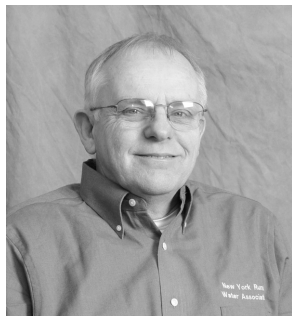


Worth The Wait

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The Village of Lake Placid had a long uphill battle to get their new and improved wastewater treatment facility on line, but it was worth the wait. Pictures are much better than words. We don't have before and after pictures, but believe me when I say, "it is much better now!"

The consent order was issued in 1998 and lifted in June 2005. Needless to say, a lot of work was done in that period of time. The end result is, now the operators at the plant don't have to dance around construction equipment, debris, or temporary fixes. The upgrade is over and it all works. If you are in Lake Placid stop in and see for yourself. Stuart Baird, Chief Operator, would be happy to walk you around and show off the new and improved Lake Placid WWTP. ♠



Salary Survey Results

Number of systems responding by size:
50-251=10 / 251-500=20 / 501-1000=25 / >1000=80

Breakdown by Size and Salary

System Size	Type of System	Returns	Full-Time Salary Range
51-250	Water ¹	3	\$20K-30K
	WW ¹	2	\$30K-35K
	Both	3	\$25K-45K
251-500	Water ²	6	\$30K->50K
	WW ³	3	\$30K-40K
	Both ⁴	5	\$20K-40K
501-1000	Water ⁵	6	\$25K-45K
	WW ¹	3	\$25K-35K
	Both	12	\$25K->50K
>1000	Water	33	\$20K->50K
	WW	29	\$15K->50K
	Both	18	\$25K->50K

Clerk/Administrative

251-500	2Full-Time	\$20K-30K
501-1000	3Full-Time	\$25K-40K
>1000	2Full-Time	\$15K-30K

Location

51-250	=10	Eastern=8	Central=1	Western=1
251-500	=20	Eastern=8	Central=8	Western=4
501-1000	=25	Eastern=6	Central=13	Western=6
>1000	=80	Eastern=30	Central=25	Western=25

Computers

	Yes/	No	Internet	Yes/	No
51-250	6	4	1	5	
251-500	13	7	10	2	
501-1000	17	7	12	5	
>1000	71	8	53	18	