

# CEHA WATER COMMITTEE MINUTES

## **January Meeting**

*January 31, 2008*

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

### **In attendance**

Eric McPhee, CTDPH  
John Sievec, Guilford HD  
Ray Jarema, CTDPH  
Don Kendrick, Glastonbury HD  
Pete Dunn, Danbury HD  
Gil Roberts, Torrington Area HD  
Alexis Rinaldi, Quinniack Valley HD  
Sean Duffy, Chesprocott HD  
Mary Creaser, Chesprocott HD  
Lorraine DeNicola, Chesprocott HD  
Michael Kirby, Uncas HD  
Donna Culbert, Newtown HD

### **Notification of LHDs of MCLs, Main breaks, etc. at Public Water Systems, esp. w/FSEs**

An outline of RCSA Section 19-13-B102 (e)(7)(l)(i), B102 (h) and B46 was provided, as they pertain to water system notification of DPH-DWS and LHDs for water quality, quantity, security, etc. subsequent discussion centered on improved notification to LHDs when outages occur at public water systems, for example a main break that impacts food service establishments. Concern was also raised about notifications of schools and long-term care facilities. It was recommended that DPH-DWS provide their policy on this matter to LHDs. Donna indicated that United Water Co. utilizes a "reverse 911" system to improve notification of affected entities and it works well. Eric indicated he would bring this up within DWS to work with utilities to improve LHD notification.

### **ATCAVE 2008 (Annual Technical Conference and Vendor Expo), CT-AWWA**

LHD attendance at ATCAVE 2008 was encouraged.

### **Yankee Conference**

Potential water topics/speakers for the Yankee Conference were discussed. The following was submitted to the executive board, on behalf of the committee, subsequent to the meeting:

1. Pharmaceuticals and endocrine disruptors in septic systems; impact on wells. Are the medicines that we take polluting surface and groundwater sources after they are introduced into septic and sewer systems? What impact could this have?
2. Geothermal systems: What are they? How do they work? What are the health/regulatory implications?

3. New technologies in well treatment and evaluation, including video analysis of wells

4. State perspectives on response to water quality violations at food service establishment public water systems; brief (15 min.?) summary from states in attendance, done by CEHA reps from different states?

### **Changes to the Total Coliform Rule (TCR)**

A brief discussion was held about possible changes to the TCR Rule and NEHAs request for comments.

### **Proposed Home Well Water Testing Guidance Document**

This draft document was initially developed by FVHD and proposed for posting on the CEHA website (cteha.org). Suggestions for the document included:

- Only appropriate collectors should be pulling samples.
- The property owner should be interacting with the laboratory initially to ensure that the sample is pulled from the appropriate location(s).
- It was suggested that this document be more of an informational document, answering such questions as, "What do you do if you test is positive" "Are you interested in your water quality?" "What is coliform?"

### **Miscellaneous:**

Discussions included:

Corrective action for an Acute MCL (Nitrate) at the Rockstar Lounge in Wolcott.

Water Committee meeting logistics – location, frequency etc. It was decided that the meetings will be held every other month, and in months that the subsurface committee does not meet, when possible. The meetings may be in different locations to be equitable in travel distance.

The DWS website improvements/email notification system were outlined and discussed. Local Health Directors are now notified via email any time there is a water quality problem at a public water system within their town or district. There is a new LHD section of the DWS website. Among other items, it includes a report specific to each LHD that includes water quality information and a PWS roster list. It was requested that, when possible, the address be listed on the email notifications for community systems, as it is for non-community.

Home inspector regulation changes pertaining to water systems were briefly discussed.

The DPH "Careers in Drinking Water" forum was explained. The forum is April 23, 2008 from 8:30 to 12:45 at the Farmington Club. Members are encouraged to spread the word about this forum and careers in the drinking water field.

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on March 20 from 1-4 at the Prospect Fire House in Prospect (26 New Haven Road). Please submit any agenda items that you wish to discuss.