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### Environmental Health Section

#### EHS Circular Letter 2012-62

To: Local Directors of Health  
Chief Sanitarians  
Certified Food Inspectors

From: Food Protection Program

Date: October 26, 2012

Subject: **Emergency Procedure Reminder for Food Service Establishments**

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This notice is being sent as a reminder of emergency procedures that may be necessary should weather conditions impact food establishments. The following informational resources may be useful to local health departments when responding to food establishments affected by power outages, water issues, and structural damage.

- **FOR LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS:**

The following documents can be found on the Food Protection Website  
<http://www.ct.gov/dph/foodprotection>

#### **Power Outages**

- Guidelines for Foodservice Establishments to Safely Reopen after a Power Outage (Available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Albanian, Polish and Portuguese).
- Food Safety During Power Outages
- Generator Use During a Power Outage

#### **Water Emergencies**

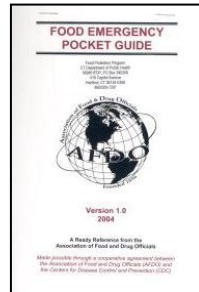
- Water Emergencies at Food Establishments
- Summary of Procedures by Local Health Departments for Food Establishments During a Water Emergency
- *E. coli* Contamination/ Water Supply Interruption At Food Establishments
- Interim Measures for *E. coli* Contamination/ Water Supply Interruption at Food Establishments (Available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Greek, Polish and Portuguese).
- Guidelines for Reopening of Food Establishments after a Water Emergency
- Sample Order/Notice Of Violation
- Sample Water Emergency Closure Placard



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## Additional Guidance

- Additional guidance for addressing food establishment emergencies can be found in the documents and handbooks previously provided to all certified food inspectors and local health departments by the FPP (See attached Circular Letters with earlier guidance).



- Local health departments have established procedures within their Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (formerly Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security) regions to request additional resources. Established protocol is to make a formal request for assistance from their Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 Regional Chair. Those local health departments who can provide staff to those departments in need are also advised to notify their respective ESF 8 Regional Chairs of their availability.
- If local health departments are unable to obtain additional resources through their ESF 8 Regional Chair, they should contact the Department of Public Health Office of Local Health Administration at 860-509-7660.

### ● FOR FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT OPERATORS:

- Guidance For Food Service Establishment Operators During A Power Outage (Available in Chinese, Polish, Spanish, Albanian, Greek, and Portuguese)

### ● FOR CONSUMERS:

- How to Be Safe During A Power Outage (Available in Spanish, Chinese, French, Italian, Haitian Creole, Polish, Portuguese Russian, and Vietnamese)

Food and water related questions regarding food service establishments impacted should be directed to the Department of Public Health Food Protection Program at 860-509-7297.

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