

Creating the Water Workforce of the Future

WEBINAR SERIES

Hawaii's Wastewater Alternatives & Innovation (WAI) Online Training Approach for Small, Rural, and Tribal Communities

Water sector utilities are essential to providing clean and safe water for every American. Water and Wastewater Operation Specialists (Operators) have wide-ranging skills from computer technology to operating heavy machinery. Strategic approaches to training materials and programs are essential for small, rural, and Tribal communities.

Pre-apprentice programs are an important approach to ensuring utilities have a fully trained and motivated workforce that can meet both current and future challenges and provide clean and safe water for all Americans.

Discover how Work-4-Water is reshaping workforce development in Hawaii's water sector. Originally piloted under U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) funding on two islands, this 8-week pre-apprenticeship program was expanded under EPA funding to cover all Hawaiian islands, incorporate on-the-job training (OJT) support, and establish the WAI Decentralized Training Center. Designed to remove barriers to entry, these free online programs equip participants with both scientific knowledge and practical skills. The Decentralized Training Center offers career, water, sanitation, and funding resources to water systems statewide, while Work-4-Water features a flexible, learn-at-your-own-pace hybrid model that delivers real-world, collaborative learning experiences for pre-apprentices.



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