Announces New Method to Test for Additional PFAS in Drinking Water: EPA's new validated Method 533 focuses on "short chain" PFAS, those PFAS with carbon chain lengths of four to 12. Method 533 complements EPA Method 537.1 and can be used to test for 11 additional PFAS. Method 533 accomplishes a key milestone in the EPA PFAS Action Plan by meeting the

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		agency's commitment to develop new validated methods to accurately test for additional PFAS in drinking water. Method 533 also incorporates an analytical technique called isotope dilution, which can minimize sample matrix interference and improve data quality. EPA's PFAS website at https://www.epa.gov/pfas.
Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Rulemaking	Work in Progress Definition of "Waters of the United States" - Recodification of Pre-Existing Rules Please visit https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule for more information.	01/23/2020: EPA and Army Deliver on President Trump's Promise to Issue the Navigable Waters Protection Rule – A New Definition of WOTUS [edited for space]: With the Navigable Waters Protection Rule, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Department of the Army (Army) are delivering on President Trump's promise to finalize a revised definition for "waters of the United States" that protects the nation's navigable waters from pollution and will result in economic growth across the country. The revised definition identifies four clear categories of waters that are federally regulated under the Clean Water Act: the territorial seas and traditional navigable waters, like the Atlantic Ocean and the Mississippi River; perennial and intermittent tributaries, such as College Creek, which flows to the James River near Williamsburg, Virginia; certain lakes, ponds, and impoundments, such as Children's Lake in Boiling Springs, Pennsylvania; and wetlands that are adjacent to jurisdictional waters. This final action also details what waters are not subject to federal control, including features that only contain water in direct response to rainfall; groundwater; many ditches, including most farm and roadside ditches; prior converted cropland; farm and stock watering ponds; and waste treatment systems. The final definition achieves the proper relationship between the federal government and states in managing land and water resources. The agencies' Navigable Waters Protection Rule respects the primary role of states and tribes in managing their own land and water resources. All states have their own protections for waters within their borders and many already regulate more broadly than the federal government. This action gives states and tribes more flexibility in determining how best to manage their land and water resources while protecting the nation's navigable waters as intended by Congress when it enacted the Clean Water Act. Despite prior reports, there are no data or tools that can accurately map or quantify the scope of "waters of the United States." More information, including a pre-publication version of the Federal Register notice and fact sheets, is available at: https://www.epa.gov/nwpr. The EPA and the Army held a public webcast to help explain the key elements of the final Navigable Waters Protection Rule on Thursday, February 13, 2020. The webcast was recorded and will be available within a few weeks of the presentation.