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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

AGENCY FISCAL ESTIMATE OF PROPOSED REGULATIONS

Agency Submitting Regulation: Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP)

Date: March 1, 2013

Subject Matter of Regulation: Codifying Connecticut's Water Quality Standards into Regulations;

Regulation Section Nos.: RCSA Sections 22a-426-1 through 22a-426-9

Statutory Authority: CGS Section 22a-426

Other Agencies Effected: None

Effective Date Used: 3/1/2013

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Estimated Cost/Revenue Impact

Agency: DEEP Fund Affected: None

	First Year 2013	Second Year 2014	Third Year 2015
Number of Positions	0	0	0
Personal Services[1]	0	0	0
Other Expenses[2]	0	0	0
Equipment[3]	0	0	0
Grants	0	0	0
Total State Cost or (Savings)	0	0	0
Estimated Revenue Gain or (Loss)	0	0	0
Total Net State Cost or (Savings)	0	0	0

Explanation of Impacts: Connecticut's Water Quality Standards have been in existence since 1967 pursuant to C.G.S. Section 22a-426. These Standards set the overall policy for management of surface water and ground water quality in accordance with the state and federal clean water programs. They designate use goals, define allowable discharges, and identify measures necessary to maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of Connecticut's waters, where

1 Actual, direct personal services on a state payroll. Examples of items covered include regular salaries, overtime, payments for vacation and sick leave, longevity and shift differential.

2 Operating expenses as well as miscellaneous purposes not included in some other appropriate category. Items included are contractual services, commodities (supplies) and sundry charges.

3 Items included are office equipment, motor vehicles, general plant equipment, education, medical, telecommunications and data processing.

attainable, provide for the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife, for recreation in and on the water, and to protect public and private drinking water supplies. The Surface Water Quality Standards are required by and consistent with Section 303 of the federal Clean Water Act.

The established Water Quality Standards were adopted in accordance with state statute and federal law, which include a public review process. The most recent revision of the Water Quality Standards was finalized February 25, 2011.

These regulations are being proposed under the authority of section 22a-426 of the Connecticut General Statutes. This section was recently amended to require the adoption of the state's Water Quality Standards as regulations. The proposed regulations codify the existing Water Quality Standards into a regulatory format in fulfillment of the statute's requirements. There are no substantive changes to the existing Water Quality Standards proposed as part of this rulemaking exercise. Given that this is a translation of existing standards into regulation, adoption of these regulations will not require DEEP or the municipalities to take additional actions or incur additional costs.