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**CCM's Local Officials to Stand United and Oppose Proposed New DEEP
Stormwater Permit as Impractical and Costly Unfunded Mandate
New CCM survey results to be released on the total statewide and individual
costs to towns and cities.**

**Over 50 municipal CEOs to conduct December 16 news conference at 10:30 a.m.
at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Cromwell**

The Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) will hold a news conference Tuesday, December 16, at 10:30 a.m., in Cromwell at the Crowne Plaza Hotel (Crowne Room 1) to:

- Call on the State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to reject the new draft permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Municipal Sewer Systems (MS4) -- that DEEP has proposed as a new huge unfunded state mandate on town and city governments across Connecticut.
- Release the results of a new *CCM survey on the total statewide and individual costs to towns and cities if the proposed permit is not drastically modified by DEEP.*
- *More than 50 municipal leaders will participate in the December 16 news conference in advance of the Wednesday morning, December 17 hearing, at DEEP headquarters in Hartford. (See **attachment for list of municipal leaders expected at the news conference**). Key speakers at the news conference will include Matthew Galligan, Town Manager of South Windsor and President of CCM; Mark Boughton, Mayor of Danbury and First Vice-President of CCM; William Dickinson, Mayor of Wallingford; and Catherine Ino, First Selectman of Killingworth.*

The draft MS4 permit would impose costly unfunded state mandates on municipalities and their residential and business property taxpayers. The proposed permit by DEEP, goes well beyond the recommended EPA guidelines, implementing a two tier system and establishing detailed, and costly schedules that dictate the frequency of street sweeping and catch basin cleaning schedules, imposing costs that towns and cities simply cannot meet. The proposed permit contains numerous requirements that would require the adoption new local ordinances that may be beyond the scope of what is allowed under the current General Statutes of Connecticut.

