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Helping Shape Careers of Tomorrow - A Teacher's Workshop at Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority

Teachers from Anderson County School District Five visited Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority for a one-day workshop on the operation of a wastewater treatment facility. "Western Carolina offers a great workshop for teachers. It gives them the opportunity to explore all careers offered to their students within the wastewater treatment field," said Butch Merritt, Career Development Facilitator for Anderson County School District Five.

Over 60 teachers attended the workshop and were separated into six different groups:

- HR, Finance, Customer Service, Purchasing
- Engineering
- Operations
- Computers and Automation
- Collection System and Shop Maintenance
- Laboratory and Pretreatment

Each group met with their respective department for approximately two hours and discussed various career opportunities in the wastewater treatment industry. The purpose of this workshop is to educate the teachers so they can better direct their students as to the training and education needed in order to be employed in one of these fields. To better understand the types of jobs available in the wastewater industry, the groups participated in activities, toured laboratories and learned about the pretreatment and biosolids processes. The groups also focused attention on management, engineering and administration positions within Western Carolina.

Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority serves over 400,000 residential and commercial customers in Greenville County and portions of Anderson,

Spartanburg and Laurens Counties by operating and maintaining 300 miles of major sewer trunk lines and 10 major wastewater treatment facilities.

Western Carolina welcomes the opportunity to offer plant tours to schools and other community groups. For more information about this workshop or to schedule a tour, please call 299-4036 ext. 2.

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Photo Caption:

WCRSA Process Control Officer Randy Boyette instructs T.L. Hanna High School teacher William Keever and Nevitt Forest Elementary School teacher Biff Kimmons.