

EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY

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WASTEWATER PLANT UTILITY PLANT OPERATOR I

Starting Salary: \$11.351 - \$14.757 per hour plus excellent benefits,

A Utility Plant Operator I performs semiskilled work in the operation and maintenance of a wastewater treatment plant. Work is performed under the immediate supervision of the Utility Plant Chief Operator.

ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS

- Learning to operate a wastewater treatment plant; taking samples; performing routine tests; helping to ensure proper plant operation; maintaining records and files;
- Makes regular inspection of plant and equipment to ascertain that it is in proper operation at all times;
- Collects samples for testing; performs tests relating to plant operations;
- Checks plant equipment and biological and chemical systems for proper operation;
- Reads meters, gauges and dials and keeps logs of readings;
- Reports needs for repairs to equipment;
- Backwashes filters; fills chemical feeder hoppers;
- Performs minor plant maintenance, groundskeeping and housekeeping duties;
- Performs basic laboratory tests;
- Keeps records
- Performs related tasks as required.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Any combination of education and experience equivalent to graduation from high school;
- Ability to obtain proper certification within 18 months;
- Some knowledge of wastewater treatment plant principles and operating practices;
- Some knowledge of the operating characteristics and maintenance requirements of a wastewater treatment plant;
- Ability to detect flaws in the operation of equipment and to determine proper remedial measures;
- Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with associates;
- Ability to keep records and prepare reports;
- Possession of valid NC driver's license and good driving record.

Physical Requirements

This is medium work requiring the exertion of 50 pounds of force occasionally, up to 20 pounds of force frequently, and up to 10 pounds of force constantly to move objects. The work requires climbing, balancing, stooping, kneeling, crouching, crawling, reaching, standing, walking, pushing, pulling, lifting, fingering, grasping, feeling and repetitive motions. Speech and hearing is required to communicate in person and by radio. Visual acuity is required for visual inspection involving small parts and/or small defects, use of measuring devices, assembly or fabrication of parts at or within arms length, operation of machines, operation of motor vehicles or equipment, determining the accuracy and thoroughness of work, and observing general surroundings and activities. The worker is subject to inside and outside environmental conditions, extreme cold, and heat, noise and vibration.

Closing Date

Applications will be taken at the Employment Security Commission, 103 W. Center Street Ext. until the vacancy is filled.

NOTE: APPLICANTS OFFERED EMPLOYMENT WILL BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN A DRUG AND ALCOHOL SCREENING.

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