

- Typically, a local agency such as the South Coast Air Quality Management District is designated to enact and enforce air quality rules and regulations which apply to all sources of air emissions including wastewater treatment plants.
- Related to its air pollutants emissions, Wastewater treatment plants are required to:
 - Obtain air quality related operating permits for equipment and processes which emit air pollutants and for its systems treating foul air.
 - Implement air emission pollutants control measures
 - Comply with record keeping and reporting requirements
 - Comply with air quality rules to prevent public nuisance and protect public health and safety

2.4 Regulations Related to Operations and Maintenance

2.4.1 Operator Certification

- The requirements of the Operator Certification program is established for each state. These meet the Operator Certification Requirements of the regulations stemming from the 1996 Amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act.
- The goal is to ensure that operators of wastewater treatment facilities in the State meet the minimum level of competence; thereby, protecting public health and the environment.
- In California, the Wastewater Operator Certification program (WWOCP) administers Wastewater Treatment Plant Certification examinations, certifications (grades I to V), and certification renewals.
- WWOCP classifies Wastewater Treatment Plants and stipulates that no person shall operate a wastewater treatment plant unless that person has been certified by the division as a wastewater treatment plant operator or operator-in-training at a grade appropriate for the class of plant being operated.
- A certified operator or operator-in-training may be subject to administrative sanctions including reprimand or denial, suspension, probation, or revocation of the operator certification for performing, or allowing or causing another to perform acts which include:
 - Operating or allowing the operation of a wastewater treatment plant by a person who is not certified at the grade necessary for the position
 - failing to use care or good judgment in the course of employment as an operator or failing to apply knowledge or ability in the performance of duties.
 - Negligence causing the violation of appropriate waste discharge requirements of the NPDES permit