



## OPERATOR TRAINING PROGRAM

**Tuesday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**10:00 AM to 11:30 AM**

### **CSWEA Operator Training Course: Purpose & Fundamentals of Wastewater Treatment**

#### **OVERVIEW**

This course appropriately begins with the water cycle. It is an overview of the wastewater treatment process, beginning to end. This gives the individual the concepts of the entirety and impact of the work done in treatment plants. This class will be excellent for those new to the profession and those who have had a limited scope of job duties. This will be a unique opportunity of great value to persons providing products and services in the wastewater industry.

#### **AGENDA**

**10:00 am    Introduction**

**10:05 am    Course Topics:**

- Why We Treat Wastewater
- Sources of Wastewater
- Mechanical Equipment
- Collection Systems
- Treatment Plant
- Effluent Disposal
- Basics of Laboratory Analysis
- Health and Safety
- Emerging Issues

**11:30 am    Adjourn**

#### **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

**1.5 CEUs** for Operators in Illinois, Wisconsin & Minnesota.

Operator ID/Quiz required for webinar.

**1.8 PDHs** for all Professional Engineers



#### **COST**

\$35 – Members (Discount Code: CSWEA)

\$40 – Non-Members

\$10 – Student (Discount Code: Student)

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