

Operator Quiz Summer 2021 – Certification, Training and Operations

The following questions are designed for individuals/trainees pursuing certification as they prepare to take the ABC wastewater operator test. It is also designed for existing operators to test their knowledge. Each issue of *Clear Waters* will have more questions from a different process of wastewater treatment. Good luck!

1. If the WRRF is graded as a 4A facility, what certification is needed to function as a shift supervisor in the chief's absence?
 - a. 4A
 - b. 4
 - c. 3A
 - d. 3
2. Shortly after a new employee starts, they should receive training in ...
 - a. Confined space
 - b. Lock out/tag out
 - c. Hazard communication
 - d. All of the above
3. A training coordinator should have some technical competency and be familiar with the ...
 - a. Operations
 - b. Maintenance
 - c. Safety
 - d. Management goals
 - e. All of the above
4. The benefits of training from the perspective of a utility include:
 - a. Improved safety
 - b. Improved morale
 - c. Increased productivity
 - d. Better employee retention
 - e. All of the above
5. A large-scale WRRF should be staffed ...
 - a. Eight hours a day
 - b. 12 hours a day
 - c. 24 hours a day
 - d. Long enough to collect samples and perform changes
6. A small-scale WRRF should be staffed ...
 - a. Long enough to collect samples and perform changes
 - b. On a case-by-case basis
 - c. 24 hours a day
 - d. 16 hours a day
7. The chief operator has many critical duties including:
 - a. Planning
 - b. Organizing
 - c. Controlling
 - d. Directing
 - e. All of the above
8. What is the required number of contact hours for renewal of a 3/3A Certification?
 - a. 40
 - b. 60
 - c. 80
 - d. 120
9. How often must you renew your certification?
 - a. Three years
 - b. Four years
 - c. Five years
 - d. Six years
10. The required level of certification you must have is based on ...
 - a. Plant flow
 - b. Number of citizens
 - c. Size of collection system
 - d. Plant scoring

Answers below.

For those who have questions concerning operator certification requirements and scheduling, please contact Carolyn Steinhauer at 315-422-7811 ext. 3, carolyn@nywea.org, or visit www.nywea.org.



Answers: 1. (a) 4A 2. (d) All of the above 3. (e) All of the above 4. (e) All of the above 5. (c) 24 hours a day 6. (b) On a case-by-case basis 7. (e) All of the above 8. (b) 60 9. (c) Five years 10. (d) Plant scoring.