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Clean Water Fund Memorandum (2018-002)

Revision to State Fiscal Year 2019 Clean Water Fund Priority List Section 3c: Collection System Improvement Program

I. PURPOSE

To provide municipalities seeking Clean Water Funds greater flexibility in the size and scope of construction contracts for work on pump station rehabilitation projects.

II. GOVERNING AUTHORITIES

Section 22a-482-1(c)(5)(B) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies under "Revisions to the Priority List" allows the Department to exercise its right to evaluate the usage of funds in all of the reserves and the fundable construction projects on the Priority List and to make changes as determined by the Commissioner.

III. EXISTING POLICY

Currently, Section 3c of the *Collection System Improvement Program* has a project limit of \$4 million per year per municipality in the reserve for construction of pump station rehabilitation projects.

IV. NEW POLICY

The Department evaluated the underutilization of the reserve for construction of pump station rehabilitation projects, taking into consideration the higher additional cost of compliance with the storm resiliency standards, and determined it to be in the best interests of the state to **eliminate the \$4 million project limit for this reserve**. This change will be effective the date of this memo and will remain in effect until the adoption of the next Priority List.

V. DEFINITIONS

<u>Department</u>: Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

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