

## A Call to Action



It's crunch time and once again we are asking CWWA members to contact their legislators, attend meetings and let lawmakers on the legislature's Regulations Review Committee know how the revised stream flow regulations affect your company and your customers.

In January, almost every single CWWA member testified or submitted comments outlining serious concerns with the proposed stream flow regulations. In addition, scores of business groups and DEP's own sister agencies opposed the regulations because of the negative impact on Connecticut's economic recovery and overall business climate. We urged DEP to reconvene the Stream Flow Advisory Group to address fundamental concerns that the regulations would:

- Jeopardize public safety and health by severely limiting the amount of water available for sanitation, fire protection and other health and safety needs in many areas
- Reduce the amount of water supplies available for day-to-day business operations and forcing moratoriums on new construction and expansion in some communities hit hard by the regulations
- Impose costly burdens on towns and cities, including multi-million dollar costs on towns served by municipal water departments to modify dams and pipes, develop new reservoirs and storage capacity and hire additional personnel
- Significantly increase customer rates in most areas
- Impair water quality and
- Impose frequent and lengthy water use restrictions on customers in many areas.

Unfortunately, the DEP revised the regulations without any input from the water industry and, not surprisingly, there continue to be problems with the regulations that will make it more costly and more difficult to meet the public water supply needs of Connecticut residents and businesses.

This is our last opportunity to urge lawmakers to reject the regulations as they are currently drafted.

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We need you, your colleagues and your customers to contact members of the legislature's Regulations Review Committee (see the listing of committee members) and let them know how the regulations will impact your water service. (For instance, how would this summer's drier season be impacted if streamflow regulations were in place?) Working together, we can be successful on this issue.

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