

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

The Department of Water Environment Protection (WEP) provides critical wastewater services to Onondaga County's Consolidated Sewer District. We are successful in our mission to protect local waterways and public health because of our hard-working employees. WEP is looking for communicative, critical thinkers to join our team as Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators.

WHY YOU?

WEP is continuously looking for motivated and dedicated employees to be a part of our cohesive and diverse team! If you have experience operating a wastewater treatment, we want to hear from you. Your experience and/or education are highly valued, which we believe will make a meaningful contribution to our mission!

WHAT EXACTLY DOES A WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR DO?

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators play a vital role in ensuring the safe and efficient operation of our treatment facilities. Under immediate supervision of a higher-level Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, the employee assists in the safe and efficient operation of a wastewater treatment plant. Employees have full responsibility of master controls when supervisor is on rounds of the plant. Supervision may be exercised over the work of subordinate employees. Does related work as required. This is an important role at WEP, typical work activities include:

- ❖ Starts, stops, and adjusts pumps, motors, air compressors, operates valves and related machinery and equipment.
- ❖ Records readings from meters and gauges.
- ❖ Takes samples of wastewater for testing.
- ❖ Completes necessary tests for control of plant operation.
- ❖ Keeps a log of plant operations and related records.
- ❖ Alternates with the higher-level Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator in making tours of inspection.
- ❖ Good knowledge of the practices used, and the equipment required in the operation of the wastewater treatment plant.
- ❖ Ability to participate in rotational on-call program to include nights, weekends, and holidays.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- A)** Graduation from a high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and one (1) year of work experience, or its part-time equivalent, in the actual operation** of a wastewater treatment plant, which will include, but are not limited to: takes samples of wastewater and laboratory testing on these samples; keep a log of plant operations and related records; start, stop and adjust pumps, motors, air compressors and related machinery and equipment; record readings from meters and gauges; or,
- B)** Graduation from a high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma and successful completion of thirty (30) credit hours of math and/or science (chemistry, biology, physics, environmental science, or environmental studies) from a regionally accredited college or university; or,
- C)** Graduation from a regionally accredited college to grant degrees with an associate's degree in water/Wastewater Technology, Environmental Science, Engineering Technology, physical sciences, chemistry, biological sciences, life sciences or a closely related field with similar course curriculum; or,
- D)** An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A), (B), and (C) above.

NOTE: Satisfactory completion of the New York State Operator's Course for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators, and New York State Laboratory Course for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators, and New York State Activated Sludge Course for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators may be substituted for the above minimum qualifications.

**** Experience in Wastewater Treatment Plant maintenance alone, either mechanical or electrical, is not qualifying.**

SPECIAL NECESSARY REQUIREMENT

When required to operate motor vehicles, employee must possess a valid non-CDL or CDL with appropriate endorsements, as required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for the class of vehicle(s) being operated.

ANNUAL SALARY

\$52,425 - \$57,770

CIVIL SERVICE GRADE

CSEA / 8

POSITION TYPE

Provisional

Candidate will initially be provisional and must take the corresponding Civil Service exam, scheduled at a later date, and place high enough on the list to qualify for appointment.

Full Time

40 hours/week

WEP DIVISION Operations

BENEFITS

Paid Vacation & Sick Leave

13 Paid Holidays

Health & Dental Insurance

Vision Plan

NYS Retirement Benefits &

Retiree Healthcare

Flex Spending

Work-Life Balance

Professional Development

Opportunities

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