



# CITY OF RICHLAND

<b>CLASSIFICATION TITLE:</b> LEAD PLANT OPERATOR (WATER OPERATIONS)	<b>AFFILIATION:</b> Affiliated (IUOE)
<b>REPORTS TO:</b> WATER MANAGER OR DESIGNEE	<b>FLSA STATUS:</b> Non-Exempt

## **GENERAL SUMMARY:**

Under the direction of the Water Manager or designee, directs co-workers and assumes responsibility for accomplishing daily division objectives by operating and monitoring the water treatment plant; provides customer service in harmony with previously established procedures and routine daily practices. Subject to work rotating shifts to include, weekends and holidays as needed.

## **ESSENTIAL JOB FUNCTIONS:**

*Duties listed are representative of the types of tasks and functions performed by positions of this class of work. Percentage of time and rank of importance of duties are not listed since both will vary by position and work location.*

- Assigns, schedules, directs and reviews the performance and safety work activities of assigned personnel.
- Answers customer complaints and inquiries in a professional manner and consistent with established policies and procedures.
- Provides vacation coverage for the water treatment plant shift operator as needed.
- Serves as the Water Manager in his/her absence, and as assigned.
- Performs all the functions of a Plant Operator.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

## **KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:**

*Identify specific and realistic knowledge, skills and abilities necessary to competently perform this job.*

Knowledge of:

- Applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, codes and regulations related to assigned activities.
- Modern office practices, methods, procedures and equipment.
- Record-keeping principles, procedures, and techniques.
- Health and safety laws, regulations and policies applicable to assigned tasks.
- Applicable safety procedures and practices.

**Skills and Abilities to:**

- Learn, read, interpret, and apply and explain rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
- Assist with the training and evaluation of performance of assigned staff.
- Comply with State and Federal treatment regulations and discharge requirements.
- Safely and effectively perform all duties and responsibilities of a Plant Operator.
- Assign, schedule and direct co-workers in the daily activities of the division while performing normal operator duties.
- Answer customer complaints and inquiries.
- Communicate effectively both orally and in writing; comprehend and use English effectively including producing all forms of communications in a clear, concise and understandable manner to intended audiences.
- Organize and prioritize a variety of projects and multiple tasks in an effective and timely manner; work independently with little or no direction, set priorities and meet critical time deadlines.
- Use tact, initiative, prudence and independent judgment within general policy and procedural guidelines.
- Establish, maintain and foster positive and effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
- Operates a variety of modern office equipment and personal computers in a windows based computing environment, using standard or customized software application programs appropriate to assigned activities.
- Provides continuous effort to improve operations, decrease turnaround times, streamline work processes, and work cooperatively and jointly to provide quality customer service.

**EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:**

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- Three (3) years of experience in a Group 2 Water Treatment Plant with prior experience in a lead or supervisory role.
- Or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience that will provide the necessary knowledge, skills and abilities to successfully perform the essential functions of the job.

**LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS & OTHER REQUIREMENTS:**

- Valid Washington State driver's license including a Class "C" CDL with Hazmat endorsement upon hire date.
- Current Washington State Water Plant Operator 2 Certification upon hire date.
- Current Washington State Water Distribution Manager 3 Certification or as required by the water system size within (6) months of hire date.

**WORKING CONDITIONS**

*The physical demands described below are representative of those that must be met by an employee to successfully perform the essential functions of the job. The work environment*

*characteristics described 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.*

**Environment:**

- Work areas are both indoor and outdoor, which requires travel daily from site to site and checking on water facilities and equipment.
- The position involves work outdoors on a year round basis and is subject to extreme weather conditions.
- Work may require emergency response to construction sites, which may be dirty and strewn with construction debris.
- Operator may work above or below the ground.
- The noise level in the work environment is usually quiet to moderate, depending on whether in the office and/or on a construction site.
- May be exposed to moving mechanical parts and vehicles within a construction site.
- Employees may interact with upset staff and/or public and private representatives in interpreting and enforcing departmental policies/procedures.

**Physical Demands:**

- Operate a motorized vehicle, which may include inclement weather conditions.
- Operate standard equipment for assigned tasks.
- Ability to sit, stand, walk, bend, reach with arms and hands, kneel and stretch, occasionally entering confined spaces, such as underground vaults and reservoirs as well as the ability to climb ladders and stairs.
- Operator must be able to walk through construction sites at all stages of completion, and negotiate uneven terrain.
- Ability to lift, push, carry and pull materials and objects weighing up to 50 lbs. on occasion using proper lifting techniques.
- Manual dexterity of hands and fingers to include repetitive grasping and reaching.
- Good vision to read print and computer screens.
- Ability to hear and speak to communicate in person and over the telephone.

**SELECTION GUIDELINES:**

The duties listed above are intended only as illustrations of the various types of work that may be performed. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from the position if the work is similar, related or a logical assignment to the position.

The job classification description does not constitute an employment agreement between the City of Richland and employee and is subject to change by the City as the needs of the City and requirements of the job change.