

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**  
**WATER WORKS AND SEWER BOARD**  
**City of Anniston, Alabama**

**JOB TITLE: PLANT OPERATOR**

**CODE: 602**

**NATURE OF WORK**

This is manual work involving the performance of semiskilled tasks in maintenance and operations of municipal and industrial wastewater treatment plant.

Work involves responsibility for the municipal and industrial wastewater operations, maintenance and cleaning of treatment plant. Employees assigned to this class may perform varied tasks assigned under the department, but work follows generally established routine under general supervision. Work is reviewed for both quantity and quality, primarily through inspection performed by the Plant Operations Supervisor. This position is subject to 24-hour call.

**EXAMPLES OF WORK PERFORMED**

(Anyone position may not include all of the duties listed, nor do the listed examples include all possible tasks which may be found in positions of this class.)

Perform routine maintenance and cleaning of wastewater treatment plant which involves the cleaning of pits, basins, pumps, scum tanks, hose traps, grease traps, barscreen, adjust valves, paint equipment, hose and bleach basin, and adjust telescopic valves.

Perform as a helper or assistant to other semiskilled wastewater treatment plant employees.

May on occasion operate light machinery such as air compressors, water pumps, and similar public works equipment.

Perform related work as assigned or required.

Perform maintenance and repair of pumps, combustion engines, and other equipment; visually inspect treatment process daily; assist in laboratory tests; reset all automatic equipment after power failure; paint and maintain equipment in good repair. Make adjustments on equipment when needed.

**REQUIRED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES**

Knowledge of hand and power equipment used in municipal and industrial wastewater treatment plant operations.

Knowledge of rules, federal and state regulations governing wastewater treatment. Development of skill in the use of required equipment.

Ability to understand and follow oral and/or written instructions.

Ability to read and understand safety rules and regulations and hazards associated with chlorine and methane gas.

### **PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS**

Sufficient physical strength to lift at least 100 pounds, and perform other strenuous physical tasks over extended periods of time under varying weather conditions including the ability to climb/descend/balance at varying heights, ability to bend, stoop, crouch, and crawl. Must possess sufficient arm and hand strength to operate all required equipment controls and handle necessary equipment. Possess normal vision (may be corrected) and hearing.

### **DESIRABLE EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING**

Any combination of experience and training equivalent to some experience in municipal and industrial wastewater treatment; use of light tools and equipment; and graduation from a senior high school or equivalent with courses in wastewater treatment.

### **NECESSARY SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS**

Must possess ADEM certification as a Grade IV Wastewater Operator or demonstrate the ability to pass certification test within six (6) months. Must also possess valid State of Alabama driver's license and a driving record suitable for insurability.