



TOWN OF SOUTH KINGSTOWN JOB POSTING

Water Operator I Water Division, Public Services

The Town of South Kingstown is looking to hire a Water Operator I. The Town's Water Division operates the two municipally run water systems of the five water systems serving South Kingstown, the South Shore and the Middlebridge Water Districts, and ensures all regulatory compliance for these water systems. This position reports to the Water Superintendent, and is responsible for assisting in the operation and maintenance of the Town's water distribution and supply system. The Water Operator works independently according to established procedures in carrying out routine water facility operation and maintenance. Duties include assisting with the performance and tracking of water sampling, testing, and reporting to remain in compliance with appropriate State and Federal regulations; maintaining wells, pumps, hydraulic and motor operated valves, and other mechanical and electrical equipment associated with the water system storage, pumping, and treatment infrastructure; keeping records of work performed and inventory of materials; the skillful, safe, and efficient operation of a snow plow, back hoe, and other equipment; and performs manual labor as required.

Applicants must have one to two years of professional experience in water treatment or public works, and a demonstrated ability to work independently according to established procedures, as well as in establishing and maintaining successful working relationships fellow employees and with the public. Applicants must have a demonstrated mechanical aptitude with some knowledge of basic plumbing; experience and knowledge of various hand tools and power driven equipment; and the ability to operate construction equipment. Applicants must possess strong computer skills, including word processing, excel, and database management.

This position requires a high school diploma or equivalent, and successful completion of a pre-employment physical and background check. This position requires a Class 1 Drinking Water Treatment Operator Certificate and a Class 2 Drinking Water Distribution Operator Certificate issued by RI Department of Health, or the ability to obtain the same within 12 months of hire; preference will be given to applicants that currently possess this certification. This position requires a valid CDL Class B driver's license, or the ability to obtain the same within 6 months of hire; current CDL Class B holders are preferred. Please note this position is considered essential and the Water Operator must be available for 24/7 on call status for all shifts to respond to winter storm, weather, and emergency events; the position also requires the ability to drive and operate equipment during winter storm events and unfavorable conditions, often for lengthy durations.

This full time 40 hour per week position affiliated with SKMEA starts at a rate of \$23.22 per hour and upon successful completion of a six-month probationary period will increase to \$23.85 per hour, and includes a full range of benefits. To apply, please submit your application, cover letter, and resume to jobs@southkingstownri.com or by mail to the Personnel Administrator, Town Hall, 180 High Street, Wakefield, RI 02879. Applications and further information can be found on the Town's website www.southkingstownri.com. Application materials will be accepted through Monday December 14, 2020.

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