

Job Details

Job Title: Water Treatment Plant Operator

Job Type: Full-time

Salary: \$13.00 - \$30.00/hr based on experience

Work Location: Primarily one inside location with field work required as needed

Schedule: Normally scheduled to work 40 hours a week; Swing shift on a two-week rotation; 7-day work week made up of Day Shift, Night Shift, & Weekend Shift

Job Information

Employer Summary:

The Sweetwater Utilities Board (SUB) is a municipal utility system that provides Electric, Water, Wastewater, and Natural Gas services to East Tennessee's Sweetwater Valley. Since its establishment in August of 1939, our mission has been to meet and supply the demands of a rapidly growing area by providing reliable, friendly, competitively-priced services to our customers.

As our system continues to expand and grow, we currently serve over 9500 electric, 4800 water, 2300 wastewater, and 1500 natural gas customers. We employ 54 hard-working, dedicated utility professionals who strive to deliver a service that meets or exceeds customer expectations.

At SUB, we promote a culture characteristic of small-town family values that, along with a generous benefits package, inevitably leads to employee satisfaction and retention!

Work Description: A Water Treatment Plant Operator is responsible for supplying adequate, safe, and appealing potable water to the community. The Water Treatment Plant Operator position is unique in that it is a graduated position with measurable outcomes to complete for advancement.

The Water Treatment Plant Operator is under the direct supervision of the Superintendent of Plant Operations. This position is classified as Non-Exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Essential Duties & Responsibilities:

- Achieve compliance with state and federal regulations
- Monitor physical and chemical characteristics of raw and finished water
- Conduct analysis to adjust coagulant, disinfection, pH, and fluoride
- Collection of distribution samples for lab analysis
- Calibrate and maintain equipment
- Calculate and distribute Monthly Operating Reports for State agencies
- Maintenance of grounds and building to help maintain a safe working environment for employees and visitors
- Develop professional skills and employ them in the production of potable water to reduce operation costs and maximize customer satisfaction
- Be on call, as needed, in the event of an emergency
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Qualifications

Minimum Requirements:

- High school diploma/equivalent
- Have and maintain a valid Tennessee driver's license
- Acceptable driving history as verified through the Department of Motor Vehicles.
- Must be able to pass a background check, pre-employment physical, and drug screen.
- Ability to pass Grade III State Operator exam after one year of experience & Grade IV exam with five years of experience.
- Computer literate, with the ability to work unsupervised.
- Knowledge of and aptitude for math, science, and chemistry
- Basic knowledge of electrical maintenance, mechanical maintenance, and plumbing
- Organization and communication skills with the ability to seek input and feedback from and coordinate with other team members
- Familiarity with SCADA systems a Plus

Physical Requirements:

Physical demands range from very light to heavy work. Must be able to bend, stand, walk, climb stairs and ladders, and occasionally exert up to 50 pounds of force. Must have the ability to sit or stand at the computer intermittently during working hours. Will occasionally need to accomplish tasks in small, tight, and confined spaces; occasionally, work in a noisy environment. Able to work in variable temperatures, sometimes outdoors in elements such as precipitation and wind, and tolerate occasional exposure to extreme weather during emergencies.

SUB offers competitive wages, an excellent benefits package that includes comprehensive health, dental, vision, and life insurance, paid holidays, vacation/sick leave, employee training and development programs, and a positive, collaborative work environment.

Applications are available on our website and can be submitted:

- To our Business Office at 400 Hwy 322 East, Sweetwater, TN 37874.
- By emailing HumanResources@sweetwaterutilities.com
- By fax to 423-337-6894

SUB is an Equal Opportunity Employer and complies with all applicable laws and regulations in our employment practices. SUB is a Tennessee Drug-Free Workplace Program participant.