

Climate & Weather Information for Water Utilities & Stormwater Managers New England

Session 2: Drought (July 16th 1-3pm)

12:30pm Tech Check

Please join early to make sure you can connect properly.

1:00pm NOAA Intro

1:10pm Drought Response & Recovery: Town of Castine, ME

1:30pm Climate Info

Overview of historical & future drought conditions and resources available on the Northeast DEWS Dashboard.

1:45pm Demo: United States Drought Monitor (USDM)

Participants receive a brief demonstration and explanation of tools.

- The U.S. Drought Monitor is a weekly snapshot of drought conditions across the United States. The purpose of the map is to show people where drought is occurring, its spatial extent and severity, and the time scale of the associated impacts.

2:10pm Demo: EPA Drought Response and Recovery Guide

Participants receive a brief demonstration and explanation of tools.

- This is an interactive, user-friendly PDF guide for small and medium sized water utilities that provides worksheets, best practices, videos and key resources for responding to drought emergencies and building long-term drought resilience. The guide relays case studies and lessons learned from several small- to-medium-sized water utilities nationwide that have responded to extreme drought conditions.
- Please download the PDF of the guide and have it handy BEFORE the webinar:
 - Access the EPA Drought and Response Guide to download the PDF at:

<https://www.epa.gov/waterutilityresponse/drought-response-and-recovery-guide-water-utilities>

2:35pm Hands-on Breakouts

United States Drought Monitor (USDM)

EPA Drought Response and Recovery Guide

The hands-on portion will be used to elicit feedback to improve these tools or to address a need for new tools.