**Section 380.205 Chief Wastewater Operator Requirement**

a) Except as provided in Section 380.210, every wastewater treatment or pretreatment works for which a permit is required by 35 Ill. Adm. Code 309 shall have on its operational staff and shall designate to the Agency in writing one Chief Wastewater Operator who directly supervises the use or operation of the facility.

b) The Chief Wastewater Operator is jointly accountable with the owner for the proper operation of the facility.

c) Each Chief Wastewater Operator shall:

1) hold a Certificate of Technical Competency of the required class for the operation of the wastewater treatment works or pretreatment works;

2) directly supervise the operation of the wastewater treatment works or pretreatment works;

3) be responsible for process control decisions at a wastewater treatment works; and

4) submit all required reports to the Agency.

d) A wastewater treatment works or pretreatment works may satisfy the requirements of this Section by contracting the services of a certified operator. The contract between the wastewater treatment works and the contract operator must be approved by the Agency and meet the requirements of Subpart J of this Part*.*

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