

Ronald E. Johnson

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Ron Johnson has been working for the Hampton Roads Sanitation District (HRSD) since 1988. He is currently the Chief of HRSD's Pretreatment & Pollution Prevention Division. HRSD is a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia and provides wastewater treatment services to 17 cities and counties in southeastern Virginia, with a service area of 3,100 square miles and serving a population of 1.6 million.

The Pretreatment & Pollution Prevention Division is responsible for controlling all non-domestic discharges into HRSD's system. Mr. Johnson oversees a staff of 24, including managers, specialists and technicians and is responsible for the implementation of various programs, including Pretreatment, High Strength Waste Surcharge, FOG Control, Pollution Prevention and Indirect Wastewater Discharge, among others. HRSD's Pretreatment Program is a two-time recipient of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *National Outstanding Pretreatment Program Award*. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Tidewater Environmental Crimes Task Force and previously served as Chair of the Virginia Water Environment Association's Industrial Waste & Pretreatment Committee.

Mr. Johnson joined HRSD as an Industrial Waste Specialist before being promoted to Industrial Waste Manager and finally to his current position. Prior to HRSD, he began his career in pretreatment as the Lab and Pretreatment Supervisor for a publicly owned treatment works in Tennessee.

Mr. Johnson earned his BS in Biology from East Tennessee State University.