

## Certified NM Wastewater Operator I

SMA Operations, LLC is recruiting for Certified Level I - IV Wastewater Operators and a Plant Operations Manager in Taos, NM. All full-time positions are eligible for benefits (medical, dental, vision, life, FSA and 401k).

Equal Employment Opportunity is the corporate and personal philosophy of the Company, its managers and owners. It is the policy of SMA Operations, LLC to afford equal employment to qualified individuals regardless of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, age, ancestry, disability, gender identity, spousal affiliation or veteran status, and to conform to all applicable laws and regulations. The Company is fully committed to this concept and all personnel are expected to actively participate in the implementation of these policies.

We maintain a drug-free workplace and perform random drug screens. Driving records are also monitored monthly.

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### **SUMMARY DESCRIPTION:**

Under supervision, performs a variety of skilled technical duties and semi-skilled labor in the operation and maintenance of the City's water or wastewater treatment plant; performs adjustments and repairs to plant equipment; collects and documents samples for laboratory testing; and performs a variety of related duties as assigned.

### **DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS**

Plant Operator I – This is the entry-level certified class in the Plant Operator series. This class is distinguished from the Plant Operator II by the performance of the more routine tasks and duties assigned to positions within the series including the update of operations logs and adding and mixing of treatment chemicals under the supervision of higher-level operators. Since this class is certified at the Operator I level, employees may have limited knowledge of plant operations. Advancement to the Plant Operator II level is based on successfully obtaining the Wastewater Systems Operator II Certification for the New Mexico Certification Program, meeting minimum qualifications and satisfactory job performance.

### **Essential Duties and Responsibilities:**

Performs any combinations of tasks pertinent to controlling operations of the wastewater or water treatment plant.

Operates, performs minor repairs, and maintains the wastewater treatment plant facility, and diagnoses operating problems and performs necessary corrective action.

Operates pumps, engines, and generators to control and adjust flow and processing of wastewater, sludge, and effluent.

Monitors gauges, meters, and control panels.

Observes variations in operating conditions and interprets meter and gauge readings and test results to determine process or flow adjustment requirements.

Operates valves and gates either manually or by remote control.

Maintains shift log and records meter and gauge readings as required.

Takes samples and performs laboratory tests and analyses.

Performs routine maintenance functions and custodial duties.

Works safely and adheres to established safety procedures.

Follows written and oral instructions.

Ability to carry and respond to pages as requested by management.

Ability and willingness to work on-call shifts, as requested, must be willing to work off-hours, night, weekend and holiday shifts. Must be willing to be on call (standby), called back, held over or work assigned shifts as needed, including being fit and able to respond to call-ins in a timely manner.

\*Standby duty will be from Friday to Friday, which includes weekends and holidays.

Performs other duties as assigned.

### **Working Conditions:**

Subject to adverse weather conditions, fumes, toxic agents and hazards associated in the operation and maintenance of wastewater treatment plants.

### **Minimum qualifications for this position are:**

High school diploma or GED.

Possess a valid driver's license – State of New Mexico.

New Mexico Level I certification in Wastewater or the ability to acquire within 18 months of employment.

A minimum of one- year experience in operating water and/or wastewater treatment plants.

Ability to lift a minimum of 40 pounds.

Ability to pass a general physical exam.

### **The ideal candidate will possess the following skills and experience:**

1. Possess a valid Class A or Class B CDL or ability to obtain within 6-months of hire.
2. Knowledge of the principles and practices of water or wastewater treatment plant operations; operating principles of valves, pumps, and motors; safe work practices.
3. Must have general knowledge of heavy equipment operation such as but not limited to: Backhoe, loader, and farm tractors.
4. Ability to operate all hydraulic, pneumatic and electrical equipment used in wastewater treatment plant operations.
5. Able to enter data into computer spreadsheets and data management systems.
6. General knowledge of computer operations.