

**City of Lamar**  
**Water Plant Operator**  
**Job Description**

**Definition**

To operate, monitor, maintain, and trouble-shoot the water treatment facility and its processes. Work involves responsibility for the technical aspects of plant operations, compliance with state and federal operation regulations. Work is performed with considerable independence under the direction of the Plant Supervisor, subject to review through reports and results achieved.

**Distinguishing Characteristics:**

The Water Plant Worker is the semi-skilled entry level class in the series. Under general supervision, incumbents perform the full range of assigned duties to this class. The Water Plant Worker is distinguished from the next higher class of Assistant Supervisor in that the latter has on-site lead and operational responsibilities.

**Supervision Received and Exercised:**

Receives general supervision from a Supervisor or Assistant Supervisor. Incumbents in the class do not routinely exercise supervision but may assist in training other staff.

**Essential Functions:**

(included but not limited to the following)

- Performs and assists in a wide variety of routine, sometimes heavy, skilled and semi-skilled duties related to the monitoring, testing, operation, and maintenance of water treatment facilities at frequent intervals to insure that all aspects of the systems are functioning properly and in conformance with all Federal and State requirements and operation permit conditions.
- Assist in the performance of regular and unscheduled maintenance and repairs on all plant equipment and machinery. Have a working knowledge of the operation, methods and procedures of the water plant equipment and guidelines.
- Demonstrates a full understanding of applicable policies, procedures and work methods associated with assigned duties; may provide training to less experienced staff. Performs all duties in conformance to appropriate safety and security standards.

**Physical, Mental & Working Conditions:**

Position requires sitting, standing, walking on unlevel and slippery surfaces, reaching, twisting, turning, kneeling, bending, stooping, squatting, crouching, grasping, and making repetitive hand movement in the performance of daily duties. The position also requires both near and far vision when inspecting work and operating assigned equipment. The need to lift, carry and push tools, equipment and supplies weighting up to 50 pounds is also required. The incumbent may use chemicals and lubricants which may expose the employee to fumes, dust and air contaminants. The nature of the work may also require the incumbent to climb ladders, work at heights over 10 feet, work in confined spaces, use power and noise producing tools and equipment and drive. The employee regularly works in outside weather conditions and near moving mechanical parts. The employee regularly works in outside wet, hot and cold. The employee is occasionally exposed to fumes and airborne particles, and toxic or caustic chemicals.

**Qualifications:**

(The following are minimal qualification necessary to entry into the classification)

**Education and/or Experience:**

Any combination of education and experience that has provided the knowledge, skills and abilities necessary for the Water Plant Worker.

**License/Certificate:**

Possession of a valid driver's license.

**Additional Requirements:**

The ability to respond to after-hours leaks, emergencies or other situations within twenty (20) minutes.

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