



Wastewater Operator I - Wastewater Maintenance Operator

FLSA Designation: Nonexempt

Pay Grade: 3

The Wastewater Operator I - Wastewater Maintenance Operator is responsible for the day-to-day operation and maintenance of the Wastewater Treatment Plant on an assigned shift basis. Work is performed under the direction of the supervisor in charge.

Essential Functions

- Operates, services, maintains, and checks equipment, instruments, pumps, valves;
- Takes readings of pressures, volumes, weights, levels, flows and other data, and records them on log sheets;
- Makes routine laboratory tests;
- Performs maintenance on Utilities Department equipment, pumps, pipes, vehicles, buildings, structures, and grounds;
- Collects samples, performs analysis, and records results;
- Monitors SCADA, water flows, tank levels, and pressures;
- Responds to calls and concerns from the public;
- Operates sludge tanker truck, sewer hydro truck, backhoe, snow-blower, lawn mowers, pickups;
- Performs after hours "on call" duties for the Department. Remains within a 1-hour response time while "on call";
- Assists in various duties, shifts and functions of the Wastewater Treatment Plant;
- Performs other duties as assigned. Nothing in this job description restricts management's right to assign or reassign duties and responsibilities to this position at any time.

Requirements

- Ability to learn principals, practices and methods of wastewater treatment;
- Ability to establish good working relationships with other employees and the public;
- Ability to perform duties without endangering incumbent or other employees;
- Ability to read and interpret utility maps;
- Ability work overtime and/or weekends and holidays as scheduled;

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- Ability to do simple arithmetic;
- Mechanical aptitude;
- Computer literate;
- Ability to operate tools and machinery such as lawn mowers, snow blowers, power saws, backhoe, computer;
- Ability to operate an eighteen-wheel tractor trailer and hydro/vacuum truck.

Acceptable Experience and Training

High school graduate or equivalent.

Licenses and Other Requirements

- Idaho Class "A" Commercial Driver's License with tanker endorsement or the ability to obtain one within one year of employment;
- Class I Wastewater Operator License issued by the Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing or the ability to obtain within one year of employment;
- Applicants must be able to pass a background check and drug testing.

Working Conditions and Physical Efforts

- Sufficient clarity of speech and hearing or other communication capabilities which permits the employee to understand verbal instructions and to communicate effectively;
- Sufficient visual acuity which permits the employee to perform the above duties;
- Sufficient mental alertness and manual dexterity for the operation, maintenance and repair of mechanical and electrical equipment normally associated with a wastewater treatment plant;
- Sufficient physical ability to perform the above duties which may include bending, stooping, reaching, pushing, pulling, climbing, running, walking, standing, kneeling, crawling, lifting, grasping, etc.;
- While performing the duties of this job the employee will occasionally need to lift, carry, push or pull up to 100 pounds;
- Work includes protected exposure to infectious bacteria, bodily fluids and chemicals. Employees work on stairs and uneven surfaces, near open tanks and ditches, in industrial areas; are exposed to hydraulic and vehicle hazards, and insects and atmospheric hazards; are subject to slip hazards caused from ice/snow in winter, wet floors, uneven and undeveloped work surfaces; exposure to solvents, sewage, methane, hydrogen sulfide and other possible toxic gases and hazardous chemicals and

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substances;

- The physical effort characteristics and working environment described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this job. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.