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**Bureau of Watershed Management
Office of The Commonwealth Drought Coordinator**

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Dear Golf Course Manager:

We are writing to inform you about the drought watch declaration, which Secretary Kathleen McGinty announced on Monday, August 6, 2007 on behalf of Governor Ed Rendell. The declaration was made for the following 58 counties:

Adams	Columbia	Lackawanna	Snyder
Allegheny	Crawford	Lawrence	Somerset
Armstrong	Cumberland	Lebanon	Sullivan
Beaver	Dauphin	Luzerne	Susquehanna
Bedford	Elk	Lycoming	Tioga
Blair	Erie	McKean	Union
Bradford	Fayette	Mercer	Venango
Butler	Forest	Mifflin	Warren
Cambria	Franklin	Monroe	Washington
Cameron	Fulton	Montour	Wayne
Carbon	Greene	Northumberland	Westmoreland
Centre	Huntingdon	Perry	Wyoming
Clarion	Indiana	Pike	York
Clearfield	Jefferson	Potter	
Clinton	Juniata	Schuylkill	

The declaration responds to escalating precipitation deficits, low stream flows and declining groundwater levels. Ninety day accumulated precipitation deficits extend up to about -5.6 inches through the 58 county region.

We encourage you to use the Drought Information Center on our Web site at www.depweb.state.pa.us, (Keyword: "Drought"). We post drought updates on that site on a regular basis to keep you informed of emerging conditions.

In recognition of the possibility of increased stress on our water resources, we are writing to remind you of your obligations under the drought emergency regulations. A copy of the regulatory provisions that specifically address golf courses is enclosed for your information. If conditions in the future deem it necessary for declaration of a drought emergency in any county, the regulations require all golf courses in a declared emergency area to irrigate in accordance with an approved emergency operations plan.

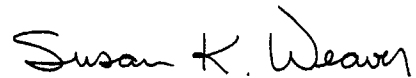


Our records indicate that your golf course is the holder of a valid Golf Course Drought Emergency Operations Plan that granted monthly volumes of water that are not to be exceeded during the effective period of declared drought emergency.

Note that a key provision of plan approvals is a requirement that any water used for irrigation during an emergency must be metered. If your system is not metered, you may wish to consider installing meters. Forms were previously provided with your Golf Course Drought Emergency Operations Plan for reporting daily total water use electronically (by e-mail or fax) on a monthly basis to this office during an emergency. The same forms are available electronically from the aforementioned Drought Information Center website.

If you have any questions regarding your emergency operations plan, please feel free to contact our office at 717-772-4048.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan K. Weaver".

Susan K. Weaver, P.E.
Commonwealth Drought Coordinator

Enclosure