



CITY OF RICHLAND

CLASSIFICATION TITLE: PLANT OPERATOR-IN-TRAINING (WATER OPERATIONS)	JOB # 3029-WO	AFFILIATION: Affiliated (IUOE)
REPORTS TO: WATER MANAGER OR DESIGNEE	PAY GRADE: N/A	FLSA STATUS: Non-Exempt

GENERAL SUMMARY:

Under the direction of the Water Manager or designee, operates motorized equipment and performs plant and facility operations and maintenance including grounds keeping; serves as Plant Operator Trainee performing Plant Operator functions as needed. Works rotating shifts, to include weekends and holidays.

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. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions.

- Operates, light trucks, landscaping equipment, and small power tools.
- Performs janitorial work and grounds keeping as required at water facility buildings.
- Assists in remote facility monitoring functions.
- Serves as Plant Operator Trainee performing Plant Operator functions as needed.
- Accumulates training and experience, and higher level certifications to attain qualification as an independent Plant Operator.
- Makes mathematical calculations associated with plant operating procedures.
- Performs other duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS & ABILITIES:

Specific and realistic knowledge, skills and abilities typically necessary to competently perform this job.

Knowledge of:

- Applicable Federal, State, and local laws, rules, codes and regulations related to assigned activities.
- Water treatment technologies, equipment, and standards.

- Modern office practices, methods, procedures, and equipment.
- Record-keeping principles, procedures, and techniques.
- Applicable health and safety policy, procedures, and practices.
- Basic computer operation.

Skills and Abilities to:

- Learn, read, interpret, and apply and explain rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
- Follow oral and written instructions.
- Observe legal and defensive driving practices.
- Follow health and safety regulations.
- 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.
- 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.
- Operate 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 tasks.
- Provides continuous effort to improve operations and work cooperatively and jointly to provide quality customer service.

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- High school diploma or equivalent.
- One (1) year of experience in the operations or construction of potable water systems.
- 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 driver's license upon hire date.
- Washington State "Operator-in-Training" certificate within six (6) months of eligibility to test.
- Washington State Water Plant Operator I certificate within one(1) year of eligibility to test.
- Washington State Water Distribution Manager I certificate within one (1) year of eligibility to test.

- Washington State Water Plant Operator II certificate within one (1) year of eligibility to test.
- Washington State Water Distribution Manager II certificate within one (1) year of eligibility to test.
- Washington State Water Plant Operator III certificate within one (1) year of eligibility to test.
- Washington State Water Distribution Manager III certificate within one (1) year of eligibility to test.

COMPETENCIES:

Foundational

- Use Technical/Functional Expertise: Displays an appropriate depth of knowledge and skills as required for the position and commensurate with the time in class. Uses technology as appropriate for the position. Seeks additional knowledge and information to continually enhance knowledge in areas of specialty.
- Be Accountable for Performance: Actively shows responsibility, reliability, and trustworthiness. Ensures work and information are complete and accurate. Admits mistakes and looks for ways to improve. Models self as dependable and reliable. Follows up with others to ensure agreements and commitments have been fulfilled. Values the importance of team and organizational success. Independently takes action to influence events, to improve own or organizational performance and to promote the goals of the organization.
- Provide Excellent Customer Service: Anticipates, assesses, and responds effectively to the needs of diverse customers, both internal and external, providing consistently excellent service that is timely, accurate, courteous, and respectful.
- Communicate Effectively: Uses verbal and written skills effectively to ensure that information is successfully shared throughout the organization. Relates well to a range of people. Shows sensitivity to the needs of others. Demonstrates ability to build rapport and facilitates mutual understanding.
- Work Safely: Knowledge and application of relevant safety requirements that apply to the specific work being done. Recognizes and mitigates safety hazards on the job. Observes rules and regulations to comply with personal and workplace safety standards. Works to create a hazard-free, accident-free environment.

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:

- Typically work is performed indoors and outdoors, 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 be required 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 working with landscape equipment.
- 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:

- Must be able to regularly and punctually attend work at the office or other assigned locations.
- 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.
- 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 computers.
- 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.

AUTHORIZATIONS: (For Archive)

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City Manager or Authorized Designee**Date**