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EHS Circular Letter 2022-10

To: Local Directors of Health
Certified Food Inspectors
Interested Parties

From: Lori J. Mathieu, Chief
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Subject: Storm-Related Food Emergency Guidance Documents

Forecasters are currently watching the development of a storm system that could impact Connecticut early Saturday morning. While estimates of snow totals vary and the predictions are changing daily, there is a potential for extended power outages due to heavy snow accumulation. Dangerous road conditions during the storm may delay power restoration and increase the risk of freezing pipes and breaks that can cause flooding and water interruptions. These issues can impact a food establishment's ability to operate safely.

Guidance documents for power outages and water interruptions are located on the FPP webpage, [Food Emergencies \(ct.gov\)](#), and are outlined in Circular Letter 2021-62 *Resources, Guidance, and Emergency Response for Natural Disasters* (attached). An attachment that accompanied that letter, *Guidelines for Food Service Establishments to Safely Reopen after a Power Outage*, is also included. Local Health Departments may wish to pre-emptively share this information and the handout with their regulated establishments in preparation for the storm.

Please contact the Food Protection Program by email at DPH.FoodProtProg@ct.gov with any questions or concerns.

Stay safe!

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