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### **Mauldin High School Science Class Tours Western Carolina's Durbin Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority recently hosted a tour for a group of Mauldin High School (MHS) students at its Durbin Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). This is the first year that the AP Environmental Science (APES) class has toured a facility to gain real world experience related to their academic studies.

The APES class at MHS studies water as a part of its curriculum. During the tour, the class focused its attention on water pollution and wastewater treatment, aquatic environments, and water, as it is used by humans. The students were able to gain first hand knowledge from Western Carolina operators as well as be exposed to the job opportunities available in the field. The students felt that the field trip was not only informational, but fun.

“Our experience at Durbin Creek was truly beneficial because students were able to take concepts they learned in class, and through observation, apply those concepts to the real world,” said Allison Turza, a science teacher at MHS.

The Durbin Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant is located at Durbin Road in Fountain Inn. The plant was upgraded in 2003 and its capacity now reaches up to 5.2 million gallons per day. It is a popular venue for educational tours.

If you interested in taking a tour or would like more information, please contact Patty Buchanan at 864-299-4027 ext. 312. Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority celebrates 75 years of environmental stewardship. The organization provides wastewater treatment services to over 400,000 industrial, commercial and residential customers in Greenville County and parts of Anderson, Spartanburg and Laurens Counties. WCRSA operates and maintains 300 miles of major sewer trunk lines and 11 major wastewater treatment facilities.

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