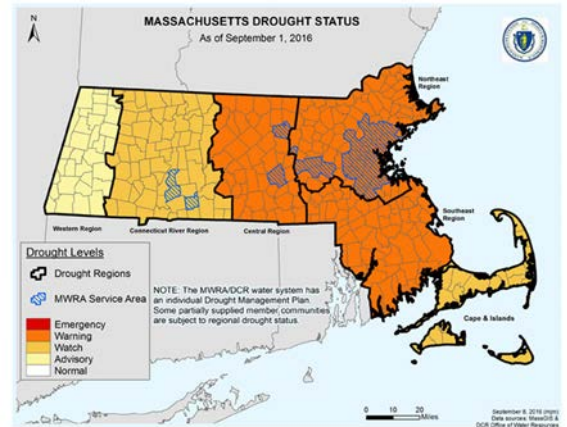




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MA Drought Status Updated

September 2016 – As a result of a recommendation from the Massachusetts Drought Management Task Force, the Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs updated the drought levels throughout Massachusetts. With levels ranging from ‘Drought Advisory’ in Western MA to ‘Drought Warning’ in the Central, Northeast and Southeast regions of the state, this update reflects the sixth straight month of below average rainfall. This past July marked the first time the entire state had some level of drought status since 2002.



Climate change and cyclical changes in weather patterns pose challenges to water suppliers. Drought management planning can help provide a guide for use when droughts occur to protect resources and inform the public. **Although having the plan already in place will allow water suppliers to respond more quickly when a drought occurs, it's never too late to put together a Drought Management Plan.**

CEI's drought management plans provide water suppliers with a tool for monitoring and responding to potential drought conditions through the following:

- Providing guidelines for monitoring of system specific drought related conditions;
- Establishing benchmarks for normal and dry conditions;
- Providing guidelines for assessment of various system specific drought conditions; and
- Developing standard operating procedures to respond to drought conditions.

For more information on CEI's drought management planning services please contact CEI Principal Engineer Kristen Berger, P.E., ENV SP at 508.281.5176 or kberger@ceiengineers.com.

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