AQUIFER PROTECTION AREAS
Farmington, CONNECTICUT

EXPLANATION

The Aquifer Protection Program, administered by the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP), protects the state’s groundwater resources from contamination by regulating activities that result in ground water pollution. The program includes the Massachusetts Underground Storage Tank Program, which regulates underground storage tanks that could contaminate ground water and ground water bodies. The program is required by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and the Clean Water Act (CWA). State law requires the DEEP Commissioner to identify aquifers, regulate aquifers, and develop aquifer protection programs to ensure that the state’s ground water resources are protected from contamination.

The Aquifer Protection Program includes the following activities:
- Identifying aquifers
- Developing aquifer protection plans
- Regulating activities that could contaminate aquifers
- Monitoring aquifer conditions
- Investigating and remedying contamination

The program is designed to protect the state’s water supply and ensure the public health and safety of Connecticut residents.

DATA SOURCES

The Aquifer Protection Program data are drawn from a variety of sources, including:
- The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP)
- The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- The Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP)
- The U.S. Census Bureau

The data are compiled and analyzed to identify areas that are susceptible to contamination and to develop strategies to protect the state’s water supply.

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