



NEW ENGLAND WATER ENVIRONMENT ASSOCIATION

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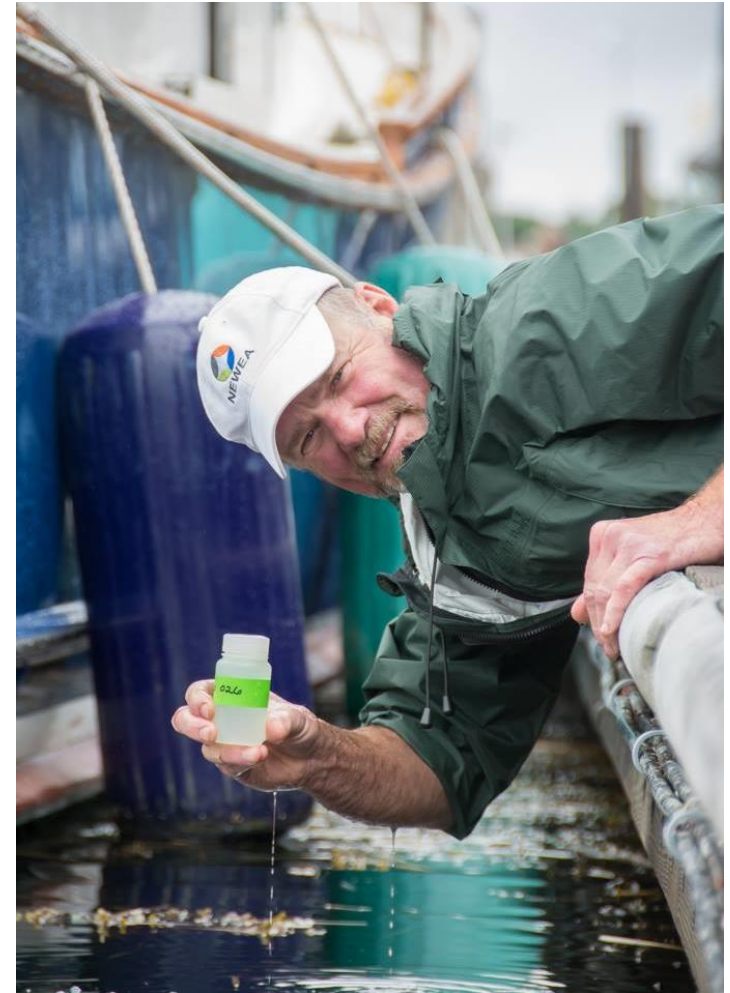
**WORKING FOR WATER QUALITY**

# Who is NEWWEA and What is Voluntary Certification?



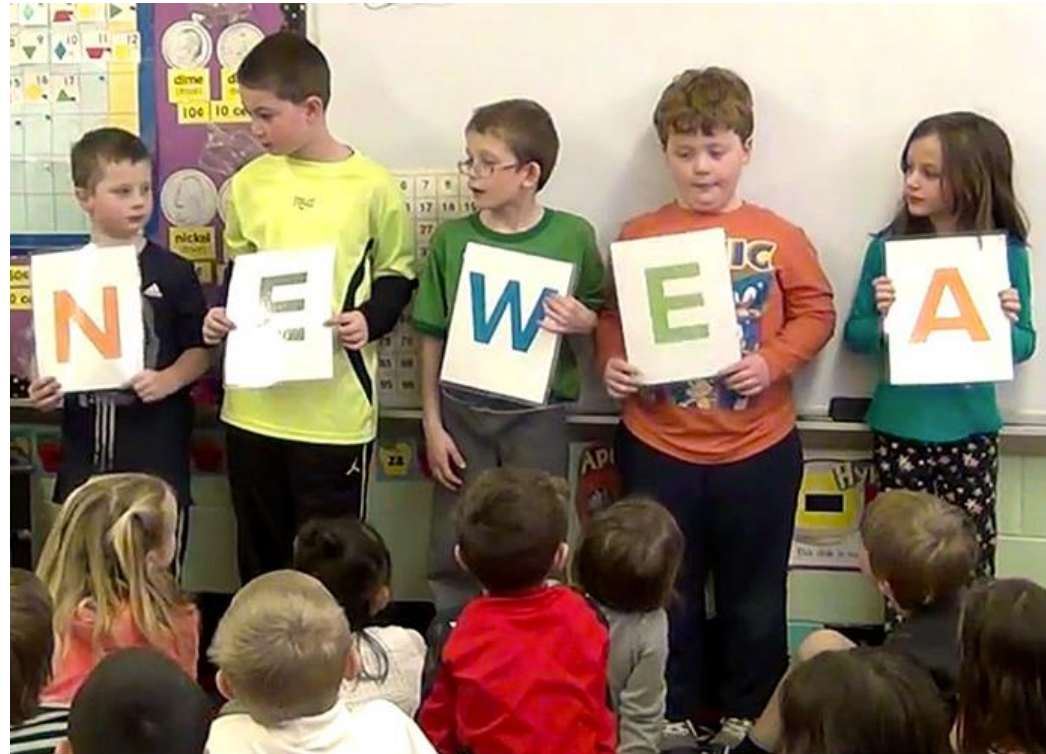
# Who is NEWEA?

