REFUSE EQUIPMENT OPERATOR
(Operating Engineer)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves the operation and routine maintenance of a variety of equipment found at the sanitary landfills. The incumbent also performs manual labor necessary for the efficient operation of landfills. Duties are performed under the direct supervision of the Landfill Superintendent in accordance with established policies and procedures. Does related work as required.

EXAMPLES OF WORK: (Illustrative only)

• Operates tracked and tired construction equipment, including front-end loaders, bulldozers, graders, tractors, trucks and trailer combinations;
• Prepares new cells for receipts of refuse;
• Performs daily routine maintenance on equipment;
• Operates refuse compactor and weight scales at landfill;
• Compacts and buries garbage and other refuse using bulldozer and other machinery;
• Maintains roadways or constructs new ones for normal use and in emergency situations;
• Assists in fire emergencies or snow emergencies by constructing roads through debris and regrading slopes and roadways;
• Assists in the general clean up of the landfill site as required;
• Performs related work as required.

REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of the safe and efficient operation and routine daily maintenance of tracked and tired construction equipment and heavy trucks; working knowledge of the State and local rules and regulations regarding landfills; ability to operate refuse compactors and related equipment safely and efficiently; ability to follow oral instructions; willingness to perform manual labor outdoors year-round; mechanical aptitude; manual dexterity; reliability; tact and courtesy; physical condition commensurate to the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: One (1) year of experience in the operation and use of construction equipment and heavy trucks.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENT: Possession of a Class III license issued by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles at time of appointment.