

Section 4

Fiscal note

AGENCY FISCAL ESTIMATE OF PROPOSED REGULATION

Agency Submitting Regulation: Dept. of Public Health Date: 06/03/2010

Subject Matter of Regulation: Public Drinking Water Quality Standards

Regulation Section No.: 19-13-B102 Statutory Authority: 25-32 & 19a-37

Other Agencies Affected: Agencies that own & operate public water systems (such as State Parks, Rest Areas, Maintenance Facilities in Rural Areas, Correctional Institutions)

Effective Date Used In Cost Estimate: January 1, 2010

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SUMMARY OF COST AND REVENUE IMPACT OF PROPOSED REGULATION

Agency: _____ Fund Affected: _____

	First Year	Second Year	Full Operation
Number of Positions	* 1.2	* 1.2	* 1.2
Personal Services	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000
Other Expenses	0	0	0
Equipment	0	0	0
Grants	** 0	** 0	** 0
Total State Cost or (Savings)	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000
Estimated Revenue Gain or (Loss)	0	0	0
Total Net State Cost or (Savings)	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$126,000

Explanation of State Impact of Regulation:

* The required positions are currently appropriated for in the Department's budget. No additional funding anticipated as long as the approved/appropriated positions (currently vacant) are retained.

** Approximately \$ 1,400,000 is presently being granted annually by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, to the State of Connecticut, to administer the Federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), as amended. These regulations are necessary by federal law to maintain an acceptable program and continue this level of federal funding.

NOTE: Based on EPA estimates and studies in support of the Federal Groundwater Rule, Connecticut's towns and cities that are served by public water systems could save annually a total of about \$135,000 due to health benefits gained from avoiding costs related to illnesses and productivity losses.

Explanation of Municipal Impact of Regulation:

- Municipalities and State Agencies that own public water systems may experience slight operational costs depending on population served and number and type of water sources (e.g. ground, surface).

This impact will be realized, independent of State Regulations, as the new requirements are federally mandated. This slight cost will be nullified by the savings gained from reducing illnesses and productivity losses (see above note).

Explanation of Small Business Impact of Regulation:

- Small business that owns and operates a public water system may experience slight operational costs depending on population served and number and type of water sources (e.g. ground, surface). This impact will be realized, independent of State Regulations, as the new requirements are federally mandated. This slight cost will be nullified by the savings gained from reducing illnesses and productivity losses (see above note).