



## St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana Classification Specification

### PLANT OPERATOR IV

#### **Purpose of Classification:**

The purpose of this classification is to provide operation of water and sewer facilities in compliance with federal, state, local requirements for the operation of water treatment, distribution, storage facilities and/or wastewater collection, lift stations and/or treatment facilities. The Plant Operator IV is distinguished from the Plant Operator I, Plant Operator II and Plant Operator III in that it requires more experience and less supervision. Additionally each of the four categories of Plant Operators has a different level of Licensure which is required by the State of Louisiana, Plant Operator IV is the highest level and Plant Operator I the lowest.

#### **Essential Functions:**

*The following duties are normal for this position. The omission of specific statements of the duties does not exclude them from the classification if the work is similar, related, or a logical assignment for this classification. Other duties may be required and assigned.*

Operates and maintains water and/or sewer treatment equipment ensuring compliance with state and federal environmental protection limits.

Monitors and samples well and groundwater upon entry to system; adjusts treatment levels when below-standard variances are detected; takes water samples.

Monitors, detects and reports unusual conditions such as damaged, malfunctioned or tampered meters; conducts on-going repairs of equipment, or shuts down equipment for more extensive maintenance repairs; informs supervisor of the need to go to an outside maintenance vendor for major repairs and overhauls.

Activates pumps, valves and other processing equipment to move water through various treatment processes; disposes of waste materials removed from water in line with governmental standards and controls.

Prepares reports and maintains logs on meter readings, chemical tests, chemical and equipment usage, and all other recordkeeping requirements required of the various governmental entities.

**Additional Functions:**

Performs other related duties as required.

**Minimum Qualifications:**

Associates Degree in Water/Sewer Operations or a related field required supplemented by three plus years of work experience as a Water/Sewer Operator I and II and III function; or any equivalent combination of education, training, and experience which provides the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities for this job.

**Specific License or Certification Required:** Must possess and maintain a valid Louisiana driver's license. Must possess and maintain a Class IV Water/Wastewater Operator's License from the State of Louisiana.

**Performance Aptitudes:**

**Data Utilization:** Requires the ability to review, classify, categorize, prioritize, and/or analyze data. Includes exercising discretion in determining data classification, and in referencing such analysis to established standards for the purpose of recognizing actual or probable interactive effects and relationships.

**Human Interaction:** Requires the ability to provide guidance, assistance, and/or interpretation to others regarding the application of procedures and standards to specific situations

**Equipment, Machinery, Tools, and Materials Utilization:** Requires the ability to operate, maneuver, and/or control the actions of equipment, machinery, tools and/or materials requiring complex and/or rapid adjustments.

**Verbal Aptitude:** Requires the ability to utilize a wide variety of reference and descriptive data and information.

**Mathematical Aptitude:** Requires the ability to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division; the ability to calculate decimals and percentages; the ability to utilize principles of fractions; and the ability to interpret graphs.

**Functional Reasoning:** Requires the ability to apply principles of rational systems; to interpret instructions furnished in written, oral, diagrammatic, or schedule form; and to exercise independent judgment to adopt or modify methods and standards to meet variations in assigned objectives.

**Situational Reasoning:** Requires the ability to exercise judgment, decisiveness and creativity in situations involving evaluation of information against measurable or verifiable criteria.

## **ADA Compliance:**

**Physical Ability:** Ability to operate a variety of automated machines including computers and peripheral equipment; ability to operate tools and equipment used in the water and sewer treatment plant including; pumps, meters, aerators, jack hammers and other various construction equipment and operates a Parish issues motor vehicle.

**Environmental Factors** Performance of essential functions may require exposure to adverse environmental conditions, such as dust, pollen, odors, wetness, humidity, rain, temperature and animal/wildlife attacks.

*St. Bernard Parish is an Equal Opportunity Employer. In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Parish will provide reasonable accommodations to qualified individuals with disabilities and encourages both prospective and current employees to discuss potential accommodations with the employer. Consideration for employment is made without regards to Race, Color, Religion, Sex, National Origin, Age, or Disability.*