## For More Information

To learn more about career opportunities and certification in the water quality field, visit:

Connecticut ctwpaa.org & cwwa.org

Maine mewea.org & mwua.org

Massachusetts mwpca.org & mwwa.memberclicks.net

New Hampshire nhwpca.org & nhwwa.org

Rhode Island rinwpca.info & riwwa.net

Vermont: gmwea.org & vtruralwater.org

New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission (NEIWPCC) neiwpcc.org

New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) newea.org

New England Water Works Association (NEWWA) newwa.org

Water Environment Federation (WEF) wef.org

# Go Where the Action is... **Be a Water Quality Professional**

Water is the only substance on earth needed by every living thing. Our health and economic well-being depend on our ability to sustain adequate and clean water. Water quality professionals are key to that success.









## We Need Your Help

Not long ago many of the rivers and streams in the United States were regarded as nothing more than open sewers. After the Clean Water Act was established, public and privately owned wastewater treatment facilities were created to improve the quality of rivers, lakes, and oceans. Today, our waterways sustain wildlife, people and local economies.

This success is due to the men and women who work in the water quality industry. We need your help to continue to keep our waters clean.

Consider a career as a water quality professional.

# **Career Opportunities**

There are many different career opportunities in the water quality industry. Career preparation ranges from a high school diploma to college degrees.

#### Wastewater. **Drinking Water and** Town Operations

- Plant Operator, Town Water/Sewer Worker<sup>2</sup>
- Maintenance Worker<sup>1</sup>
- Laboratory Technician<sup>1</sup>
- Accounting/Administrative Clerk<sup>1</sup>
- Plant Supervisor/Manager, Public Works Director<sup>3</sup>

- Design Consultant<sup>3</sup> (Civil, Environmental, Structural, Electrical, Instrumentation Engineer, etc.) Contract Laboratory<sup>3</sup>
- Computer IT<sup>3</sup>
- Environmental Scientist<sup>3</sup>
- Municipal Engineer<sup>3</sup>

## **Typical Minimum Degree**/ **License Requirements**

- <sup>1</sup> High School Diploma
- <sup>2</sup> Wastewater and/or Drinking Water License
- <sup>3</sup> Bachelor and/or Master's Degrees in specific discipline
- <sup>4</sup> Doctorate Degree



**Water Quality Professional Benefits** 

Competitive Salaries • Good Benefits • Job Security • Continued Education • Career Advancement Opportunities Sense of Accomplishment • Variety of Career Paths • Helping Communities and the Environment • Teamwork

### Consultants. **Equipment Personnel**

- Environmental Lawyer<sup>3</sup>
- Equipment Manufacturer<sup>3</sup>
- Equipment Sales Representative<sup>3</sup>

### **Academics**

- College Professor<sup>4</sup>
- Researcher<sup>4</sup>

## Regulatory

- State Agencies<sup>3</sup>
- Federal Agency<sup>3</sup>