

# 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 plant or have earned at least thirty (30) college credit hours in a program of Public Health Technology, Environmental Technology, Environmental Studies, or a related field approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, 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 direction of a higher-level Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, the employee assists with plant operation and may oversee master controls when supervisor is on rounds of the plant. Performs related work as required. This is an important role at WEP, and duties include:

- ❖ Starts, stops, and adjusts pumps, motors, air compressors, and related machinery and equipment.
- ❖ Records readings from meters and gauges.
- ❖ Takes samples of wastewater for testing.
- ❖ Makes 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.

## MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

Graduation from a high school or possession of a New York State High School Equivalency diploma, plus 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) Successful completion of thirty (30) credit hours from a regionally accredited college or university or one accredited by the New York State Board of Regents to grant degrees in a program of Public Health Technology, Environmental Technology, Environmental Studies or Sciences, or the Water Wastewater Technology option of Science Laboratory Technology, approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation; or, C) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A) and (B) 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 being operated. Prior to completion of probationary period, must obtain Grade 1A Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification.

## ANNUAL SALARY

**\$50,898 - \$56,087**

## 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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