

PUMPING STATION OPERATOR I

DEFINITION

Under the general supervision of the Mechanical Branch Superintendent and Pumping Station Supervisor and under the immediate direct supervision of a journeyman Pumping Station Operator, assists in performance of inspections and tasks related to the operation and maintenance of sanitary sewage pumping stations; and to do related work as required.

TYPICAL TASKS

Assists a journeyman Pumping Station Operator in accomplishment of a variety of tasks; makes visual check of exterior, reports damage and disposes of trash and debris as required; checks for odors and reports any problems; records in the station log the electric meter, pump running time and flow meter readings; following Operation and Maintenance Manual instructions for each station, makes operating tests, checks and adjustments and performs required maintenance functions on all station equipment; installs packing and adjusts packing glands; adjusts, cleans, lubricates and tests all types of complex sewage handling equipment and controls; changes meter charts; replaces fuses, replaces and cleans filters; performs painting and other corrosion control work; cleans wet wells, cleans floats and bubbler tubes; performs general building and grounds housekeeping and maintenance functions; mows grass and trims weeds; mixes odor control chemicals; and performs other related duties as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

This class is the entry level for Pumping Station Operators. Work is performed in accordance with standard Mechanical Branch policies and procedures, and usually under close supervision. Tasks range from routine manual work to performance of more difficult and complex mechanical, electrical and control adjustment duties related to pumping station operation and maintenance. Employees of this class may progress to the journeyman level, Pumping Station Operator II class based upon demonstrated abilities and qualifications to assume greater responsibilities as well as attainment of knowledge and skills required of a journeyman in this specialty.

EMPLOYMENT STANDARDS

Completion of the tenth grade and four years of work experience, or graduation from high school and two years of work experience.

A maximum of two additional years of mechanically oriented work experience may be substituted on a year for year basis to meet the basic education requirements.

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In addition, documentary evidence indicating satisfactory completion of a vocational training program in wastewater treatment or the mechanical trades may be substituted for one year of either educational or work experience requirements.

Ability to perform manual labor; aptitude for performing general mechanical tasks, operating power driven equipment and learning technical processes relating to pumping station operation including the reading, interpretation and recording of instrumentation data and willingness to serve and assume responsibility as a part of an operating team.

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