

**Worcester County
Job Opportunities**

DEPARTMENT: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS – WATER & WASTE WATER
JOB TITLE: PLANT OPERATOR III
SALARY/GRADE: GRADE 14/STEP 5 \$38,126 ANNUALLY/\$18.33 HOURLY *PAY BASED ON EXPERIENCE
APPLICATION PERIOD: UNTIL FILLED

JOB SUMMARY: Under general supervision, operate, inspect, and maintain one or more of the County's water treatment works, wastewater treatment plants, and/or wastewater collection and pumping systems, and perform related work as assigned.

General Requirements:

- Drug and Alcohol Testing
- Subject to emergency call-back with little or no notice
- Pre-employment background check and motor vehicle history

Essential Job Duties and Responsibilities:

- Operate, inspect, maintain and make minor repairs to water/wastewater treatment plants, collection & pumping systems and equipment.;
- Lead & instruct subordinates in duties related to plant operation;
- Respond to telemetry alarms and makes necessary repairs to malfunctioning equipment;
- Perform various tests on water and wastewater samples;
- Operate and monitor treatment plant equipment, complete reports & prepare work orders for required maintenance;
- Clear blockages in sewer laterals, maintain air vacuum valves;
- Drive automobile, truck, or other non-commercial weight (under 26,000 pounds) vehicle;
- Knowledge of proper safety procedures and PPE utilization at all times to perform job related duties
- Adhere to the Worcester County Government Personnel Rules & Regulations, department policies and applicable local, state and federal laws.
- Performs other related duties as required.

Qualifications and Skills:

- Graduation from high school or GED plus 3 years of experience and working knowledge of water and/or wastewater treatment processes in the same type of facility to be operated.
- Good math skills with working knowledge of science, chemistry, and/or biology applicable to job duties.
- Experience in unskilled and semi-skilled labor tasks such as carpentry, painting, electric welding, metal cutting with acetylene torches.
- Skill in the operation, maintenance and minor repair of hand & power tools, machines, equipment and vehicles.
- Ability to follow verbal and written instructions, read street signs, keep records & logs, complete written forms and communicate effectively with the public and coworkers to perform duties independently and as part of a team.
- Ability to apply acquired knowledge and training to increasingly varied & complex tasks; lead and instruct others.
- Ability to perform heavy physical labor including frequent walking, bending, stooping, lifting and carrying heavy objects up to 40 lbs., and the operation of vehicles, tools, and equipment.
- Maryland State certification as a Waterworks, Wastewater Works, and/or Wastewater Collection System Operator is required at time of appointment for 1 of the following 7 combinations: W5A & T3, W5a & T2, T3 & C2 & W1, W5A & T4, W5A & C2, T4 & C2 & W1, and T2 & C2 & W1.
- Valid driver's license and driving record of less than 4 points (MD).

Known Hazards:

May perform duties involving hazardous working conditions, including the handling of hazardous materials, some work requires exposure to potentially hazardous conditions, such as working in traffic along roadways, working in trenches, handling chemicals, and adverse weather.