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TO: Health Care Administrators
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DATE: January 18, 2019
SUBJECT: Weather Alert

In anticipation for potential significant weather conditions, please review your emergency plans; and as appropriate, check your generators and its fuel supply, ensure the completeness of emergency food and other supplies, review your emergency plans, including your staffing plans and as always, check with your local weather channel via television and radio.

The Department is recommending visual inspections of the following:

- Sprinkler systems, Generators, ensuring that enough fuel is on site;
- Emergency egress is maintained and clear of obstructions before and after the weather event; and
- Convalescent Nursing Homes & Rest Homes with Nursing Supervision are required to submit reportable events only through DPH FLIS Events website (<https://dphflisevents.ct.gov>). A duty officer (860-509-8000) is also available.

Please be reminded that in December of 2015, the Connecticut State Agencies Regulations, Section 19-13-B102 (w) enacted new emergency power requirements for all Community Water Systems (CWS). The regulation requires that each CWS have a stand by stationery generator on site to ensure continuity of water operations should the facility lose electrical connectivity. If the facility operates with one generator, it must be sufficient to provide for regular nursing care and treatment and the safety of the occupants to maintain continuity of operations.

Please be advised that the Facility Licensing and Investigations Section of the Department of Public Health is closed Monday, January 21st, 2019. Thank you for your attention.



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