



December 16, 2025
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Dear Mr. Chien:

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection is pleased to submit a final copy of the *2024 State of Connecticut Integrated Water Quality Report* for your review and approval. Included in this submission package is a Responsiveness Summary that details our efforts to solicit public comment on the report as well as the Department's responses to the comments received.

Connecticut has delisted five segments, four of which are for Recreational Use Support and one for Fish Consumption. The Fish Consumption delisting is based on Connecticut Water Quality Standard 222-426-4(a)(5). Recreation segments have been delisted because they are meeting criteria for Recreational Use Support 22a-426-9(a)(2). Included in this package are materials and information to support those delistings.

Seventy – three segments were listed for the 2024 cycle, seven of which returned to category 4a for Recreational Use Support as a *Total Maximum Daily Load* (TMDL) Plan has already been established for those waterbodies for the listing parameter.

Public participation

The 2024 IWQR document was noticed for public comment on **September 12, 2025, to October 14, 2025**. Notice of the public comment period was placed on **September 12, 2025**, in the following newspapers: The Connecticut Post, The Hartford Courant, The New Haven Register, The Day, Waterbury Republican-American, and The Advocate. A copy of the public notice document was signed and posted on the IWQR webpage. In addition, environmental groups, municipal officials and other interested parties maintained on our general mailing list were notified by email of the comment period. A list of all people notified by email is documented and is included in this package.

There were two social media postings on **September 12, 2025**, on the CTDEEP Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as the CT DEEP Calendar webpage.

A public informational meeting was held via ZOOM. **September 17, 2025, via ZOOM from 11:00 a.m.- 12:30 pm Eastern Time (US and Canada)**. All comments were received by rebecca.jascot@ct.gov and summarized. The Water Quality and Water Monitoring and Assessment Programs worked together to respond to comments as necessary. The Response to Comments document is included in this package.

The Department received a total of thirteen comments, submitted from five separate commenters which are included in this package.



There were no changes to any of the assessment units' support status as a result of the public comment period.

The Department has completed the evaluation process for the 2024 IWQR Cycle. Please contact me at (860)-424-3650 or via email at Brian.Thompson@ct.gov, if you have any questions or require further information.

Sincerely,

Brian Thompson
Acting Bureau Chief, DEEP Bureau of Water Protection and Land Reuse

Encl: Signed Final *2024 State of Connecticut Integrated Water Quality Report*

Public Notice
Responsiveness Summary
Copy of the original comments
Communication Lists and Meeting Attendees
Supporting materials for delistings

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Submitted via email