

## **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR TRAINEE**

This is a trainee position in the competitive class for which candidates are selected on the basis of general intelligence, basic knowledge of elementary chemistry and general science and mechanical aptitude. Term of appointment is limited to one year, during which time employees should be required to satisfactorily complete the training and experience requirements of the New York State Sanitary Code for a certificate appropriate to the plant.

**GENERAL STATEMENT OF DUTIES:** Undergoes on-the-job training to become qualified as an operator of a wastewater treatment plant; assists in the operation and maintenance of a wastewater treatment plant; does related work as required.

**DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:** This is a trainee position involving responsibility for learning the duties and routines in the operation and maintenance of a wastewater treatment plant. The work is performed under immediate supervision of a qualified operator.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative only)**

- Performs study and reading assignments, observes demonstrations and otherwise learns the techniques of operation and maintenance of a wastewater treatment plant;
- Learns and assists in the operation and adjustments of pumps, valves, screens and related mechanical equipment;
- Learns and assists in the inspection, maintenance and repair of pumps, valves, screens and related mechanical equipment;
- Learns and assists in the making of tests to determine chlorine residual;
- Cleans channels, screens, tanks and other equipment;
- Learns and assists in the preparation and maintenance of activity records and reports;
- Performs increasingly responsible duties as assigned in the operation and maintenance of a wastewater treatment plant.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS AND ABILITIES:** Familiarity with elementary principles of chemistry and general science; good general intelligence; good observation; mechanical aptitude; ability to learn principles and procedures relating to operation and maintenance of a wastewater treatment plant; ability to develop skill in the operation and maintenance of pumps, valves and related mechanical equipment; ability to get along well with others; ability to understand and follow oral and written instructions; industry and dependability; tact and courtesy; good physical condition.

**ACCEPTABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING:** Graduation from high school or possession of a New York State high school equivalency diploma.