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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND DRINKING WATER BRANCH

Circular Letter 2020-16

FROM: Lori Mathieu, Public Health Branch Chief

TO: Asbestos contractors, asbestos consultants, asbestos abatement workers, asbestos abatement site supervisors, and asbestos training providers
Backflow prevention device testers and cross-connection survey inspectors
Bulk water haulers
Environmental laboratories
Lead abatement and lead consultant contractors, lead training providers, lead inspectors, lead inspector risk assessors, lead planner-project designers, lead abatement supervisors, and lead abatement workers
Sanitarians
Subsurface sewage disposal system installers and cleaners
Water treatment plant operators, water distribution system operators, and small water system operators

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "L. Mathieu 2020".

DATE: April 1, 2020

SUBJECT: DPH Certification, License and Permit Renewal and Inspection Requirements Suspended

The purpose of this Circular Letter is to provide information regarding the Commissioner of Public Health's (Commissioner) suspension of Department of Public Health (DPH) certification, license and permit renewal (license renewal) and inspection requirements. On March 27, 2020, Governor Lamont (Governor) issued [Executive Order 7Q](#), which modified any statute, regulation or requirement or part thereof relating to license renewals and inspections by DPH to authorize the Commissioner to suspend such license renewal and inspection requirements and to issue any implementing orders she deems necessary. On March 30, 2020, the Commissioner issued an [order](#) suspending the requirements for DPH license renewals and inspections (March 30, 2020 Order). The March 30, 2020 Order was effective immediately and will continue throughout the duration of the COVID-19 civil preparedness emergency.



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Pursuant to Executive Order 70 and the Commissioner's March 30, 2020 Order, the requirements for DPH licensees to renew the following certifications, licenses and permits are suspended:

1. Apprentice permits for the performance of work as a subsurface sewage disposal system cleaner or installer
2. Asbestos contractors, asbestos consultants, asbestos abatement workers, asbestos abatement site supervisors, and asbestos training providers
3. Backflow prevention device testers
4. Bulk water haulers
5. Cross-connection survey inspectors
6. Environmental laboratories
7. Lead abatement and lead consultant contractors, lead training providers, lead inspectors, lead inspector risk assessors, lead planner-project designers, lead abatement supervisors, and lead abatement workers
8. Sanitarians
9. Small water system operators
10. Subsurface sewage disposal system installers and cleaners
11. Water treatment plant operators
12. Water distribution system operators

The license renewal requirements are suspended for the above-stated certifications, licenses and permits, provided that:

1. Any certification, license or permit not renewed by DPH shall not expire throughout the duration of the COVID-19 civil preparedness emergency;
2. Any certification, license or permit for which the Commissioner had suspended license renewal requirements that is not renewed in the six-month period following the date of the resumption of the license renewal requirements shall expire, unless the Commissioner, for good cause shown, extends this period of time;
3. If DPH renews a certification, license or permit on a date other than the customary renewal date, the period of licensure shall not extend beyond the customary renewal date provided pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes; and
4. At the time of such renewal, the licensee shall be responsible for payment of all license fees to DPH, including payment of fees not collected by DPH due to the suspension of such license renewal requirements.

In addition, pursuant to Executive Order 70 and the Commissioner's March 30, 2020 Order, the requirements for any DPH inspection, including inspections of public water systems conducted pursuant to § 19-13-B102(e)(7)(E) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, are suspended, provided that:

1. Not later than six months from the date the public health and civil preparedness emergency is declared to be over, DPH shall conduct any inspection not conducted during the COVID-19 civil preparedness emergency; and
2. DPH shall complete such resumed inspections not later than six months from the date that the inspections resumed, unless the Commissioner, for good cause shown, extends this period of time.

DPH's Environmental Health and Drinking Water Branch will continue to keep licensees informed. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact the DPH Drinking Water Section at (860) 509-7333 or the DPH Environmental Health Section at (860) 509-7293.

c: Deputy Commissioner Heather Aaron, MPH, LNHA, Department of Public Health