



## Association of Environmental Authorities of New Jersey

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# Treatment Plants Invited to Participate in Covid Wastewater Surveillance Program

Adapted from an announcement by [Emily Remmel](#) of NACWA:

The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) awarded the contract to conduct wastewater surveillance to [AquaVitas](#). From the CDC's National Wastewater Surveillance System (NWSS) lead, Dr. Amy Kirby:

"In Phase 1, the contract will test wastewater from treatment plants that serve 10% of the US population. Phase 1 will last 6 weeks. In an optional Phase 2, additional treatment plants will be enrolled to cover at least 30% of the US population and continue testing for an additional 9 weeks. Testing will begin in the next few weeks.

"In order to meet these requirements, the contractor needs to quickly onboard participating utilities. Engagement from public health agencies in the recruitment process provides assurance that the data will be considered for public health decision-making and is a very compelling justification for utility participation.

"We would greatly appreciate any assistance you can provide in contacting wastewater utilities in your jurisdiction. **This opportunity is open to all treatment plants**, whether they are currently submitting wastewater samples or not.

"Priority will be given to treatment plants that are serving large populations. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact AquaVitas CEO Adam Gushgari ([adam@aquavitas.com](mailto:adam@aquavitas.com))."

## Book Available on Protecting Wastewater Professionals from Covid-19 and Other Biological Hazards

In April 2020, WEF convened a panel of academics and practitioners expert in the science and practice of wastewater collection and treatment to conduct a critical review

called "Protecting Wastewater Professionals From Covid-19 and Other Biological Hazards."

*Protecting Wastewater Professionals From Covid-19 and Other Biological Hazards* features a host of information critical for safeguarding water professionals from viruses, bacteria, and other biological safety hazards.

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