

Water Operators are Essential Staff!

2027 is a license renewal year for all Water Operators in Virginia

Every 2 years, on the last day of February, Water Operators must renew their licenses. At that time, they submit proof of Continuing Professional Education (CPE) contact hour credits earned.

The content of the selected training must be aligned directly to the work skills and knowledge required for a Water Operator. Depending on the license level, 4-18 hours of education may be needed with some pertaining to utility management.

VA AWWA offers learning opportunities that are pre-qualified for CPE credit

- Annual Plant Operations Conference: May 6-8, 2026- 10 credits
- WaterJAM Conference “Operator Day”: September 16, 2026- 5 credits
- Fall Plant Ops Seminar: October 26, 2026- 6 credits
- Virtual Water Operator Lunch and Learn: May 19, 2026- 1 credit

<https://vaawwa.org/Events>

A Competition Where Everyone Wins...but Only 1 Team Gets a Cool Belt!

[Join the Top Ops Competition](#)

Gather your team and play for fun or play for keeps! Join us at the VA AWWA Annual Conference in May at Virginia Beach. This gameshow-style event flows fast as Water Operators answer questions about water science and treatment techniques. Winners receive a travel budget to compete in June at the 2026 ACE Conference in Washington, D.C. – and a cool champion belt! Top Ops can help support your goals for continuing education, team-building, and staff retention. **Everyone wins when we learn together!**



Edward H. Ruehl Operator of the Year Award!

[Nominate Your Water Operator](#)

This award was established to recognize outstanding licensed waterworks operators in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The VA AWWA Plant Operations Committee will select from a pool of nominations received from the section membership (either Individual, Corporate, or Utility) for recommendation to the Board, which approves the nominee. Members are invited to submit nominations by **June 30th** of each year. <https://vaawwa.org/page/scholarships>

NEW: AWWA | Veolia FREE Initial Training / Exam Preparation

AWWA has generously donated their online training courses for public access through Veolia Workforce Academy. Each class is 12-18 hours per week over 5 weeks and includes a Final Assessment. Learn more at <https://academy.veolia.us/courses>



Support your Water Operators with continuing education through VA AWWA!

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💰 [Ask me about One AWWA Scholarships for Water Operators and Financial Aid for Small Systems](#)