



Water Treatment Plant Operator II

Opening Date: November 22, 2024
Salary Range: \$29.118 - \$37.172/hour
Closing Date: Open Until Filled

The City of Walla Walla offers a comprehensive benefits package including medical, vision, and dental health insurance. City paid \$50,000 Life/Accidental Death & Dismemberment insurance plus voluntary Life and Long-Term Disability. Washington State Public Employees Retirement Program (PERS) II/III. City match up to 3.5% of base salary for deferred compensation (457(b)). 3% bilingual Spanish premium. Generous vacation leave, sick leave, and eleven (11) paid holidays plus 32 hours floating holidays annually.

NATURE OF POSITION:

Operate and maintain the City's water treatment plant, intake facility, storage reservoirs, and wells. Perform laboratory testing and sampling; assist in ensuring and reporting the City's drinking water meets or exceeds state and federal requirements.

REQUIRED MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

Graduation from high school, or GED, and three years of experience in municipal water systems or equivalent education/experience that demonstrate capabilities; demonstrated experience working with electrical and mechanical systems. Valid driver's license. Valid State of Washington Water Treatment Plant Operator Class 2 certificate. Ability to pass a physical and a full-face mask fit test.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

Bachelor's degree in science majoring in microbiology/bacteriology. Valid class B commercial driver's license with hazardous materials endorsement. Bilingual in Spanish.

APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCEDURE:

A completed City application and resume are required to apply. Applications are available on the Human Resources page of the City of Walla Walla website: <https://wallawallawa.gov>.

Applicants whose experience most closely meets the requirements of the position will be invited to continue in the selection process which will consist of an oral panel interview, reference inquiries, and may include a criminal background check. Completed application packages can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to:

CITY OF WALLA WALLA-HR
15 N. Third Avenue
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Email to hr@wallawallawa.gov or faxed to (509) 524-7935.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION:

The City of Walla Walla will provide reasonable accommodation to disabled applicants if requested. Please notify the Human Resources office at least 5 days prior to the need.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS:

To obtain a copy of the full job description and class specification for this position, please contact us at: hr@wallawallawa.gov or 509.527.4475.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER / MINORITIES AND WOMEN ARE ENCOURAGED TO APPLY.

SUPERVISION RECEIVED:

General direction and oversight are provided by the Water Treatment Plant Supervisor.

ESSENTIAL DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

1. Employees of the City of Walla Walla are expected to model and foster the City's core values: **Service - Integrity - Collaboration - Equity - Leadership - Community**
2. Responsible for maintaining a continuous supply of safe drinking water without detailed supervision or direction.
3. Recognize and respond to operational emergencies on a 24-hour basis; troubleshoot and resolve problems and determine appropriate actions within defined guidelines.
4. Make routine decisions on water treatment plant operations and supply.
5. Monitor, adjust, troubleshoot and repair mechanical and electrical systems.
6. Read and record meters, gauges, analyzers, and charts.
7. Maintain a log of plant operations, test results, and maintenance work performed; prepare reports.
8. Check and adjust disinfection, and other water quality chemical dosages to meet regulatory requirements.
9. Receive treatment process chemicals and supplies delivered and ensure they are examined and stored properly and safely in accordance with risk management requirements.
10. Assist with the operation, testing, reporting, and maintenance of the City's Hydro Generation Plant, the City's well sites, and aquifer storage and recovery system.
11. Engage risk management protocols and procedures as required and participate in review and updating of current program, including but not limited to reviewing and writing new standard operating procedures.
12. Perform grounds and general facility maintenance, duties including but not limited to painting, housekeeping, mowing, weeding, and spraying of vegetation.
13. Compile technical information, data and evaluate and recommend actions to improve water treatment operations and water quality within established guidelines.
14. Respond to consumer inquiries, complaints, problems and/or emergencies.
15. Conduct plant tours.
16. Assist with the training and oversight of new and/or less experienced operators.

OTHER JOB FUNCTIONS:

1. Demonstrate punctual, regular, and reliable attendance which is essential for successful job performance.
2. Present a positive, professional image; maintain cooperative and effective working relationships; assure excellent customer service with internal and external customers.
3. Execute assignments, projects, and job responsibilities efficiently and within defined timeframes; work independently and effectively with little direction.
4. Demonstrate good judgment and employ critical thinking to execute duties, identify issues, seek solutions, and recommend improvements in support of departmental goals.
5. Provide assistance to staff and higher-level management; participate in resolving operational or interpersonal concerns; participate in training, meetings, and on committees as assigned.
6. Respect the value of diversity in the workplace and the community.
7. Perform other duties as assigned.

KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES:

- State-approved water quality testing methods and procedures.
- Confined space entry regulations and procedures.
- Hydraulic principles as affects operations.
- Disinfection principles as affects operations.
- Electrical fundamentals, measurements, control circuits, and application as well as operations.
- Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs), Operator Interface Terminals (OITs), Graphical User Interfaces (GUIs), Human-Machine Interface (HMIs), and SCADA Remote Terminal Units (RTUs).
- Aquifer storage and recovery principles and procedures.
- Analysis of water quality, including the use of a variety of test kits and equipment per State and American Water Works Association.
- Interpret, analyze, and apply new technology.
- Read schematics and blueprints.
- Prepare reports, record, and maintain accurate logs and operating information.
- Ability to create and write plant SOP's.

TOOLS AND EQUIPMENT USED:

Office equipment including telephones, copiers, scanners, and computers; laboratory equipment including, water baths and oven incubators; chlorine color meters and turbidity testing equipment; hand and power tools including a multi-meter, amp meter, hi-pot meter, hydraulic press and bearing heater.

PHYSICAL DEMANDS:

Dexterity of hands and fingers to operate a variety of specialized equipment and tools; climbing ladders and working from heights; standing for extended periods of time; bending at the waist; lifting and carry heavy objects generally weighing 75-100 pounds with assistance; pushing, pulling; kneeling and crouching; seeing, hearing, and speaking to exchange information. Perform strenuous physical tasks.

WORK ENVIRONMENT:

Indoor and outdoor work environment; noise from equipment operation; seasonal heat and cold or adverse weather conditions; exposure to gases, chemicals, various acids, and acidic compounds; handling of microorganisms; work around pressurized systems and equipment having moving parts; work at heights and in confined spaces; perform work around electrical equipment and high voltages.