



"I have really enjoyed learning about the various components of our water system. I look forward to continuing my development and advancing my career in one specific aspect of water services."

Matt Waite, Portland Water District

The water and wastewater industry offers challenging and rewarding careers. No other utility has more of an impact on public health and the environment.

Other benefits include:

Competitive Pay
Excellent Benefits
Work/Life Balance
Stable Hours
Job Security
Ability to Advance
Global Industry with Increasing Demand
Positive Work Environment

WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR (Apprentice)

As a Water System Operator in the water field you will be part of delivering one of the most important community services in the world. This unique position will expose you to several operational units to obtain various skills that will prepare you for a career in the water industry. Some components of your job may include:

- Learn the basic components of the water system, including; source, pumping, treatment, transmission, storage, distribution, metering and cross connection.
- Perform activities relevant to the day-to-day operation and maintenance of water Infrastructure.
- With guidance and support install, operate, and maintain water and wastewater infrastructure.
- Assist with locating buried infrastructure, investigating leaks, meter installation and repair, flushing, hydrant pumping, and backflow testing.
- Develop an understanding of customer relations, water quality, and water sampling.
- Learn the basics of the District's asset information systems.



SKILLS

Positive Attitude | Problem Solving | Communication |
Mechanical Aptitude

EDUCATION

High School Diploma | Military Training | Vocational Training
in Mechanical, Electrical, or Environmental Fields | Fire Services

THE WATER INDUSTRY

Our country's public water and wastewater systems provide services to a vast majority of Americans. An industry steeped in tradition and challenged by emerging trends encompasses approximately 68,873 drinking water and wastewater systems across the U.S. From small towns to large cities, the water sector offers a wide array of career opportunities.

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