

Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

A hands-on operations role supporting the safe and efficient operation of a wastewater treatment facility.

The Department of Water Environment Protection (WEP) delivers wastewater treatment services that protect public health and local waterways across Onondaga County, supported by a skilled and dedicated workforce.

WHY YOU?

This role is well suited for individuals interested in hands-on plant operations, mechanical systems, and process control. As a Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator, you'll be part of a team responsible for keeping critical treatment systems running safely and efficiently while gaining experience in wastewater operations and environmental protection.

WHAT EXACTLY DOES A WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR DO?

A Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator assists in the operation of a wastewater treatment plant during an assigned shift, supporting safe, efficient, and compliant plant operations. Does related work as required.

- ❖ Starts, stops, and adjusts pumps, motors, air compressors, operates valves and related machinery and equipment.
- ❖ Records readings from meters and gauges.
- ❖ Takes samples of wastewater for testing.
- ❖ Completes necessary tests for control of plant operation.
- ❖ Keeps a log of plant operations and related records.
- ❖ Alternates with the higher-level Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator in making tours of inspection.
- ❖ Good knowledge of the practices used, and the equipment required in the operation of the wastewater treatment plant.
- ❖ Ability to participate in rotational on-call program to include nights, weekends, and holidays.

This list is not exhaustive. Additional duties are outlined in the official job description.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

A) Graduation from a high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma **and** one (1) year of work experience, or its part-time equivalent, in the actual operation** of a wastewater treatment plant, which will include, but are not limited to: takes samples of wastewater and laboratory testing on these samples; keep a log of plant operations and related records; start, stop and adjust pumps, motors, air compressors and related machinery and equipment; record readings from meters and gauges; or,

B) Graduation from a high school or possession of a high school equivalency diploma **and** successful completion of thirty (30) credit hours of math and/or science (chemistry, biology, physics, environmental science, or environmental studies) from a regionally accredited college or university; or,

C) Graduation from a regionally accredited college to grant degrees with an associate's degree in water/Wastewater Technology, Environmental Science, Engineering Technology, physical sciences, chemistry, biological sciences, life sciences or a closely related field with similar course curriculum; or,

D) An equivalent combination of training and experience as defined by the limits of (A), (B), and (C) above.

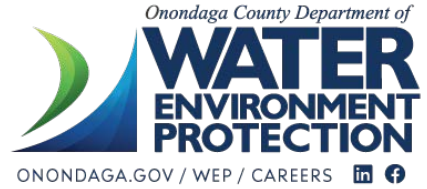
NOTE: Satisfactory completion of the New York State Operator's Course for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators, **and** New York State Laboratory Course for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators, **and** New York State Activated Sludge Course for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators may be substituted for the above minimum qualifications.

** Experience in Wastewater Treatment Plant maintenance alone, either mechanical or electrical, is not qualifying.

SPECIAL NECESSARY REQUIREMENT

When required to operate motor vehicles, employee must possess a valid non-CDL or CDL with appropriate endorsements, as required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for the class of vehicle(s) being operated.

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ANNUAL SALARY

\$ 53,998 – \$59,503

CIVIL SERVICE GRADE

CSEA / 08

POSITION TYPE

NYS HELP Program

This is a Hiring Emergency Limited Placement (HELP) Program appointment. This is a permanent appointment, and the Civil Service exam will be waived.

Full Time

40 hours/week

WEP DIVISION

Operations

BENEFITS

- Paid Sick, Personal, and Vacation Leave
- 13 Paid Holidays
- Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance
- NYS Retirement Benefits and Retiree Healthcare
- Flex Spending
- Work - Life Balance
- Professional Development Opportunities

HOW TO APPLY

Access the job posting and application by scanning the QR code or visiting

Onondaga.gov/WEP/careers.

Email the completed application and resume to **WEPRecruiting@ongov.net** to apply.

