

Surface Water Operator Trainee

Wellborn Special Utility District

Brazos County, Texas

Wellborn Special Utility District is seeking a motivated and dependable Surface Water Operator Trainee to assist with the operation and maintenance of the District's surface water treatment plant. This position provides on-the-job training in water treatment plant operations and regulatory compliance under the direct supervision of licensed operators.

No prior water utility experience is required. The District will provide training for motivated candidates interested in building a long-term career in the public water industry. This position offers hands-on experience with water treatment processes and provides a pathway toward obtaining a TCEQ Surface Water Operator license, with licensing and continuing education supported by the District.

Pay

Starting pay: \$18 per hour

Schedule

4/10 schedule (four 10-hour days per week)

Benefits

The District offers a competitive benefits package including:

- Health Insurance
- Dental and Vision Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Paid Time Off (PTO)
- 403(b) retirement plan
- Paid licensing and continuing education coursework

Essential Duties and Responsibilities

(All duties performed under the supervision of a licensed operator)

- Assist licensed operators with operation and monitoring of surface water treatment plant equipment including pumps, chemical feed systems, filters, clarifiers, and related facilities.
- Learn to monitor plant performance and water quality through laboratory sampling and testing.
- Assist with recording operational data including flows, chemical dosages, pressures, and other regulatory monitoring parameters.
- Learn treatment processes and operational adjustments necessary to maintain compliance with TCEQ and EPA drinking water regulations.

- Conduct routine inspections of treatment plant equipment and systems.
- Assist with preventive maintenance and minor repairs on pumps, motors, valves, and treatment equipment.
- Respond to plant alarms and operational issues under supervision.
- Collect water samples for laboratory analysis and maintain operational logs.
- Maintain plant grounds, buildings, and equipment in a safe and orderly condition.
- Participate in emergency response activities including severe weather or operational events.
- Follow all District safety policies and procedures.
- Trainee will be expected to obtain TCEQ “D” Water Operator License within one year, and a TCEQ “C” Surface Water Operator License within four years.

Minimum Qualifications

- High school diploma or GED.
- Interest in pursuing a TCEQ Surface Water Operator license.
- Basic mechanical aptitude and ability to learn treatment plant equipment operations.
- Ability to perform laboratory testing and maintain accurate records.
- Ability to read gauges, meters, and instrumentation.
- Valid Texas driver’s license.

Preferred Qualifications

- Coursework or training in water treatment, environmental science, utilities, or mechanical systems.
- Basic familiarity with water treatment processes.
- Mechanical, electrical, or instrumentation experience.
- Experience working in an industrial, mechanical, or utility environment.

Physical Requirements

- Ability to lift up to 50 pounds.
- Ability to work around treatment chemicals and mechanical equipment.
- Ability to climb ladders, work outdoors, and stand or walk for extended periods.
- Ability to respond to plant operational needs as required.

Qualified candidates interested in the position should send a resume to mgregory@wellbornsud.com. Please call 979-690-9799 with any questions.