

# CLASSIFICATION DESCRIPTION

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TITLE: Wastewater/ Water Plant Operator  
SALARY: \$3838/month  
DEPARTMENT: Public Works  
REPORTS TO: Public Works Director  
BARGAINING UNIT: Teamsters & Helpers, Local 58  
STATUS: Non-exempt

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## **GENERAL SUMMARY**

Under supervision, assists and performs tasks related to the operation and maintenance of the City's Wastewater and Water Treatment Plants and pumping stations and all related equipment to ensure compliance with NPDES permit and OHA requirements. Perform a variety of semi-skilled operational, maintenance and repair functions relative to assigned area of responsibility.

All City employees are expected to work and act as team players in interaction with other city employees and provide a high level of customer service to the public, other agencies and elected/appointed officials. Must have the education, experience and physical ability necessary to satisfy job requirements.

## **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS/MAJOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

(The essential functions/major responsibilities listed are intended only as examples of the type of work performed by this position. The omission of specific statements of duties does not exclude them from this position. Duties and responsibilities are subject to change by the employer as the needs of the employer and requirements of the job change.)

1. Learns, assists and performs tasks related with the daily operation and maintenance duties of the treatment plants and pumping stations.
2. Under general supervision, performs daily routine duties such as hosing or washing tank walls, screens, pumps and other related equipment.
3. Accurately records daily operational information like flow totalizer readings, runtime meters, laboratory data and other necessary information.
4. Trains in and performs laboratory sampling and analysis for process control and NPDES data acquisition according to established procedures.
5. Cleans and maintains building facilities and grounds.
6. Assists with the operation and maintenance of mechanical screens, parshall flumes, flowmeters, samplers, pumping equipment, level indicators, air compressors, disk filters, ultraviolet disinfection units, centrifuge and all other equipment associated with the wastewater treatment plant.
7. Assists with the operation and maintenance of the pumps, blowers, chemical feed systems, monitoring equipment, and rapid sand filters and all other equipment associated with the Water Treatment Plant.
8. Operates and maintains equipment, tools, and vehicles in a safe, efficient and effective manner.

9. Requires the ability to operate computers and computer software in the operation and data acquisition of the wastewater and water treatment plants and other associated equipment.
10. Performs duties in a safe manner in accordance with established safety procedures.
11. As needed, works with other public works personnel.
12. Conducts tours of the facilities for the public, responds to citizens complaints and inquires as per established procedures.

### **LEVEL OF SUPERVISION**

This position receives regular general supervision requiring a self-starter that is comfortable with independent decision-making.

### **MENTAL AND PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Ability to operate computers; motor vehicles; wastewater and water plant systems equipment, including, but not limited to, electric motors and controls, gas/diesel engines, pumps, hydraulics, toxic gas regulators, flammable gas compressors, air compressors, mixers, chemical metering devices, front-end loader, belt press, electronic test equipment, hand tools, plumbing tools, lawn care and various laboratory equipment.

Long periods in both office and field settings. Ability to perform manual labor outdoors in all weather conditions, and in dirty, uncomfortable conditions. May be at a desk or computer terminal for long periods of time.

Required to work extended or flexible hours including evenings and weekends. Must be able to respond to emergencies on a 24-hour basis. Weekend duties including a minimum response time as assigned is a requirement of this position.

Considerable physical labor requiring walking, digging, stair and ladder climbing, operating motor vehicles and machinery, reaching, bending and twisting.

Required to lift up to 50 pounds.

May be required to travel outside city boundaries to attend training or meetings.

### **EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE**

- Valid Oregon Drivers License with a good driving record.
- Certified in the State of Oregon as a Class 1 Wastewater Plant Operator and/or Water plant Operator or ability to obtain both within a one year.
- High School diploma, or G.E.D., and minimum of one year of experience in wastewater and/or water treatment. Preference will be given to individuals with college education in Wastewater and/or water program.
- Any combination of education and experience which would provide the applicant with the desired skills, knowledge, and ability required to perform the job.
- Proficient in the operation and maintenance of work-related mechanical equipment and tools used to perform work.
- Ability to clearly and concisely communicate orally and in writing.

**INFORMATION**

For more information on this job, please contact the Rainier City Hall, at 106 West B Street, PO Box 100, Rainier, OR 97048, 503-556-7301.

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