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LEAD WASTEWATER OPERATOR
\$76,626 - \$91,479 (2023)

General Purpose

Under general supervision of the Director or designee, this position performs skilled maintenance, repair, and construction work on the non-potable reuse system and within the wastewater reuse facility and conveyance system. Within reuse distribution and water utilities services division; operates maintenance and construction tools and equipment; performs all aspects of daily operations and maintenance relative to non-potable reuse water, wastewater and treatment.

Distinguishing Characteristics

This position performs a higher degree of independence, initiative and responsibility in operating the wastewater treatment and distribution operation. The work is performed under the general supervision of the Director or designee with a wide leeway allowed for independent judgment in carrying out the details of the work. Will provide lead and functional supervision over the Wastewater Operators in the performance of their assigned duties.

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

Qualifications Guidelines

Knowledge of:

- Principles and practices of Wastewater maintenance and repair.
- Advanced principles of wastewater treatment.
- Common tools, materials, and motorized vehicles and equipment used in the maintenance and repair of a wastewater system.
- Pumps, valves, meters, and backflow devices.
- Basic mathematical principles.
- Safe work practices and policies.

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- State and Federal reporting requirements consistent with NPDES permitting requirements, including report writing and submissions consistent with D.O.E. rules and regulations.

Ability to:

- Understand and communicate clearly and concisely, both orally and in writing.
- Make accurate and concise data entry
- Work with the variety of tools related to Wastewater, reuse water, and potable water system maintenance.
- Train other utility operators in the proper construction, maintenance, and operations of both wastewater treatment and reuse water distribution systems.
- Lead and manage in a professional and systematic manner the work of others in a professional manner.
- Learn to safely operate a variety of maintenance equipment
- Perform heavy manual labor
- Perform semi-skilled maintenance duties
- Perform routine reuse water and potable water treatment procedures.
- Understand and follow oral and written instructions.
- Read and understand schematic diagrams
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work.
- Understand and interpret lab results and make adjustments

Education/Training/Experience

Education/Training:

- Any combination of education and experience equivalent to a High School Diploma or General Education Degree (GED) is required

Experience:

- Five years of experience performing duties at a level comparable to a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II,
- Previous experience in a lead or supervisory role is preferred.
- Previous experience with Sequential Batch Reactor (SBR) Membrane Reactor (MBR) operations and maintenance.

License or Certificates

- Possession of an appropriate, valid driver's license.
- Possession of a Group III or Group IV Wastewater Treatment Operator certificate issued by the State of Washington DOE or the ability to within 18 months.

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- Possession of a Cross-Connection Specialist (CCS) certificate issued by the State of Washington Department of Health or the ability to within twelve (12) months.

Physical/Mental Demands and Work Environment

- Primary functions require sufficient physical ability and mobility to work in a field environment; to walk, stand, and sit for prolonged periods of time; to frequently stoop, bend, kneel, crouch, crawl, climb, reach, twist, grasp, and make repetitive hand movement in the performance of daily duties; to climb unusual heights on ladders; to lift, carry, push, and/or pull moderate to heavy amounts of weight; to operate assigned equipment and vehicles; and to verbally communicate to exchange information.

Physical Requirements:

- Physical strength and ability sufficient to perform manual labor for extended periods under adverse condition and in all types of weather.

Mental Demands:

- While performing the duties of this class, employees are regularly required to use oral and written communications skills; read and interpret data, information and documents; analyze and solve problems; observe and interpret situations; use math and mathematical reasoning; learn and apply new information or new skills; interact with City staff, other organizations and the public.

Work Environment:

- The work environment characteristic described here are representative of those an employee encounters while performing the essential functions of this class. Reasonable accommodations may be made to enable individuals with disabilities to perform the essential functions. The employee frequently works outside in all weather conditions, and on slippery and uneven surfaces.

Benefits

PERS Retirement; Medical, Dental, Vision, and Life Insurance; Vacation, Holidays and Sick Leave. Benefits based on a 40-hour workweek.

Application Procedure

Please submit the application, letter of interest, resume and proof of certifications to Shelby Denny at shelbyd@yelmwa.gov