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FLSA: NON-EXEMPT

WATER/WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANTS OPERATOR-IN-TRAINING

DEFINITION

Under direct supervision, learns and assists in the performance of a variety of operations, control, and maintenance functions in support of the City's water/wastewater treatment plants, assists in operating and maintaining plant equipment including pumps, motors, valves, chemical feed systems, and filters to maintain adequate production and reserves; assists with preventive maintenance and makes repairs to plant facilities and equipment; and performs other related duties, as assigned.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED AND EXERCISED

Receives direct supervision from the Chief Plant Operator. Exercises no direct supervision over staff.

CLASS CHARACTERISTICS

This is the training level class for the Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator series. Positions at this level have minimal prior experience in the operation, repair, and maintenance of machinery, pumps, or mechanical equipment. Work is directly supervised while in progress and fits an established structure or pattern. Exceptions or changes in procedures are explained in detail as they arise.

EXAMPLES OF TYPICAL JOB FUNCTIONS (Illustrative Only)

Management reserves the right to add, modify, change, or rescind the work assignments of different positions and to make reasonable accommodations so qualified employees can perform the essential functions of the job.

- Assists in the collection samples and perform routine laboratory tests and analysis; determine chemical and physical characteristics of raw, settled, filtered, and finished water and reclaimed water.
- Assists in the inspection of mechanical equipment for proper working order and prepare/submit work orders for mechanic and/or electrical maintenance repairs or maintenance; perform routine maintenance work.
- Assists in preparation of reports to various external regulatory agencies, as well internal divisions and department; and participate in preparing costs estimates related to budget recommendations.

- Builds and maintains positive working relationships with co-workers, other City employees, and the public using principles of good customer service.
- Perform related duties as assigned.
- Subject to various shifts and duties during times of declared emergencies.

QUALIFICATIONS

Positions at the Payroll Technician I level may exercise some of these knowledge and abilities statements in a learning capacity.

Knowledge of:

- Materials, tools, equipment, and methods used in the general construction, operation, maintenance, and repair of plant facilities, systems, and equipment.
- Basic principles of chemistry and microbiology.
- Occupational hazards and standard safety precautions.
- Basic electrical principles.
- Office procedures, methods, and equipment including computers and applicable software applications.
- Basic mathematics.
- City and mandated safety rules, regulations and protocols.
- Techniques for providing a high level of customer service by effectively dealing with the public, vendors, contractors, and City staff.
- The structure and content of the English language, including the meaning and spelling of words, rules of composition, and grammar.
- Modern equipment and communication tools used for business functions and program, project, and task coordination, including computers and software programs relevant to work performed.

Ability to:

- Follow safe work procedures.
- Read and interpret gauges, meters, and other instrument readings and take effective course of action.
- Perform mechanical repairs.
- Collect a variety of samples and conduct appropriate tests in accordance with state and federal regulations and requirements.
- Compile and record complex data and material.
- Maintain accurate and detailed logs and records of work and tests performed.
- Complete emergency response training and perform in emergency situations.

- Respond to emergency situations outside of normal working hours.
- Work well with others in a team environment.
- Complete work within an assigned time frame.
- Perform math calculations related to treatment processes and related testing and analysis.
- Operate assigned equipment and tools in a safe and effective manner.
- Operate office and treatment plant equipment including computers and applicable software applications.
- Work independently in the absence of supervision.
- Perform heavy manual labor.
- Maintain accurate logs, records, and basic written records of work performed.
- Understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- Effectively use computer systems, software applications relevant to work performed, and modern business equipment to perform a variety of work tasks.
- Communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing, using appropriate English grammar and syntax.
- Establish, maintain, and foster positive and effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.

Education and Experience:

Any combination of training and experience that would provide the required knowledge, skills, and abilities is qualifying. A typical way to obtain the required qualifications would be:

Education:

- Equivalent to completion of the twelfth (12th) grade; supplemental college-level coursework or trade school training in water/wastewater treatment technology is desirable.

Licenses and Certifications:

- Possession of a valid Class C driver's license.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS

Must possess mobility to work in a standard water treatment plant and related facilities; strength, stamina, and mobility to perform light to medium physical work, to work in confined spaces, around machines and to climb and descend ladders, and operate varied hand and power tools and equipment; vision to read printed materials and a computer screen; color vision to read gauges and identify appurtenances; and hearing and speech to communicate in person and over the telephone or radio. The job involves frequent walking in operational areas to identify problems or hazards. Finger dexterity is needed to access, enter, and retrieve data using a computer keyboard or

calculator and to operate above-mentioned tools and equipment. Positions in this classification bend, stoop, kneel, reach, and climb to perform work and inspect work sites. Employees must possess the ability to lift, carry, push, and pull materials and objects weighing up to 100 pounds, or heavier weights with assistance and/or with the use of proper equipment.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

Employees work partially indoors and partially outdoors and are exposed to loud noise levels, cold and hot temperatures, inclement weather conditions, vibration, confining workspace, chemicals, mechanical and/or electrical hazards, and hazardous physical substances, odors, and fumes. Employees may interact with upset staff and/or public and private representatives in interpreting and enforcing departmental policies and procedures.

For positions allocated to Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator III: This Position participates in an on-call schedule for emergency response. Must be able and willing to work on weekends/holidays in case of emergency. Must live within a reasonable distance of the City which is considered being no more than a 30-minute drive under normal driving conditions.

For positions allocated to Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I/II: Position can serve in an on-call capacity for response to emergency situations as needed.