



## **Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator**

**Hourly Rate: Minimum \$13.72 additional consideration based upon experience.**

### **POSITION SUMMARY:**

Under general supervision this position performs a variety of complex technical and manual tasks in the operation and maintenance of an assigned water production or wastewater treatment plant; ensures plant operations comply with all regulatory and quality standards as required to meet stringent conditions as set by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). **Must be available for shift work.**

### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS:**

- Operate assigned water production or wastewater treatment plant, chemical and unit process such as disinfection, coagulation, filtration, and pumping; perform inspections of water or wastewater treatment plants and facilities;
- Ensure the proper health/safety level of city water through testing of water samples; apply and monitor chemical levels as need to ensure compliance with federal and state requirements;
- Initiate appropriate corrective action in the event of water or wastewater treatment process malfunctions;
- When assigned to wastewater treatment, provides repair and maintenance to plant and lift stations;
- Operate various types of equipment essential for testing of water samples; maintain test equipment between uses;
- Maintain records of water tests, chemical levels and usage; determine the proper rate or mix of chemicals based on test results and regulatory guidelines; complete applicable regulatory documentation and paperwork.
- Perform a variety of tasks related to the maintenance of both wells and plant operating areas;
- Maintain inventory and issue chemicals and equipment; coordinate the requisition of needed supplies;
- Follow all departmental, city and state regulations for chemical levels as it relates to safety guidelines;
- Prepare and handle visits in reference to reports as required, including but not limited to; daily work orders and reports; monthly reports; equipment repair lists. Assist those contacted in the course of duty in an effective, efficient, and professional manner;
- Perform a variety of tasks related to grounds/landscape maintenance, including but not limited to: operating a variety of mowing equipment, and small equipment used in grounds maintenance;
- Performs such other related duties as may be assigned.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

Knowledge of the principles and practices applied in the operation and maintenance of water and wastewater treatment equipment and machinery. Must be able to operate tractors, dump trucks, hand-operated valves and other equipment. Must be able to read, write and communicate, computer proficiency. Must attend training classes and have the ability to obtain a Class "D" Water Plant Operator's license as issued by the TCEQ within six months of employment; Class "C" Surface Water Plant Operator's license. High School diploma or equivalent; preferably at least two years' experience in water or wastewater plant operation experience. Possession of or ability to obtain, a valid Texas driver's license. Ability to pass a basic math test. Working conditions include outdoor environments; exposure to extremes in weather conditions; slippery, wet and uneven terrain; exposure to vibrations and noise; exposure to dust and fumes from motorized equipment; subject to possible inhalation and absorption through skin of toxic chemicals; Physical conditions: Essential and other important responsibilities and duties require maintaining physical condition necessary for standing and walking for long periods of time; moderate and heavy lifting and carrying which includes the ability to lift up to one hundred pounds; ability to distinguish colors; must be able to operate assigned vehicle.

**The City of Athens offers competitive salary and benefits. Interested candidates must complete an employment application.**

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