SEWAGE PUMP OPERATOR

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS:
This is semi-skilled work in the operation of pumping and related equipment in a sewage treatment plant according to standard operating procedures issued by the plant supervisor. Day-to-day operations require considerable independent action by the operator with only occasional instructions from the supervisor. Work occasionally involves supervision of a number of plant helpers and laborers engaged in routine operational and maintenance tasks, but major repair and overhaul work is performed by private contractors. Work of these employees is reviewed by a superior through observation of plant operations through analysis of daily operation reports.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: (Illustrative Only)
- Operates sewage treatment pumps, equipment and machinery, sets in motion and stops electrically powered sewage pumps; opens and closes gates admitting sewage to the mill in cases of emergency;
- Maintains, lubricates, and assists in repairs to equipment and machinery;
- Tasks periodic gauge and meter readings and keeps records on specific operations; maintains constant check on sewage level in mill;
- Operates valves regulating flow of sewage;
- Prepares and submits a daily operational report;
- Performs related work as required.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS:
- Knowledge of the methods and tools used in operating and maintaining sewage pumps.
- Knowledge of the occupational hazards and safety precautions of the work.
- Same knowledge of the methods used in repairing sewage pumps.
- Skill in operating and maintaining mechanical equipment.
- Skills in use and care of standard tools employed in repair of mechanical equipment.
- Ability to understand and follow oral and written directions.
- Ability to read gauges and meters accurately.
- Ability to keep records and make simple reports.
- Ability to lift a minimum of fifty (50) pounds;
- Physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:
Completion of the tenth school grade and six months experience in the operation or maintenance of electrically powered equipment.

SPECIAL NOTE: A valid NYS Driver’s License is required at the time of appointment and for the duration of employment.