



April 15, 2008

[Facility Owner]
Norwalk, CT 06851

**RE: NEW Aquifer Protection Area Regulations
Invitation to Public Information Session – April 30, 2008**

Dear [Facility Owner]:

I am writing to inform you of a new land use regulation that will affect some Norwalk businesses, potentially including your business, [Facility Owner], at [Facility Address].

The City is in the process of adopting Aquifer Protection Area (APA) Regulations, as required by relatively new Connecticut State Statute (C.G.S. 22a-354a-bb and R.C.S.A. 22a-354i-1 through 10). This State Law requires that the City adopt and enforce these new APA Regulations. The basic principle of the APA Regulations is to establish minimum land use standards and controls within the defined Aquifer Protection Areas in order to minimize risk of contamination of our drinking water supply.

The Regulations define specific Aquifer Protection Areas (APAs), which are land areas that contribute water to major public drinking water supply wells. The First District Water Department owns and operates public drinking water supply wells in Norwalk.

The State of Connecticut has developed a list of twenty-eight 'higher risk' uses that the City is required to regulate when located within an APA. A survey of current and past land uses in Norwalk's APA indicates that you operate, or recently operated, a business in this area. Based on your business's industry, it has been identified as being a '*potentially* higher-risk facility'. If regulated activities are currently being performed by your facility, then your business will be required to register with the City.

It is very important to me and the APA Agency that your potentially impacted business is aware of the upcoming Regulations and the future registration requirements. We want to invite you to participate in the process of adoption of the APA Regulations and we want you to be aware of and understand the registration requirements and your responsibilities under it.

In advance of holding a public hearing for the adoption of the Regulations, we invite you to attend a public information session on **Wednesday, April 30, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Community Room at City Hall. The session will provide an overview of Connecticut's Aquifer Protection Area Program and inform you of your potential responsibilities under this program. I sincerely hope that you can attend this information session.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information in advance of the public information session. Thank you in advance for your assistance in protecting our drinking water supply.

Sincerely,

Alexis Cherichetti
Senior Environmental Officer