



JOB OPENINGS – CITY OF WATERVLIET

Vacancy Number:	2025-06
Position:	Water Treatment Plant Operator Trainee
Location:	City of Watervliet – Water Distribution
Basic Function:	The work involves responsibility on an assigned shift for the efficient and effective operation and maintenance of a water treatment plant containing facilities for filtration with pretreatment or a chemical softening process. The incumbent operates a variety of plant equipment and machinery and performs laboratory tests and other analyses relative to water filtration and treatment processes. The incumbent also performs basic maintenance and repair of plant equipment and machinery. The work is performed under the general supervision of a higher-level operator in accordance with established policy with leeway allowed for the exercise of independent judgment in planning and carrying out the details of the work. Does related work as required.
Qualifications:	<p>(a) Graduation from high school with Advanced Designation in a STEM Pathway of either mathematics or science; OR,</p> <p>(b) Graduation from high school <u>and</u> twelve (12) credit hours in a natural science from a college or university.</p> <p>SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Within one (1) year of employment, trainees must satisfactorily complete an in-plant training program and meet the minimum qualifications for a Water Plant Operator IIA (Type A Plant) certificate.</p> <p>Driver's License Requirement: When required to operate a motor vehicle, possession of a valid New York State Non-CDL or CDL, including any special endorsements, as required for the type of vehicle being operated.</p>
Responsibilities:	<p>Operates pumps, valves, motors, compressors and related plant equipment and machinery.</p> <p>Reads meters and gauges to obtain data on plant processes, records data and adjusts plant processes for efficiency and effectiveness.</p> <p>Maintains and performs basic repairs to pumps, valves, motors, compressors and related plant equipment.</p> <p>Performs a variety of laboratory tests and other analyses including testing for pH, turbidity, iron and total suspended solids.</p> <p>Backwashes filters and lines with water and compressed air and washes filter beds and settling basins.</p> <p>Mixes chemicals and fills water treatment tanks and monitors, regulates and adjusts chemical feed equipment to ensure the addition of proper dosages.</p> <p>Receives after hours emergency phone calls relative to plant activities and makes necessary operating adjustments to plant processes.</p> <p>Reports orally and in writing to a senior operator as required.</p> <p>Performs a variety of custodial duties related to the maintenance of the plant and grounds.</p>
Starting Date:	As soon as practicable.
Application Deadline:	Until the position is filled.
Starting Salary:	\$26.62 per hour. Commensurate with CSEA salary schedule.
Apply To:	<p>Submit completed application to David Wheatley, Interim General Manager, City of Watervliet, 2-15th Street, Watervliet, New York, 12189 or OfficeoftheGeneralManager@watervliet.com</p> <p>civil_service_app.pdf (watervliet.com)</p>
Further Information	David Wheatley, Interim General Manager 518-270-3800, Ext. 115



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