

Water Operator

Under the basic supervision, operates, maintains, and performs preventative maintenance on Lincoln Water District pumps, wells, tanks, water treatment facilities, and related equipment; performs duties relating to water quality, including water quality sampling, and performs related work, as assigned.

Essential Functions:

- Work independently on a variety of assigned tasks.
- Inspect, operate, test, and maintain a variety of well and pumping equipment, water storage facilities, and water treatment, including pumps, air compressors, emergency systems, pipe systems, water storage tanks, chemicals and equipment associated with water treatment.
- Collect water samples and perform duties associated with the cross-connection control program.
- Clean and flush the water system; respond to customer water quality inquiries.
- Maintain and ensure adequate supply of water in the District's system.
- Read and interpret drawings, diagrams of the District's system; record daily log of a variety of readings.
- Use a variety of power and hand tools, perform a variety of related carpentry, pipefitting, valve repair, and general repair work.
- Participate in emergency call duty, at the Superintendent's discretion.

Knowledge of:

- Water distribution and treatment procedures, equipment, materials, and tools used in the operation and maintenance of motors, pumps, water treatment, compressors, and other equipment.
- Water quality sampling techniques
- Cross Connection Control
- Safe work practices
- Basic recordkeeping and report writing practices; and basic Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) telemetry system
- Facility and equipment testing

Skill In:

- Providing efficient customer service and communicating clearly and objectively both verbally and in writing
- Organizing with the ability to prioritize work and exercise independent judgment, wisdom, common sense, and initiative
- Thoroughly carrying out oral and written instructions
- Routinely maintaining a positive attitude
- Inspecting, operating, and diagnosing problems
- Performing preventative maintenance on electric motors and propane engines, pumps, compressors, valves, chemical feed equipment, pressure vessels, and related equipment
- Performing water quality sampling; facility and equipment tests

- Effectively present instructions and information in writing and verbally to coworkers, the general public, and outside agencies
- Using patience, tact, diplomacy, and courtesy in dealing with the public and employees; and maintaining a positive attitude
- Establishing and maintaining effective working relationships with those contacted in the course of work, including Town and other government officials, community groups, and the general public; and apply safe work practices.

License and Certification Requirements:

- Must possess a valid, unrestricted Maine Class C driver's license
- Must acquire a State of Maine Class II Distribution and Treatment license within 2 years of hire.

Physical Demands and Working Environment:

Work is performed in an outdoor environment. Incumbent shall be exposed to those conditions normally encountered in an outdoor environment. Physical demands consist of sitting, standing, walking, stooping, kneeling, crouching, and crawling; using hands and fingers to handle or feel objects, tools or controls; and lifting and carrying moderately heavy objects (up to 100 pounds) and/or utilizing a hand dolly to move up to 160 pounds. Incumbent frequently works near moving mechanical parts, occasionally works in precarious places. Incumbent wears personal protection, protective footwear, and equipment. Incumbent must be able to see and hear in the normal range, with or without correction, and communicate verbally and in written form, and must be able to be understood. Incumbent must have the stamina to work long hours and overtime, if assigned, and must be willing to work an irregular schedule, which may include weekends, holidays, evenings, and/or varying shifts.