



Metropolitan WWTP Tour Guidelines

The Operations staff at the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant offers tours to students from educational institutions (including home schooled students) at various age levels, including: middle school, high school, and college level. Tours of the Plant are also open to small groups and private individuals from the community and are available Monday – Friday between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM. Due to the nature of the tours, we ask that all participants be at least 12 years old (or in the sixth grade).

Types of tours include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Classroom style presentations with a brief outdoor tour, usually 1 - 2 hours.
- Walking tour of the facility only, (no classroom), 1 ½ - 2 hours.
- Combination of classroom presentation and walking tour, 1½ - 2½ hours.
- Component specific (i.e., Ammonia/Phosphorous facility, Biosolids Handling facility, etc.) 1 - 2 hours.

Weather permitting, much of the tour will be conducted outside and will include walking over grating, slippery surfaces, climbing stairs, and entering areas with low overhead clearance. Participants should dress appropriately to accommodate inclement weather and the pre-described walking conditions. Appropriate attire includes solid-toe, flat-bottom shoes (no sandals, slides, flip-flops, or open-toed shoes), rain gear, and no loose fitting clothing that may have the possibility of becoming entangled in protruding equipment or moving machinery. Safety glasses are mandatory and can be supplied by the tour guide although the use of personal safety eyewear is strongly encouraged. No backpacks or purses are allowed while touring the plant grounds as a security precaution. Tour participants must be respectful of, and attentive to, the hazards associated with their surroundings, which includes no hanging on or over railings, no horseplay, and obeying team leaders, teachers, chaperones, and the WEP guide(s) at all times.

Directions to the treatment plant can be found on the County website at <http://www.ongov.net/wep/Directions.html> and parking information may be obtained upon scheduling a tour. It is recommended that groups arrive 10 minutes before a scheduled tour's start time so that relevant pre-tour information may be exchanged.

To request a tour, please contact Dean Ellsworth, Head Operator at 315-435-2260, ext. 208, or email deanellsworth@ongov.net