

Wastewater Operator-In-Training Requirements & Experience Sub Workgroup Recommendations

The Wastewater Operator-In-Training Requirements & Experience Sub Workgroup presents the following recommendations to the Wastewater Operator Certification Program Advisory Committee:

- 1) Change the education requirement so that education credits can be earned after the Operator-In-Training certificate is obtained. The six (6) Educational Points must be earned before the certificate's expiration date. This gives an individual up to three (3) years to earn the educational points and they can be accumulating their experience hours while earning their education points concurrently.
- 2) Allow agencies the option to establish a formal onboarding operator training apprenticeship program (Program) in lieu of the OIT certification requirement. The formal Program would need to meet established criteria (to be determined) and be approved by the State. Apprentices in an approved Program would have the same operational limitations that OITs have with respect to working under the direct supervision of a certified operator and the experience gained in a Program would count toward operator certification.

Attachment:

1. Operator-In-Training Requirements & Experience Sub Workgroup Final Report and Recommendations