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Furman Students Tour Western Carolina's Georges Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant

Western Carolina Regional Sewer Authority recently hosted a group of 18 undergraduate students from Furman University for a tour at Western Carolina's Georges Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. The tour included a range of students who are enrolled in the River Basins Research Initiative, a summer program at Furman. Half of the students are from Furman's Department of Biology or the Department of Earth and Environmental Studies, and the rest of the group is comprised of students from other colleges in the United States and Puerto Rico.

The tour provided an introduction study of how urbanization affects the Upstate's river systems. The students collected water samples of effluents to be analyzed and took measurements of pH and temperature. They gained first hand knowledge from Western Carolina operators while being exposed to the job opportunities available in the field.

If you interested in taking a tour or would like more information, please contact Patti 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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