



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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**TO:** Municipal Chief Executive Officers, Service Chiefs, and Emergency Management Directors

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**RE:** 2023 Statewide Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) Statewide Exercise Introduction – General Information

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It has been another busy year for the emergency management and public safety community; thank you for your commitment to the residents of Connecticut. This year's Governor's Emergency Planning and Preparedness Initiative (EPPI) Statewide Exercise will focus on a hazardous materials spill, including response, cascading effects, and recovery. The virtual spill will take place either on a rail line or a highway in your community. This exercise is a collaborative effort with DOT, DEEP, and other federal, state, and local partners.

As in previous years, the same exercise will be offered two times, in order to accommodate career and volunteer emergency management communities: either Saturday October 14 or Wednesday October 18. Both exercises will be scheduled from 9:00 am to 12 pm.

Each municipality/tribal nation is strongly encouraged to open its Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and to convene its Unified Command as part of the exercise. Identification of your participants and submission of After-Action comments allow your municipality/tribal nation to receive Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) credit for participation. This year, we are encouraging each municipality or tribal nation to reach out to the critical facilities in your community, including, for example, public transportation, water systems, hazardous materials facilities, that serve or operate in your community, in order to consider the effects of catastrophic events on their ability to continue to provide essential services.

As always, please use this opportunity to review plans, identify partners, and discuss possible scenarios and challenges, along with potential solutions. More information will follow as we get closer to the exercise date. If you have any questions or if you require any additional information regarding the Governor's EPPI, please contact us at DEMHS via e-mail at [demhs.eppi.questions@ct.gov](mailto:demhs.eppi.questions@ct.gov).