- Established in 1929
- Comprised of over 2,100 highly qualified and motivated Water and Wastewater Professionals from throughout New England
- Regional Member Association of the Water Environment Federation (WEF)
- Roughly 32,000 members of WEF



# NEWEA's Mission

- Provide education and technical training
- Provide an open and interactive forum for industry professionals
- Advance public understanding of water quality issues



# NEWEA's Mission

- Advocate for sound public policy
- Conduct technical seminars & conferences
- Help recruit the next wave of water quality professionals



# Why Join NEWEA?

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Water Environment Federation (WEF) membership
- Discounts on publications and training:
  - WEF Manuals of Practice
  - Standard Methods
  - WEFTEC and WEF Seminars
  - Webinars, online training
- Training materials, periodicals and technical publications



# NEWEA Education and Training Opportunities

- Two major technical conferences held annually
- Specialty seminars and workshops
- Educational information and publications



# NEWEA Education and Training Opportunities

- Earn credit for Professional Development Hours (PDHs) and Operator Training Contact Hours (TCHs)
- Discounted registration rates for members to all educational offerings
- Voluntary certification programs for wastewater professionals in Collection Systems or Laboratory Analyst



# Voluntary Certification Program

## OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF COLLECTION SYSTEMS

- Typically a two-and-a-half day course (various trainers)
- Participants will receive instruction in all aspects of collection system Operation and Maintenance:
  - Infiltration & Inflow
  - Illicit Connections
  - Maintenance & Repairs
  - Pump Stations
  - CMOM & Regulations
- Prepares applicants for the optional NEWEA Voluntary Operation and Maintenance of Collection Systems Exam





# Voluntary Certification Program

## LABORATORY PROCEDURES

- Typically a one-and-a-half day course (various trainers)
- Provides WWTP personnel with the opportunity to learn laboratory tests for NPDES permitting and plant operations
- Topics to be covered range from proper sampling techniques & analyses to lab management
- Prepares participants for the optional NEWEA Voluntary Laboratory Analyst Certification Exam



# Professional Growth

## WHY GET CERTIFIED VOLUNTARILY?

- Local, regional, national networking opportunities
- Promotes professionalism
- Demonstrates a commitment to the field/profession
- Demonstrates proficiency
- Ensures individuals are up to date with current issues in the field
- Possible CEU's/TCH's awarded for participation
- Possible increased compensation for successfully passing the NEWEA exam
- Resume builder

# Your Involvement is Important

- As a volunteer organization, NEWEA is only as good as its members
- Many different topic specific committees (lab, collections, young professionals, etc.)
- We have a responsibility to reflect the industry through our membership
  - Operations
  - Management
  - Technology/Manufacturers
  - Engineering
  - Academia
  - Students
  - Regulatory
  - Young Professionals
- Consider joining NEWEA today!
  - [www.newea.org/participate/membership/](http://www.newea.org/participate/membership/)

# Voluntary Certification

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## Careers

- ▶ [NEWEA Job Bank](#)
- ▶ [Professional Development](#)
- ▶ [Voluntary Certification](#)
  - ▶ [Voluntary Laboratory Analyst Certification Program](#)
    - Grade I
    - Grade II
  - ▶ [Voluntary Collection Systems Certification Program](#)
    - Grade I
    - Grade II

## Voluntary Certification

NEWEA offers individuals the opportunity to become certified voluntarily for Wastewater Collection Systems Operator and Laboratory Analyst.

- [Voluntary Laboratory Analyst Certification](#) – Two grade levels are offered for laboratory personnel.
- [Voluntary Collection Systems Certification](#) – Four grade levels are offered for collection systems operations personnel.

### Scheduled Exams – Fall 2016

Type	Date	Location	Training
Collection Systems	10/06/16	Fairfield WPCA, Fairfield, CT	NEIWPCC

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